

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Mental Health and Developmental
5 Disabilities Administrative Act is amended by adding Section
6 5.2 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 1705/5.2 new)

8 Sec. 5.2. Mental health professional; Armed Forces
9 training. Notwithstanding any State licensing law to the
10 contrary, the Department of Human Services shall adopt rules,
11 which shall be implemented within 6 months after the effective
12 date of this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly, that
13 would allow a person who has completed a psychiatric training
14 program certification from any branch of the United States
15 Armed Forces with at least one year of experience in a mental
16 health setting to be recognized as a mental health professional
17 for purposes of programs authorized or funded by the Department
18 under the standards of practice and under the direction of a
19 licensed mental health professional as authorized by the
20 Department.