

1 AN ACT concerning finance.

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

4 Section 5. The State Prompt Payment Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 8 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 540/8 new)

7 Sec. 8. Priority of payment.

8 (a) Definition. As used in this Section, "qualified  
9 provider" means an organization that provides non-residential  
10 services for the elderly or for the prevention, intervention,  
11 or treatment of mental illness, developmental disabilities,  
12 alcoholism or substance abuse. A "qualified provider" also  
13 includes an entity licensed under the Community-Integrated  
14 Living Arrangements Licensure and Certification Act and a  
15 facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act. A "qualified  
16 provider" does not include a hospital licensed under the  
17 Hospital Licensing Act or a local governmental unit or  
18 university. The Department of Human Services, in cooperation  
19 with the Department on Aging and the Department of Public Aid,  
20 shall make the determination of who is a "qualified provider".

21 (b) Processing by official or agency. Except as provided in  
22 subsection (c), a bill or invoice for goods or services  
23 furnished to the State submitted by a qualified provider and a  
24 grant award payment to a qualified provider must be given  
25 priority in processing. Any bill or invoice and any grant award  
26 payment meeting these criteria that is submitted to an official  
27 or agency must be processed and forwarded for payment before  
28 any other bill, invoice, or grant award payment is processed or  
29 forwarded for payment.

30 (c) A properly prepared voucher request to the Office of  
31 the Comptroller for payment to a qualified provider, as defined  
32 in this Section, shall be given priority by the Comptroller for

1 processing and warrant issuance after debt service obligations  
2 and payroll obligations of the State have been met unless the  
3 Comptroller deems that other obligations of the State must be  
4 satisfied prior to these categories of payment. If at any time  
5 the Comptroller determines that there are insufficient funds  
6 available to process priority payments as required under this  
7 Section, then vouchers shall be processed and paid out in a  
8 first-in, first-out manner as corresponding funds become  
9 available.

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
11 becoming law.