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To the Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

In compliance with the requirements set forth in the Illinois Regulatory Sunset Act (5 ILCS 80), my office has conducted a review of the Perfusionist Practice Act (225 ILCS 125), which is scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2020. As a result of this review, it is recommended to the General Assembly that:

The Perfusionist Practice Act (225 ILCS 125) should be continued with the following modifications to its existing statutory and administrative rule framework.

- Allow applicants to apply for “Licensure by Endorsement” without providing education or test information to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR), if: (1) the applicant has been licensed for 10 consecutive years in another state, (2) the other state sends verification of consecutive licensure of the applicant, and (3) the applicant has never been disciplined.
- Add a definition of “Email address of record,” standardizing IDFPR’s initiative to become more efficient and paperless.

Perfusionist work under physicians and hospitals and are required by the physicians or hospital's liability insurance to be nationally certified. 17 other states provide full licensure, almost all jobs across the states require national certification. Therefore, in the Department’s experience, some form of licensure should be utilized and the use of title protection for perfusionists is the appropriate level of regulation. The Department believes that this level of regulation more than adequately ensures the public is properly served by this profession.

The absence of this Act would mean that perfusionists would not be required to meet the educational and clinical competencies set by the Department, but would instead be required to meet the educational and clinical competencies required by certifying bodies and employers. Consequently, the continuation of this regulation appears necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the people of Illinois.

The full report provided by the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget is provided as reference.

Very Sincerely and Respectfully,

JB Pritzker  
Governor