

SB 42

Support Job Opportunities for Qualified Health Care Professionals with Criminal Records

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House Amendment 2

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SB 42 CREATES LICENSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR QUALIFIED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS

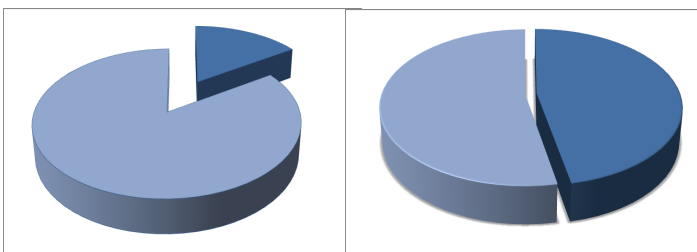
The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) licenses health care professionals like respiratory therapists, dental hygienists, doctors, nurses, and occupational therapists. To be eligible for a license, a person must meet all educational, technical and training criteria.

Despite that training, people with forcible felony convictions are still barred for life from licensing—no matter how long it has been since the offense or what individuals have done in the meantime. To increase job opportunity and reduce recidivism, SB 42 will:

- ◆ **Remove the life-time bans** for qualified license applicants, returning to the pre-2011 process of that allows IDFPR to individually consider the applicant.
- ◆ **Return discretion** to the Department of Professional Regulation by prescribing a special review process that includes 15 factors that the Department must consider. Health care workers under SB 42 will be able petition IDFPR for their license five years after the date of conviction or three years from release from incarceration, whichever is later (House Amendment 2).

Employment Reduces Recidivism

Allow deserving individuals continue to succeed and contribute to society with full-time employment



15.7%

Recidivism rates for those with full-time employment after incarceration.

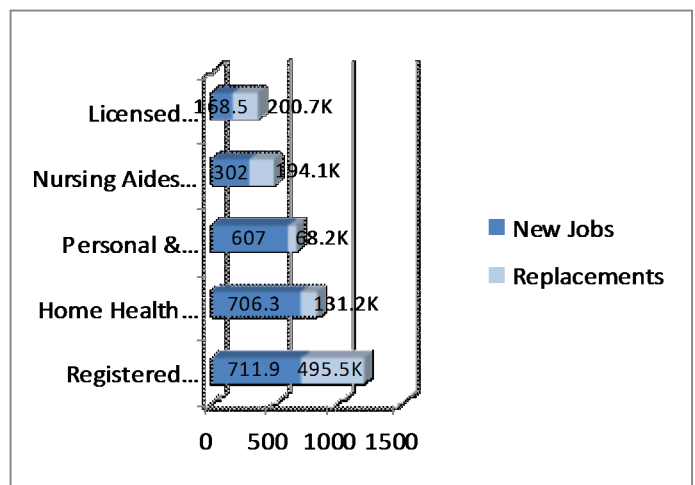
47%

Recidivism rates for those without full time employment after incarceration.

SAFER FOUNDATION *A Road Back*, Safer Foundation
FY2011 Recidivism Study.

We Need Qualified Health Care Professionals!!

Between 2010 and 2020, more than 2 million jobs and another 700,000 job openings will be available in health care.



Bureau of Labor Statistics: Employment by Occupation: 2010 and Projected 2010

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