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VARIANCE

Pursuant to the authority granted to me by 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1300.60, I hereby grant a Variance to 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1300.40 and 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1300.30(b), which require registered professional nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, and advanced practice registered nurses with full practice authority to submit renewal documentation and pay the renewal fee by the deadline of May 31, 2022. Such individuals are granted until August 31, 2022, to complete the renewal process and the fee for such renewal is varied to \$0.

This variance is granted based upon the transition to new data and operating systems utilized by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (“Department”), and the Department’s determination that certain licensees did not or may not have received notices and instructions concerning the required renewal via e-mail during this period. This variance is also granted to further strengthen the healthcare workforce during the State’s continued battle against the COVID-19 pandemic by reducing renewal fees.

The purpose of this Variance is to ensure that registered professional nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, and advanced practice registered nurses with full practice authority, whose licenses would otherwise expire on May 31, 2022, do not experience an expired or lapsed license and are not required to take additional steps or pay additional fees to restore their license prior to August 31, 2022.

This Variance is in no way intended to waive or modify any other statute, rule, or regulation concerning the licensure of registered professional nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, and advanced practice registered nurses with full practice authority nor to extend the active licensing period beyond the expiration date for licensees otherwise required to be renewed by May 31, 2022. Licenses renewed through August 31, 2022, 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
Division of Professional Regulation

March 16, 2022
Date