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**JB PRITZKER**  
GOVERNOR

May 8, 2026

To the Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

As required by Section 5 of the Illinois Regulatory Sunset Act (5 ILCS 80/1 *et seq.*), the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) facilitated a study with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR), the agency responsible for oversight of the Medical Practice Act of 1987 (225 ILCS 60/) (the Act). This letter transmits the results of this study and provides justification to continue the Act.

The Act governs the licensure provided by IDFPR of professional Physicians and Surgeons in the State of Illinois. The absence of licensed professional Physicians and Surgeons would pose a significant and direct harm to the safety and welfare of the public. Physicians and Surgeons are trusted by the public to help them, but there can be some that want to defraud or otherwise harm them. Professional regulation is paramount to the trust remaining between patient and doctor. This regulation provides an avenue for the public to file complaints against actors they believe may have caused them harm. Physicians in Illinois diagnose, advise, and sometimes operate on people of Illinois. Great public harm (bodily and other) could arise should any number of these individuals fail to uphold their oath to do no harm. Physicians are trusted to do no harm to their patients and patients are left vulnerable if this industry was left unregulated. Consequently, the Act is necessary and appropriate to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Illinois.

Based on the factors in 5 ILCS 80/6 and the additional criteria in 5 ILCS 80/7, GOMB finds that the Act should be recommended for continuation. The record should expressly state that the public protection benefits of regulation outweigh the regulatory costs and that no less restrictive alternative would adequately address the significant and discernible harms identified in this report.

My office has reviewed this report and agrees with the recommendation to continue the Act. I present this report to the General Assembly for consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JB Pritzker".



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