

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
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333.20162 License; receipt of completed application; issuance of license within certain period of time; nonrenewable temporary permit; provisional license; procedure for closing facility; order to licensee upon finding of noncompliance; notice, hearing, and status requirements; report; “completed application” defined.

Sec. 20162. (1) Beginning on the effective date of the amendatory act that added section 20935, upon a determination that a health facility or agency is in compliance with this article and the rules promulgated under this article, the department shall issue an initial license within 6 months after the applicant files a completed application. Receipt of the application is considered the date the application is received by any agency or department of this state. If the application is considered incomplete by the department, the department shall notify the applicant in writing or make the notice electronically available within 30 days after receipt of the incomplete application, describing the deficiency and requesting additional information. If the department identifies a deficiency or requires the fulfillment of a corrective action plan, the 6-month period is tolled until either of the following occurs:

(a) Upon notification by the department of a deficiency, until the date the requested information is received by the department.

(b) Upon notification by the department that a corrective action plan is required, until the date the department determines the requirements of the corrective action plan have been met.

(2) The determination of the completeness of an application does not operate as an approval of the application for the license and does not confer eligibility of an applicant determined otherwise ineligible for issuance of a license.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the department fails to issue or deny a license within the time period required by this section, the department shall return the license fee and shall reduce the license fee for the applicant's next licensure application, if any, by 15%. Failure to issue or deny a license within the time period required under this section does not allow the department to otherwise delay processing an application. The completed application shall be placed in sequence with other completed applications received at that same time. The department shall not discriminate against an applicant in the processing of the application based upon the fact that the application fee was refunded or discounted under this subsection. The department may issue a nonrenewable temporary permit for not more than 6 months if additional time is needed to make a proper investigation or to permit the applicant to undertake remedial action related to operational or procedural deficiencies or items of noncompliance. A temporary permit shall not be issued to cover deficiencies in physical plant requirements.

(4) Except as provided in part 217, the department may issue a provisional license for not more than 3 consecutive years to an applicant who temporarily is unable to comply with the rules as to the physical plant owned, maintained, or operated by a health facility or agency except as otherwise provided in this article. A provisional license shall not be issued to a new health facility or agency or a facility or agency whose ownership is transferred after September 30, 1978, unless the facility or agency was licensed and operating under this article or a prior law for not less than 5 years. Provisional licensure under acts repealed by this code shall be counted against the 3-year maximum for licensure.

(5) The department, in order to protect the people of this state, shall provide a procedure for the orderly closing of a facility if it is unable to maintain its license under this section.

(6) Except as provided in part 217, the department, upon finding that a health facility or agency is not operating in accord with the requirements of its license, may:

(a) Issue an order directing the licensee to:

(i) Discontinue admissions.

(ii) Transfer selected patients out of the facility.

(iii) Reduce its licensed capacity.

(iv) Comply with specific requirements for licensure or certification as appropriate.

(b) Through the office of the attorney general, initiate misdemeanor proceedings against the licensee as provided in section 20199(1).

(7) An order issued under subsection (6) shall be governed by the notice and hearing requirements of section 20168(1) and the status requirements of section 20168(2).

(8) Beginning October 1, 2005, the director of the department shall submit a report by December 1 of each year to the standing committees and appropriations subcommittees of the senate and house of representatives concerned with public health issues. The director shall include all of the following information in the report concerning the preceding fiscal year:

- (a) The number of initial applications the department received and completed within the 6-month time period required under subsection (1).
- (b) The number of applications requiring a request for additional information.
- (c) The number of applications denied.
- (d) The average processing time for initial licenses granted after the 6-month period.
- (e) The number of temporary permits issued under subsection (3).
- (f) The number of initial license applications not issued within the 6-month period and the amount of money returned to applicants under subsection (3).
- (9) As used in this section, "completed application" means an application complete on its face and submitted with any applicable licensing fees as well as any other information, records, approval, security, or similar item required by law or rule from a local unit of government, a federal agency, or a private entity but not from another department or agency of this state.

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