

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 Department of Veterans Affairs Act is
5 amended by changing Section 2.07 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2805/2.07) (from Ch. 126 1/2, par. 67.07)

7 Sec. 2.07. The Department shall employ and maintain
8 sufficient and qualified staff at the veterans' homes (i) to
9 fill all beds, subject to appropriation, and (ii) to fulfill
10 the requirements of this Act. The Department shall report to
11 the General Assembly, by January 1 and July 1 of each year, the
12 number of staff employed in providing direct patient care at
13 their veterans' homes, the compliance or noncompliance with
14 staffing standards established by the United States Department
15 of Veterans Affairs for such care, and in the event of
16 noncompliance with such standards, the number of staff required
17 for compliance. For purposes of this Section, a nurse who has a
18 license application pending with the State shall not be deemed
19 unqualified by the Department if the nurse is in compliance
20 with Section 50-15 of the Nurse Practice Act.

21 All contracts between the State and outside contractors to
22 provide workers to staff and service the Anna Veterans Home
23 shall be canceled in accordance with the terms of those

1 contracts. Upon cancellation, each worker or staff member shall
2 be offered certified employment status under the Illinois
3 Personnel Code with the State of Illinois. To the extent it is
4 reasonably practicable, the position offered to each person
5 shall be at the same facility and shall consist of the same
6 duties and hours as previously existed under the canceled
7 contract or contracts.

8 (Source: P.A. 94-703, eff. 6-1-06; 95-331, eff. 8-21-07;
9 95-639, eff. 10-5-07; 95-876, eff. 8-21-08.)

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
11 2009.