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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

775 ILCS 5/2-102

from Ch. 68, par. 2-102

Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act. Changes references to "the Basic Pilot Program" to "the E-Verify Program" in order to conform to changes made by federal Public Law 111-83, Title V, Sec. 551. Effective immediately.

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AN ACT concerning human rights.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Human Rights Act is amended by 5 changing Section 2-102 as follows:

6 (775 ILCS 5/2-102) (from Ch. 68, par. 2-102)

Sec. 2-102. Civil Rights Violations - Employment. It is a
civil rights violation:

9 (A) Employers. For any employer to refuse to hire, to 10 segregate, or to act with respect to recruitment, hiring, 11 promotion, renewal of employment, selection for training or 12 apprenticeship, discharge, discipline, tenure or terms, 13 privileges or conditions of employment on the basis of unlawful 14 discrimination or citizenship status.

15 (A-5) Language. For an employer to impose a restriction 16 that has the effect of prohibiting a language from being spoken 17 by an employee in communications that are unrelated to the 18 employee's duties.

For the purposes of this subdivision (A-5), "language" means a person's native tongue, such as Polish, Spanish, or Chinese. "Language" does not include such things as slang, jargon, profanity, or vulgarity.

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(B) Employment Agency. For any employment agency to fail or

refuse to classify properly, accept applications and register 1 2 for employment referral or apprenticeship referral, refer for 3 employment, or refer for apprenticeship on the basis of unlawful discrimination or citizenship status or to accept from 4 5 any person any job order, requisition or request for referral of applicants for employment or apprenticeship which makes or 6 making unlawful 7 the effect of discrimination has or 8 discrimination on the basis of citizenship status a condition 9 of referral.

10 (C) Labor Organization. For any labor organization to 11 limit, segregate or classify its membership, or to limit 12 opportunities, selection and training employment for 13 apprenticeship in any trade or craft, or otherwise to take, or fail to take, any action which affects adversely any person's 14 15 status as an employee or as an applicant for employment or as 16 an apprentice, or as an applicant for apprenticeships, or 17 tenure, hours of employment or apprenticeship waqes, on the basis of unlawful discrimination 18 conditions or 19 citizenship status.

(D) Sexual Harassment. For any employer, employee, agent of any employer, employment agency or labor organization to engage in sexual harassment; provided, that an employer shall be responsible for sexual harassment of the employer's employees by nonemployees or nonmanagerial and nonsupervisory employees only if the employer becomes aware of the conduct and fails to take reasonable corrective measures.

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(E) Public Employers. For any public employer to refuse to 1 2 permit a public employee under its jurisdiction who takes time off from work in order to practice his or her religious beliefs 3 to engage in work, during hours other than such employee's 4 5 regular working hours, consistent with the operational needs of 6 the employer and in order to compensate for work time lost for 7 such religious reasons. Any employee who elects such deferred 8 work shall be compensated at the wage rate which he or she 9 would have earned during the originally scheduled work period. 10 The employer may require that an employee who plans to take 11 time off from work in order to practice his or her religious 12 beliefs provide the employer with a notice of his or her 13 intention to be absent from work not exceeding 5 days prior to the date of absence. 14

15 (F) Training and Apprenticeship Programs. For any 16 employer, employment agency or labor organization to 17 discriminate against a person on the basis of age in the selection, referral for or conduct of apprenticeship or 18 19 training programs.

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(G) Immigration-Related Practices.

(1) for an employer to request for purposes of
satisfying the requirements of Section 1324a(b) of Title 8
of the United States Code, as now or hereafter amended,
more or different documents than are required under such
Section or to refuse to honor documents tendered that on
their face reasonably appear to be genuine; or

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(2) for an employer participating in the E-Verify Basic 1 2 Pilot Program, as authorized by 8 U.S.C. 1324a, Notes, Pilot Programs for Employment Eligibility Confirmation 3 4 (enacted by PL 104-208, div. C title IV, subtitle A) to 5 refuse to hire, to segregate, or to act with respect to recruitment, hiring, promotion, renewal of employment, 6 7 selection for training or apprenticeship, discharge, discipline, tenure or terms, privileges or conditions of 8 9 employment without following the procedures under the 10 E-Verify Basic Pilot Program.

11 (H) Pregnancy; peace officers and fire fighters. For a 12 public employer to refuse to temporarily transfer a pregnant 13 female peace officer or pregnant female fire fighter to a less strenuous or hazardous position for the duration of her 14 15 pregnancy if she so requests, with the advice of her physician, 16 where that transfer can be reasonably accommodated. For the 17 purposes of this subdivision (H), "peace officer" and "fire fighter" have the meanings ascribed to those terms in Section 3 18 of the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. 19

It is not a civil rights violation for an employer to take any action that is required by Section 1324a of Title 8 of the United States Code, as now or hereafter amended.

(I) Pregnancy. For an employer to refuse to hire, to
segregate, or to act with respect to recruitment, hiring,
promotion, renewal of employment, selection for training or
apprenticeship, discharge, discipline, tenure or terms,

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1 privileges or conditions of employment on the basis of 2 pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions. Women 3 affected by pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical 4 conditions shall be treated the same for all employment-related 5 purposes, including receipt of benefits under fringe benefit 6 programs, as other persons not so affected but similar in their 7 ability or inability to work.

8 (Source: P.A. 97-596, eff. 8-26-11.)

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon10 becoming law.