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Acting Secretary

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Acting Director

VARIANCE

Pursuant to the authority granted to me by 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1175.110, 1200.80, 1210.240, 1230.160, 1240.585, 1250.210, 1280.130, and 1325.70, I hereby grant a Variance to the respective provisions of 68 Illinois Administrative Code on the attached Schedule A, that require certain registrants, licensed professionals and entities to submit renewal documentation, pay certain renewal fees, and to show compliance with continuing education requirements as may be applicable, by the deadline of September 30, 2021. Such individuals and entities are granted until October 31, 2021, to complete the renewal process.

This variance is granted based upon the transition, in the spring and summer of 2021, to new data and operating systems utilized by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation ("Department"). A Variance was previously granted on May 28, 2021 to the registrants, licensed professionals, and entities that appear on the attached Schedule A, who otherwise would have renewed between May 31, 2021 and July 31, 2021, that extended renewal dates until September 30, 2021. It has come to the Department's attention that additional time to renew is necessary.

The purpose of this Variance is to ensure that registrants, licensed professionals, and entities that appear on the attached Schedule A, who are otherwise eligible to renew and whose licenses would otherwise expire on September 30, 2021, do not experience an expired or lapsed license, and are not required to take additional steps or pay additional fees to restore the license, prior to October 31, 2021. On November 1, 2021, the online renewal portal will no longer be accessible for these licenses. Furthermore, manual processing will be required, late fees will be assessed to renewal applicants, and additional processing time will be required.

This Variance is in no way intended to waive or modify any other statute, rule, or regulation concerning the registration or licensure of the respective professions on the attached Schedule A, nor to extend the active licensure period beyond the expiration date for licenses otherwise required to be renewed by September 30, 2021. Licenses renewed through October 31, 2021, during the extended renewal period granted by this Variance, shall expire at the end of the ordinary renewal period designated by the relevant regulation applicable to the profession.

I have determined that the provision from which this Variance is granted is not statutorily mandated; no party will be injured by the granting of this Variance; and the rules from which this Variance is granted would, in this particular case, be unreasonable.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION of the State of Illinois, Mario Treto, Jr., ACTING SECRETARY, by

Acting Director Cecilia Abundis

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September 30, 2021

Date

SCHEDULE A

License Expiration in the absence of this Variance: September 30, 2021

Collection Agency and Collection Agency Branch Office: 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1210.235.

Detection of Deception: 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1230.150.

Permanent Employee Registration (PERC): 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1240.550(c).

Funeral Director, Funeral Director and Embalmer, Funeral Director and Embalmer Intern, and Funeral Director and Embalmer CE Sponsor: 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1250.200.

Restricted Shorthand Reporter, Certified Shorthand Reporter, and Shorthand Reporter CE Sponsor: 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1200.35.

Acupuncturist and Acupuncture CE Sponsor: 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1140.60.

Barber, Barber Teacher, and Barber School: 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1175.225.

Sex Offender Evaluator, Associate Sex Offender Provider, and Sex Offender Treatment Provider: 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1280.70.