

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by adding Section
5 5-12022 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/5-12022 new)

7 Sec. 5-12022. Building permit fee for veterans with a
8 disability.

9 (a) A veteran with a disability or the veteran's caregiver
10 shall not be charged any building permit fee for improvements
11 to the residence of the veteran with a disability if the
12 improvements are required to accommodate a disability of the
13 veteran. Nothing in this subsection changes the obligation of
14 any person to submit to the county applications, forms, or
15 other paperwork to obtain a building permit. A veteran or
16 caregiver must provide proof of veteran status and attest to
17 the fact that the improvements to the residence are required
18 to accommodate the veteran's disability. Proof of veteran
19 status is to be construed liberally, and veteran status shall
20 include service in the Armed Forces of the United States,
21 National Guard, or the reserves of the Armed Forces of the
22 United States.

23 (b) What constitutes proof of veteran status shall be

1 determined by the county. The Illinois Department of Veterans'
2 Affairs may not adjudicate any dispute arising under paragraph
3 (a).

4 (c) A home rule county may not regulate building permit
5 fees in a manner inconsistent with this Section. This Section
6 is a limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article
7 VII of the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent exercise by
8 home rule units of powers and functions exercised by the
9 State.

10 Section 10. The Township Code is amended by adding Section
11 110-17 as follows:

12 (60 ILCS 1/110-17 new)

13 Sec. 110-17. Building permit fee for veterans with a
14 disability. A veteran with a disability or the veteran's
15 caregiver shall not be charged any building permit fee for
16 improvements to the residence of the veteran with a disability
17 if the improvements are required to accommodate a disability
18 of the veteran. Nothing in this Section changes the obligation
19 of any person to submit to the township applications, forms,
20 or other paperwork to obtain a building permit. A veteran or
21 caregiver must provide proof of veteran status and attest to
22 the fact that the improvements to the residence are required
23 to accommodate the veteran's disability. Proof of veteran
24 status is to be construed liberally, and veteran status shall

1 include service in the Armed Forces of the United States,
2 National Guard, or the reserves of the Armed Forces of the
3 United States. What constitutes proof of veteran status shall
4 be determined by the township. The Illinois Department of
5 Veterans' Affairs may not adjudicate any dispute arising under
6 this paragraph.

7 Section 15. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
8 adding Section 11-13-28 as follows:

9 (65 ILCS 5/11-13-28 new)

10 Sec. 11-13-28. Building permit fee for veterans with a
11 disability.

12 (a) A veteran with a disability or the veteran's caregiver
13 shall not be charged any building permit fee for improvements
14 to the residence of the veteran with a disability if the
15 improvements are required to accommodate a disability of the
16 veteran. Nothing in this subsection changes the obligation of
17 any person to submit to the municipality applications, forms,
18 or other paperwork to obtain a building permit. A veteran or
19 caregiver must provide proof of veteran status and attest to
20 the fact that the improvements to the residence are required
21 to accommodate the veteran's disability. Proof of veteran
22 status is to be construed liberally, and veteran status shall
23 include service in the Armed Forces of the United States,
24 National Guard, or the reserves of the Armed Forces of the

1 United States.

2 (b) What constitutes proof of veteran status shall be
3 determined by the municipality. The Illinois Department of
4 Veterans' Affairs may not adjudicate any dispute arising under
5 paragraph (a).

6 (c) A home rule municipality may not regulate building
7 permit fees in a manner inconsistent with this Section. This
8 Section is a limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6 of
9 Article VII of the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent
10 exercise by home rule units of powers and functions exercised
11 by the State.