

# SB2005



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/9/2023, by Sen. Craig Wilcox

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

310 ILCS 10/34 new

Amends the Housing Authorities Act. Requires housing authorities to develop and implement policies granting housing preferences to veterans who are homeless. Provides that such preferences shall be cumulative with any other preference allowed by a housing authority for which the veteran qualifies. Provides that nothing in the amendatory Act shall be construed to supersede any federal law or regulation.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning housing.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Housing Authorities Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 34 as follows:

6 (310 ILCS 10/34 new)

7 Sec. 34. Housing preference for veterans.

8 (a) As used in this Section:

9 "Homeless individual" means an individual:

10 (1) who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime  
11 residence;

12 (2) with a primary nighttime residence that is a  
13 public or private place not designed for or ordinarily  
14 used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings,  
15 including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train  
16 station, airport, or campground;

17 (3) in a supervised publicly or privately operated  
18 shelter designated to provide temporary living  
19 arrangements, including, but not limited to, hotels and  
20 motels paid for by a government program for low-income  
21 individuals or by charitable organizations, congregate  
22 shelters, and transitional housing;

23 (4) who resides in a shelter or place not meant for

1 human habitation and who is exiting an institution where  
2 he or she temporarily resided; and

3 (5) who:

4 (A) will imminently lose his or her housing,  
5 including housing he or she owns, rents, lives in  
6 without paying rent, or is sharing with others, and  
7 rooms in hotels or motels not paid for by a  
8 governmental program for low-income individuals or by  
9 charitable organizations, as evidenced by:

10 (i) a court order resulting from an eviction  
11 action that notifies the individual that he or she  
12 must leave within 14 days;

13 (ii) such individual having a primary  
14 nighttime residence that is a room in a hotel or  
15 motel and where he or she lacks the resources  
16 necessary to reside there for more than 14 days;

17 (iii) credible indications that the owner or  
18 renter of such housing will not allow such  
19 individual to stay for more than 14 days; or

20 (iv) any oral statement from an individual  
21 seeking homeless assistance that is found to be  
22 credible;

23 (B) has no subsequent residence identified; and

24 (C) lacks the resources or support networks needed to  
25 obtain other permanent housing.

26 "Veteran" means an individual who has served as a member

1 of the armed forces of the United States or the Illinois  
2 National Guard.

3 (b) Any housing authority created in accordance with this  
4 Act shall develop and implement policies granting housing  
5 preferences to veterans who are homeless. Such preferences  
6 shall be cumulative with any other preference allowed by such  
7 housing authority for which the veteran qualifies. Nothing in  
8 this Section shall be construed to supersede any federal law  
9 or regulation.