

1 AN ACT concerning lawyers' assistance programs.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Lawyers' Assistance Program Act.

6 Section 5. Definition. For the purposes of this Act,
7 "lawyers' assistance program" means a program operated by a
8 not-for-profit corporation that is exempt from the payment of
9 federal taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
10 Code and that provides services that may include the
11 provision of information on addiction and mental health
12 impairments, referrals to treatment programs, peer
13 assistance, prevention education, interventions, relapse
14 prevention, and monitoring of compliance with treatment
15 programs for attorneys.

16 Section 10. Support for lawyers' assistance programs. The
17 Illinois Supreme Court may support programs that provide
18 assistance to attorneys who are addicted to or abuse alcohol
19 or other drugs or who are in need of mental health
20 assistance.

21 Section 15. Creation of the Lawyers' Assistance Program
22 Fund. There is created in the State treasury the Lawyers'
23 Assistance Program Fund, a special fund to be appropriated
24 solely for the purpose of funding lawyers' assistance
25 programs.

26 Section 20. Establishment of a Lawyers' Assistance
27 Program Fee. The Attorney Registration and Disciplinary
28 Commission shall collect an annual lawyers' assistance

1 program fee from every attorney admitted to practice law in
2 this State paying full annual registration fees. The annual
3 lawyers' assistance program fee is \$7, or such other amount
4 as is established by Supreme Court rule, and shall be
5 collected at the time fixed for the annual registration of
6 attorneys. Lawyers' assistance program fees collected by the
7 Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission shall be
8 remitted within 60 days to the State Treasurer for deposit
9 into the Lawyers' Assistance Program Fund.

10 Section 25. Payment authorization and powers. The Supreme
11 Court may make, enter into, or execute contracts, grants, or
12 agreements with any not-for-profit entity for the provision
13 of a lawyers' assistance program authorized by this Act.
14 Payments under those contracts, grants, or agreements
15 authorized by this Act shall be made from appropriations from
16 the Lawyers' Assistance Program Fund.

17 Section 90. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
18 Section 5.570 as follows:

19 (30 ILCS 105/5.570 new)

20 Sec. 5.570. The Lawyers' Assistance Program Fund.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law.