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Sent via Electronic Mail:

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Austin Fast
NPR

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Fast:

The Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (Department) received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) [5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.] request on September 23, 2021, requesting:

Under Illinois' open records law, I am requesting on behalf of myself and National Public Radio the following public records from Illinois' board of nursing pertaining to **all applicants for RN and LPN licenses from Jan. 1, 2019, until the date this request is processed:**

In electronic spreadsheet format (.csv, Excel, .txt, etc.) records containing but not limited to the following information:

- Name of applicant (first, middle, last)
- City of residence
- State of residence
- License type: RN or LPN
- License duration: Temporary or permanent
- Application type, e.g.:
 - Initial licensure by examination
 - Initial licensure by reciprocity/endorsement
 - Renewal of license
 - Reactivation of license
 - Reinstatement of license, etc.
- Date of initial application submission
- Date when all required application documents received, if later than initial application date
- License/application status as of date this request is processed (e.g., active, pending, denied, etc.)

- License issue date (if approved as of date this request is processed)
- License expiration date (if approved as of date this request is processed)

On September 30, 2021, the Department requested additional time to respond to your request. This letter is the Department's response to your FOIA request. The Department was unable to locate a single document that contained all requested information, instead a ZIP folder containing a number of reports is attached. Additionally, a list of all temporary practice permits issued to out of state licensees during the Covid-19 emergency order is available online at the following link: <https://www.idfpr.com/Forms/COVID19/Temp%20Practice%20Permits.pdf>. Finally, a listing of all licensees is available online at the following link: <https://data.illinois.gov/dataset/professional-licensing>. This database includes the status of the license, first effective date, most recent effective date and expiration date. Please note that the Department provided spreadsheets when possible.

This determination has been made by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, FOIA Officer Lisa R. Schlessinger.

You have the right to have the denial of your request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Sarah Pratt
Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 S. 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
(877) 299-3642

You also have the right to judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

Please contact me should you have any concerns.

Sincerely,



Lisa Schlessinger
Associate General Counsel