

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.