

# SB1968



## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/10/2011, by Sen. James F. Clayborne, Jr.

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 105/8.08

Amends the Illinois Act on the Aging. Provides that older direct care workers who receive awards from the Department on Aging shall be honored in conjunction with the Senior Illinoisans Hall of Fame awards (rather than before their peers at the Governor's Conference on Aging or at a similar venue). Requires the Department to request nominations no later than July 1, 2011, and every May 1 thereafter. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

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 Illinois Act on the Aging is amended by  
5 changing Section 8.08 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 105/8.08)

7 Sec. 8.08. Older direct care worker recognition. The  
8 Department shall present one award annually to older direct  
9 care workers in each of the following categories: Older  
10 American Act Services, Home Health Services, Community Care  
11 Program Services, Nursing Homes, and programs that provide  
12 housing with services licensed or certified by the State. The  
13 Department shall solicit nominations from associations  
14 representing providers of the named services or settings and  
15 trade associations representing applicable direct care  
16 workers. Nominations shall be presented in a format designated  
17 by the Department. Direct care workers honored with this award  
18 must be 55 years of age or older and shall be recognized for  
19 their dedication and commitment to improving the quality of  
20 aging in Illinois above and beyond the confines of their job  
21 description. Award recipients shall be honored in conjunction  
22 with the Senior Illinoisans Hall of Fame awards ~~before their~~  
23 ~~peers at the Governor's Conference on Aging or at a similar~~

1 ~~venue~~, shall have their pictures displayed on the Department's  
2 website with their permission, and shall receive a letter of  
3 commendation from the Governor. The Department shall include  
4 the recipients of these awards in all Senior Hall of Fame  
5 displays required by the Act on Aging. Except as otherwise  
6 prohibited by law, the Department may solicit private sector  
7 funding to underwrite the cost of all awards and recognition  
8 materials and shall request that all associations representing  
9 providers of the named services or settings and trade  
10 associations applicable to direct care workers publicize the  
11 awards and the award recipients in communications with their  
12 members. The Department shall request nominations no later than  
13 July 1, 2011, and every May 1 thereafter.

14 (Source: P.A. 96-376, eff. 8-13-09; 96-918, eff. 6-9-10.)

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
16 becoming law.