

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 122

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Resolution 122 by
3 replacing everything after the title with the following:

4 "WHEREAS, The alarming rate of homelessness among
5 mentally ill persons in the State of Illinois is a great
6 cause for concern and requires action; and

7 WHEREAS, It has been estimated that 20% to 25% of
8 homeless people in the United States suffer from some form of
9 serious mental illness, and, in the Chicago area, certain
10 areas report that as much as 65% of their homeless population
11 suffers from mental illness; the Chicago Department of Human
12 Services determined that from October 1998 through November
13 1999 there were 15,774 homeless persons in the City of
14 Chicago alone, or at least 3,155 mentally ill homeless
15 persons using the national average rate; for fiscal year
16 2000, the Illinois Department of Human Services reported at
17 least 2,993 homeless mentally ill persons in Chicago and at
18 least 5,960 in Illinois; and

19 WHEREAS, The hardship to mentally ill persons and the
20 likelihood of imminent harm and death to mentally ill persons
21 is greatly exacerbated by the combination of their mental
22 illness and homelessness; and

1 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
2 Representatives are concerned that measures to alleviate the
3 suffering of these citizens of the State of Illinois be
4 undertaken; and

5 WHEREAS, New information derived from the 2000 United
6 States Census would aid members of the Illinois House of
7 Representatives in formulating legislative measures aimed at
8 alleviating the suffering of the homeless mentally ill;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we request the Illinois Housing Development Authority to
13 develop a plan for housing for the homeless mentally ill; and
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the plan for housing for the homeless
16 mentally ill should include, but not necessarily be limited
17 to, the following:

18 (1) an estimate of the total number of housing
19 units needed, with information on the specific geographic
20 areas where these housing units are needed;

21 (2) information on what geographic areas are in
22 need of treatment facilities and supportive services for
23 the homeless mentally ill;

24 (3) a need assessment that determines the number of
25 homeless mentally ill and the number of housing units
26 needed to provide housing for these persons;

27 (4) statistics and other information from the 2000
28 census data, incorporated into the need assessment and
29 other aspects of the plan as appropriate; and

30 (5) such other information and suggestions as the
31 Illinois Housing Development Authority deems appropriate;
32 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That in developing the plan for housing for the
2 homeless mentally ill, we urge the Illinois Housing
3 Development Authority to enlist the cooperation of the
4 Department of Human Services and the other State agencies
5 that administer and use the State Consolidated Housing Plan
6 and to obtain input and direction from community-based
7 treatment facilities that have been designated by the
8 Department of Human Services to serve the homeless mentally
9 ill; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 delivered to the Executive Director of the Illinois Housing
12 Development Authority."