

## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2019 and 2020 HB0673

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## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

735 ILCS 5/9-118

from Ch. 110, par. 9-118

Amends the Code of Civil Procedure. Makes a technical change in the Section relating to proceedings for evictions from housing authority property.

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1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

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

- Section 5. The Code of Civil Procedure is amended by changing Section 9-118 as follows:
- 6 (735 ILCS 5/9-118) (from Ch. 110, par. 9-118)
- 7 Sec. 9-118. Emergency housing eviction proceedings.
- 8 (a) As used in this Section:
- 9 "Cannabis" has <u>the</u> the meaning ascribed to that term in the
  10 Cannabis Control Act.
- "Narcotics" and "controlled substance" have the meanings ascribed to those terms in the Illinois Controlled Substances
- 13 Act.
- 14 (b) This Section applies only if all of the following 15 conditions are met:
- 16 (1) The complaint seeks possession of premises that are
  17 owned or managed by a housing authority established under
  18 the Housing Authorities Act or privately owned and managed.
- 19 (2) The verified complaint alleges that there is direct 20 evidence of any of the following:
- 21 (A) unlawful possessing, serving, storing,
  22 manufacturing, cultivating, delivering, using,
  23 selling, giving away, or trafficking in cannabis,

methamphetamine, narcotics, or controlled substances within or upon the premises by or with the knowledge and consent of, or in concert with the person or persons named in the complaint; or

- (B) the possession, use, sale, or delivery of a firearm which is otherwise prohibited by State law within or upon the premises by or with the knowledge and consent of, or in concert with, the person or persons named in the complaint; or
- (C) murder, attempted murder, kidnapping, attempted kidnapping, arson, attempted arson, aggravated battery, criminal sexual assault, attempted criminal sexual assault, aggravated criminal sexual assault, predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, or criminal sexual abuse within or upon the premises by or with the knowledge and consent of, or in concert with, the person or persons named in the complaint.
- (3) Notice by verified complaint setting forth the relevant facts, and a demand for possession of the type specified in Section 9-104 is served on the tenant or occupant of the premises at least 14 days before a hearing on the complaint is held, and proof of service of the complaint is submitted by the plaintiff to the court.
- (b-5) In all actions brought under this Section 9-118, no predicate notice of termination or demand for possession shall be required to initiate an eviction action.

(c) When a complaint has been filed under this Section, a hearing on the complaint shall be scheduled on any day after the expiration of 14 days following the filing of the complaint. The summons shall advise the defendant that a hearing on the complaint shall be held at the specified date and time, and that the defendant should be prepared to present any evidence on his or her behalf at that time.

If a plaintiff which is a public housing authority accepts rent from the defendant after an action is initiated under this Section, the acceptance of rent shall not be a cause for dismissal of the complaint.

- (d) If the defendant does not appear at the hearing, an eviction order in favor of the plaintiff shall be entered by default. If the defendant appears, a trial shall be held immediately as is prescribed in other eviction proceedings. The matter shall not be continued beyond 7 days from the date set for the first hearing on the complaint except by agreement of both the plaintiff and the defendant. After a trial, if the court finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the allegations in the complaint have been proven, the court shall enter an eviction order in favor of the plaintiff and the court shall order that the plaintiff shall be entitled to re-enter the premises immediately.
- (d-5) If cannabis, methamphetamine, narcotics, or controlled substances are found or used anywhere in the premises, there is a rebuttable presumption either (1) that the

- cannabis, methamphetamine, narcotics, or controlled substances
  were used or possessed by a tenant or occupant or (2) that a
  tenant or occupant permitted the premises to be used for that
  use or possession, and knew or should have reasonably known
  that the substance was used or possessed.
  - (e) An eviction order entered under this Section may not be stayed for any period in excess of 7 days by the court. Thereafter the plaintiff shall be entitled to re-enter the premises immediately. The sheriff or other lawfully deputized officers shall give priority to service and execution of orders entered under this Section over other possession orders.
  - (f) This Section shall not be construed to prohibit the use or possession of cannabis, methamphetamine, narcotics, or a controlled substance that has been legally obtained in accordance with a valid prescription for the personal use of a lawful occupant of a dwelling unit.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 100-173, eff. 1-1-18.)