

1 AN ACT in relation to housing.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Act on the Aging is amended by
5 adding Section 4.02c as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 105/4.02c new)

7 Sec. 4.02c. Transitional housing assistance. The
8 Department shall administer a program of transitional housing
9 assistance for aged persons who are eligible for that
10 assistance under Section 3-903.5 or 4-706.5 of the Mental
11 Health and Developmental Disabilities Code. The Department
12 may arrange for the assistance to be provided through local,
13 community-based not-for-profit organizations that provide
14 services for aged persons or persons with disabilities. To
15 the extent possible, the Department shall coordinate its
16 implementation of this Section with the Department of Human
17 Services.

18 Section 10. The Department of Human Services Act is
19 amended by adding Section 10-30 as follows:

20 (20 ILCS 1305/10-30 new)

21 Sec. 10-30. Transitional housing assistance. The
22 Department shall administer a program of transitional housing
23 assistance for persons other than aged persons, as defined in
24 the Illinois Act on the Aging, who are eligible for that
25 assistance under Section 3-903.5 or 4-706.5 of the Mental
26 Health and Developmental Disabilities Code. The Department
27 may arrange for the assistance to be provided through local,
28 community-based not-for-profit organizations that provide
29 services for persons with disabilities. To the extent

1 possible, the Department shall coordinate its implementation
2 of this Section with the Department on Aging.

3 Section 15. The Mental Health and Developmental
4 Disabilities Code is amended by adding Sections 3-903.5 and
5 4-706.5 as follows:

6 (405 ILCS 5/3-903.5 new)

7 Sec. 3-903.5. Transitional housing assistance.

8 (a) Upon a recipient's discharge from a facility, the
9 recipient is entitled to transitional housing assistance as
10 provided in this Section to help the recipient make the
11 transition from residing in a facility to residing in the
12 community.

13 (b) Transitional housing assistance shall include, but
14 need not be limited to, the following:

15 (1) Rent.

16 (2) First month's rent deposit.

17 (3) Security deposit.

18 The amount of assistance provided to a recipient shall be
19 based on the fair market rent for the community in which the
20 recipient intends to reside. Assistance shall be provided in
21 an amount such that a recipient is not required to spend more
22 than one-third of his or her income for rent.

23 (c) In addition to the assistance described in
24 subsection (b), a recipient is entitled to referrals for
25 locating housing and for training regarding fair housing
26 rights.

27 (d) Transitional housing assistance shall be provided to
28 recipients without regard to a recipient's age or the nature
29 of a recipient's disability.

30 (e) A recipient is entitled to transitional housing
31 assistance under this Section until he or she obtains
32 long-term assistance to enable him or her to reside in the

1 community.

2 (405 ILCS 5/4-706.5 new)

3 Sec. 4-706.5. Transitional housing assistance.

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5 recipient is entitled to transitional housing assistance as
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7 transition from residing in a facility to residing in the
8 community.

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25 of a recipient's disability.

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27 assistance under this Section until he or she obtains
28 long-term assistance to enable him or her to reside in the
29 community.