

STATEWIDE ENFORCEMENT UNIT

DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION



ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

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The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Professional Regulation is legislatively mandated to administer and enforce over 45 separate licensure acts that regulate the conduct of many professions and occupations in Illinois. Responsibility for the enforcement of these acts rests with the Statewide Enforcement Unit.

INVESTIGATIONS

The Enforcement Unit is headquartered in Chicago. Four enforcement teams - Medical, Health Related, General, and Business - have Chicago and Springfield offices.

The disciplinary process begins when the Division becomes aware of a complaint against a licensee. Sources of complaints include members of the public, other licensees, law enforcement agencies, other governmental agencies, and the Division. Irregularities are also discovered by the Division during the course of routine enforcement activities and special enforcement programs.

Once reviewed, complaints are assigned to an investigator. The investigator is responsible for determining if there has been a potential violation of a licensing law, or Division rules and regulations. After developing the facts in cases where there appears to be a violation, the investigator refers the case to a prosecuting attorney.

If there is insufficient evidence to indicate a violation of the particular licensing statute, the investigative file is normally closed. The investigator also may determine facts that indicate a criminal activity that may lead to a referral to a county State's Attorney or the Illinois Attorney General.

PROSECUTIONS

Cases referred to a prosecuting attorney may be more fully investigated, but with a focus toward filing formal administrative charges against the licensee for specific violations. If the prosecutor concludes the matter has been sufficiently investigated and there is sufficient evidence supporting the complaint, a formal complaint is filed. Depending upon the circumstances of the case, the Division and the licensee may enter into a negotiated agreement regarding the level of discipline to be imposed upon the licensee. Such an agreement would be reduced to writing and presented to the respective professional board or committee for its consideration. The board or committee's recommendations would then be presented to the Director of the Division for consideration and approval.

In instances where an agreement cannot be reached, a formal disciplinary hearing is necessary. The hearing is held before an administrative law judge and at least one member of the respective professional board or committee. The hearing is an administrative law proceeding conducted pursuant to the Illinois Civil Administrative Code and other relevant statutes and rules.

After the hearing, the administrative law judge submits his or her recommendation to the respective professional board or committee for its consideration. The board or committee then delivers to the Director its findings, conclusions, and recommendations. Disciplinary action may include revocation, suspension, probation, and reprimand. The license may also be ordered to remain in good standing. In addition, Illinois law allows for the imposition of fines for any of the professions regulated by the Division.

Following a final decision by the Director, the licensee has 35 days to make an appeal in circuit court under the Illinois Administrative Review Act.

Criminal violations that may be revealed include unlicensed practice of various professions, theft, forgery, unlawful use of weapons, diversion of controlled substances for illegal use, and other related offenses.

HOW TO FILE A COMPLAINT AGAINST A LICENSEE

You may file a complaint against any individual or entity regulated by the Division of Professional Regulation by filing a complaint online at www.idfpr.com, by calling the Complaint Intake Unit at 312-814-6910, or by writing to the Division's Complaint Intake Unit in our Chicago office.

Professions/Occupations/Entities Regulated

Acupuncturists
Architects
Athlete Agents
Athletic Trainers
Barbers
Barber and Cosmetology Salons/Shops
Canine Handlers
Cemeteries/Cemetery Managers
Cemetery Oversight
Chiropractors
Collection Agencies
Controlled Substances
Cosmetologists
Dentists/Dental Hygienists
Detection of Deception Examiners
Dietitian Nutritionists
Electrologists
Environmental Health Practitioners
Estheticians
Fingerprint Vendor Agencies
Firearm Instructors
Funeral Directors and Embalmers
Geologists
Genetic Counselors
Hair Braiders
Home Medical Equipment and Service Provider
Humane Euthanasian Technicians/Agencies
Interior Designers/Residential Interior Design
Landscape Architects
Land Surveyors
Limited Liability Companies
Locksmiths and Agencies
Mail Order Ophthalmic Providers
Marriage and Family Therapists
Massage Therapists
Medical Cannabis Dispensaries
Medical Corporations
Nail Technicians
Naprpaths
Nurses (LPN, RN, APN)
Nursing Home Administrators

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Nurses (LPN, RN, APN)
Occupational Therapists/Occupational Asst.
Optometrists
Orthotists, Prosthetists and Pedorthists
Perfusionists
Pharmacists/Pharmacies/Pharmacy Technicians
Physical Therapists
Physicians and Surgeons
Physician Assistants
Podiatric Physicians
Private Alarm Contractors and Agencies
Private Detectives and Agencies
Private Security Contractors and Agencies
Professional Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts
Professional Counselors (Licensed & Licensed Clinical)
Professional Engineers
Professional Service Corporations
Psychologists (Clinical)
Public Accountants, Licensed Certified/
Public Accountants, Registered Certified
Respiratory Care Practitioners
Roofing Contractors
Shorthand Reporters
Sex Offender Evaluators
Social Workers (Licensed and Licensed Clinical)
Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists
Speech-Language Pathology Assistant
Structural Engineers
Surgical Assistant
Surgical Technologist
Veterinarians/Veterinary Technicians
Wholesale Drug Distributors

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