

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 Sections 1.2, 2, 2.01, 2.04, and 3 and  
6 adding Section 2.12 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2805/1.2)

8 Sec. 1.2. Division of Women Veterans Affairs. Subject to  
9 appropriations for this purpose, the Division of Women Veterans  
10 Affairs is created as a Division within the Department. ~~The~~  
11 ~~head of the Division shall serve as an Assistant Director of~~  
12 ~~Veterans' Affairs.~~ The Division shall serve as an advocate for  
13 women veterans, in recognition of the unique issues facing  
14 women veterans. The Division shall assess the needs of women  
15 veterans with respect to issues including, but not limited to,  
16 compensation, rehabilitation, outreach, health care, and  
17 issues facing women veterans in the community. The Division  
18 shall review the Department's programs, activities, research  
19 projects, and other initiatives designed to meet the needs of  
20 women veterans and shall make recommendations to the Director  
21 of Veterans' Affairs concerning ways to improve, modify, and  
22 effect change in programs and services for women veterans.

23 (Source: P.A. 96-94, eff. 7-27-09; 97-297, eff. 1-1-12.)

1 (20 ILCS 2805/2) (from Ch. 126 1/2, par. 67)

2 Sec. 2. Powers and duties. The Department shall have the  
3 following powers and duties:

4 To perform such acts at the request of any veteran, or his  
5 or her spouse, surviving spouse or dependents as shall be  
6 reasonably necessary or reasonably incident to obtaining or  
7 endeavoring to obtain for the requester any advantage, benefit  
8 or emolument accruing or due to such person under any law of  
9 the United States, the State of Illinois or any other state or  
10 governmental agency by reason of the service of such veteran,  
11 and in pursuance thereof shall:

12 (1) Contact veterans, their survivors and dependents  
13 and advise them of the benefits of state and federal laws  
14 and assist them in obtaining such benefits;

15 (2) Establish field offices and direct the activities  
16 of the personnel assigned to such offices;

17 (3) Create and maintain a volunteer field force. The  
18 volunteer field force may include representatives from the  
19 following without limitation: ~~of — accredited~~  
20 representatives, — representing educational institutions,  
21 labor organizations, veterans organizations, employers,  
22 churches, and farm organizations;

23 (4) Conduct informational and training services;

24 (5) Conduct educational programs through newspapers,  
25 periodicals, social media, television, and radio for the

1 specific purpose of disseminating information affecting  
2 veterans and their dependents;

3 (6) Coordinate the services and activities of all state  
4 departments having services and resources affecting  
5 veterans and their dependents;

6 (7) Encourage and assist in the coordination of  
7 agencies within counties giving service to veterans and  
8 their dependents;

9 (8) Cooperate with veterans organizations and other  
10 governmental agencies;

11 (9) Make, alter, amend and promulgate reasonable rules  
12 and procedures for the administration of this Act;

13 (10) Make and publish annual reports to the Governor  
14 regarding the administration and general operation of the  
15 Department;

16 (11) (Blank); and

17 (12) (Blank).

18 The Department may accept and hold on behalf of the State,  
19 if for the public interest, a grant, gift, devise or bequest of  
20 money or property to the Department made for the general  
21 benefit of Illinois veterans, including the conduct of  
22 informational and training services by the Department and other  
23 authorized purposes of the Department. The Department shall  
24 cause each grant, gift, devise or bequest to be kept as a  
25 distinct fund and shall invest such funds in the manner  
26 provided by the Public Funds Investment Act, as now or

1 hereafter amended, and shall make such reports as may be  
2 required by the Comptroller concerning what funds are so held  
3 and the manner in which such funds are invested. The Department  
4 may make grants from these funds for the general benefit of  
5 Illinois veterans. Grants from these funds, except for the  
6 funds established under Sections 2.01a and 2.03, shall be  
7 subject to appropriation.

8 The Department has the power to make grants, from funds  
9 appropriated from the Korean War Veterans National Museum and  
10 Library Fund, to private organizations for the benefit of the  
11 Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library.

12 The Department has the power to make grants, from funds  
13 appropriated from the Illinois Military Family Relief Fund, for  
14 benefits authorized under the Survivors Compensation Act.

15 (Source: P.A. 97-297, eff. 1-1-12; 97-765, eff. 7-6-12.)

16 (20 ILCS 2805/2.01) (from Ch. 126 1/2, par. 67.01)

17 Sec. 2.01. Veterans Home admissions.

18 (a) Any honorably discharged veteran is entitled to  
19 admission to an Illinois Veterans Home if the applicant meets  
20 the requirements of this Section.

21 (b) The veteran must:

22 (1) have served in the armed forces of the United  
23 States at least 1 day in World War II, the Korean Conflict,  
24 the Viet Nam Campaign, or the Persian Gulf Conflict between  
25 the dates recognized by the U.S. Department of Veterans

1 Affairs or between any other present or future dates  
2 recognized by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as a  
3 war period, or have served in a hostile fire environment  
4 and has been awarded a campaign or expeditionary medal  
5 signifying his or her service, for purposes of eligibility  
6 for domiciliary or nursing home care;

7 (2) have served and been honorably discharged or  
8 retired from the armed forces of the United States for a  
9 service connected disability or injury, for purposes of  
10 eligibility for domiciliary or nursing home care;

11 (3) have served as an enlisted person at least 90 days  
12 on active duty in the armed forces of the United States,  
13 excluding service on active duty for training purposes  
14 only, and entered active duty before September 8, 1980, for  
15 purposes of eligibility for domiciliary or nursing home  
16 care;

17 (4) have served as an officer at least 90 days on  
18 active duty in the armed forces of the United States,  
19 excluding service on active duty for training purposes  
20 only, and entered active duty before October 17, 1981, for  
21 purposes of eligibility for domiciliary or nursing home  
22 care;

23 (5) have served on active duty in the armed forces of  
24 the United States for 24 months of continuous service or  
25 more, excluding active duty for training purposes only, and  
26 enlisted after September 7, 1980, for purposes of

1 eligibility for domiciliary or nursing home care;

2 (6) have served as a reservist in the armed forces of  
3 the United States or the National Guard and the service  
4 included being called to federal active duty, excluding  
5 service on active duty for training purposes only, and who  
6 completed the term, for purposes of eligibility for  
7 domiciliary or nursing home care;

8 (7) have been discharged for reasons of hardship or  
9 released from active duty due to a reduction in the United  
10 States armed forces prior to the completion of the required  
11 period of service, regardless of the actual time served,  
12 for purposes of eligibility for domiciliary or nursing home  
13 care; or

14 (8) have served in the National Guard or Reserve Forces  
15 of the United States and completed 20 years of satisfactory  
16 service, be otherwise eligible to receive reserve or active  
17 duty retirement benefits, and have been an Illinois  
18 resident for at least one year before applying for  
19 admission for purposes of eligibility for domiciliary care  
20 only.

21 (c) The veteran must have service accredited to the State  
22 of Illinois or have been a resident of this State for one year  
23 immediately preceding the date of application.

24 (d) For admission to the Illinois Veterans Homes at Anna  
25 and Quincy, the veteran must be disabled by disease, wounds, or  
26 otherwise and because of the disability be incapable of earning

1 a living.

2 (e) For admission to the Illinois Veterans Homes at LaSalle  
3 and Manteno, the veteran must be disabled by disease, wounds,  
4 or otherwise and, for purposes of eligibility for nursing home  
5 care, require nursing care because of the disability.

6 (f) An individual who served during a time of conflict as  
7 set forth in subsection (a)(1) of this Section has preference  
8 over all other qualifying candidates, for purposes of  
9 eligibility for domiciliary or nursing home care at any  
10 Illinois Veterans Home.

11 (g) A veteran or spouse, once admitted to an Illinois  
12 Veterans Home facility, is considered a resident for  
13 interfacility purposes.

14 (Source: P.A. 97-297, eff. 1-1-12.)

15 (20 ILCS 2805/2.04) (from Ch. 126 1/2, par. 67.04)

16 Sec. 2.04. There shall be established in the State Treasury  
17 special funds known as (i) the LaSalle Veterans Home Fund, (ii)  
18 the Anna Veterans Home Fund, (iii) the Manteno Veterans Home  
19 Fund, and (iv) the Quincy Veterans Home Fund. All moneys  
20 received by an Illinois Veterans Home from Medicare and from  
21 maintenance charges to veterans, spouses, and surviving  
22 spouses residing at that Home shall be paid into that Home's  
23 Fund. All moneys received from the U.S. Department of Veterans  
24 Affairs for patient care shall be transmitted to the Treasurer  
25 of the State for deposit in the Veterans Home Fund for the Home

1 in which the veteran resides. Appropriations shall be made from  
2 a Fund only for the needs of the Home, including capital  
3 improvements, building rehabilitation, and repairs.

4 The administrator of each Veterans Home shall establish a  
5 locally-held member's benefits fund. The Director may  
6 authorize the Veterans Home to conduct limited fundraising in  
7 accordance with applicable laws and regulations for which the  
8 sole purpose is to benefit the Veterans Home's member's  
9 benefits fund. Revenues accruing to an Illinois Veterans Home,  
10 including any donations, grants for the operation of the Home,  
11 profits from commissary stores, and funds received from any  
12 individual or other source, including limited fundraising,  
13 shall be deposited into that Home's benefits fund. Expenditures  
14 from the benefits funds shall be solely for the special  
15 comfort, pleasure, and amusement of residents. Contributors of  
16 unsolicited private donations may specify the purpose for which  
17 the private donations are to be used.

18 Upon request of the Department, the State's Attorney of the  
19 county in which a resident or living former resident of an  
20 Illinois Veterans Home who is liable under this Act for payment  
21 of sums representing maintenance charges resides shall file an  
22 action in a court of competent jurisdiction against any such  
23 person who fails or refuses to pay such sums. The court may  
24 order the payment of sums due to maintenance charges for such  
25 period or periods of time as the circumstances require.

26 Upon the death of a person who is or has been a resident of



1 an Illinois Veterans Home who is liable for maintenance charges  
2 and who is possessed of property, the Department may present a  
3 claim for such sum or for the balance due in case less than the  
4 rate prescribed under this Act has been paid. The claim shall  
5 be allowed and paid as other lawful claims against the estate.

6 The administrator of each Veterans Home shall establish a  
7 locally-held trust fund to maintain moneys held for residents.  
8 Whenever the Department finds it necessary to preserve order,  
9 preserve health, or enforce discipline, the resident shall  
10 deposit in a trust account at the Home such monies from any  
11 source of income as may be determined necessary, and  
12 disbursement of these funds to the resident shall be made only  
13 by direction of the administrator.

14 If a resident of an Illinois Veterans Home has a dependent  
15 child, spouse, or parent the administrator may require that all  
16 monies received be deposited in a trust account with dependency  
17 contributions being made at the direction of the administrator.  
18 The balance retained in the trust account shall be disbursed to  
19 the resident at the time of discharge from the Home or to his  
20 or her heirs or legal representative at the time of the  
21 resident's death, subject to Department regulations or order of  
22 the court.

23 The Director of Central Management Services, with the  
24 consent of the Director of Veterans' Affairs, is authorized and  
25 empowered to lease or let any real property held by the  
26 Department of Veterans' Affairs for an Illinois Veterans Home

1 to entities or persons upon terms and conditions which are  
2 considered to be in the best interest of that Home. The real  
3 property must not be needed for any direct or immediate purpose  
4 of the Home. In any leasing or letting, primary consideration  
5 shall be given to the use of real property for agricultural  
6 purposes, and all moneys received shall be transmitted to the  
7 Treasurer of the State for deposit in the appropriate Veterans  
8 Home Fund.

9 (Source: P.A. 97-297, eff. 1-1-12.)

10 (20 ILCS 2805/2.12 new)

11 Sec. 2.12. Cemeteries. The Department may operate  
12 cemeteries at the Manteno Veterans Home and the Quincy Veterans  
13 Home for interment of veterans or their spouses as identified  
14 by the Department.

15 (20 ILCS 2805/3) (from Ch. 126 1/2, par. 68)

16 Sec. 3. The Department shall:

17 1. establish ~~Establish~~ an administrative office in  
18 Springfield and a branch thereof in Chicago;

19 2. establish ~~Establish~~ such field offices as it shall find  
20 necessary to enable it to perform its duties; and

21 3. maintain ~~Cause to be maintained, at its various offices,~~  
22 case files containing records of services rendered to each  
23 applicant, service progress ~~cards~~, and a follow-up system to  
24 facilitate the completion of each request.

1 (Source: P.A. 79-376.)

2 Section 10. The Nursing Home Care Act is amended by  
3 changing Sections 2-201.5, 3-101.5, and 3-303 and adding  
4 Section 3-202.6 as follows:

5 (210 ILCS 45/2-201.5)

6 Sec. 2-201.5. Screening prior to admission.

7 (a) All persons age 18 or older seeking admission to a  
8 nursing facility must be screened to determine the need for  
9 nursing facility services prior to being admitted, regardless  
10 of income, assets, or funding source. Screening for nursing  
11 facility services shall be administered through procedures  
12 established by administrative rule. Screening may be done by  
13 agencies other than the Department as established by  
14 administrative rule. This Section applies on and after July 1,  
15 1996. No later than October 1, 2010, the Department of  
16 Healthcare and Family Services, in collaboration with the  
17 Department on Aging, the Department of Human Services, and the  
18 Department of Public Health, shall file administrative rules  
19 providing for the gathering, during the screening process, of  
20 information relevant to determining each person's potential  
21 for placing other residents, employees, and visitors at risk of  
22 harm.

23 (a-1) Any screening performed pursuant to subsection (a) of  
24 this Section shall include a determination of whether any

1 person is being considered for admission to a nursing facility  
2 due to a need for mental health services. For a person who  
3 needs mental health services, the screening shall also include  
4 an evaluation of whether there is permanent supportive housing,  
5 or an array of community mental health services, including but  
6 not limited to supported housing, assertive community  
7 treatment, and peer support services, that would enable the  
8 person to live in the community. The person shall be told about  
9 the existence of any such services that would enable the person  
10 to live safely and humanely and about available appropriate  
11 nursing home services that would enable the person to live  
12 safely and humanely, and the person shall be given the  
13 assistance necessary to avail himself or herself of any  
14 available services.

15 (a-2) Pre-screening for persons with a serious mental  
16 illness shall be performed by a psychiatrist, a psychologist, a  
17 registered nurse certified in psychiatric nursing, a licensed  
18 clinical professional counselor, or a licensed clinical social  
19 worker, who is competent to (i) perform a clinical assessment  
20 of the individual, (ii) certify a diagnosis, (iii) make a  
21 determination about the individual's current need for  
22 treatment, including substance abuse treatment, and recommend  
23 specific treatment, and (iv) determine whether a facility or a  
24 community-based program is able to meet the needs of the  
25 individual.

26 For any person entering a nursing facility, the

1 pre-screening agent shall make specific recommendations about  
2 what care and services the individual needs to receive,  
3 beginning at admission, to attain or maintain the individual's  
4 highest level of independent functioning and to live in the  
5 most integrated setting appropriate for his or her physical and  
6 personal care and developmental and mental health needs. These  
7 recommendations shall be revised as appropriate by the  
8 pre-screening or re-screening agent based on the results of  
9 resident review and in response to changes in the resident's  
10 wishes, needs, and interest in transition.

11 Upon the person entering the nursing facility, the  
12 Department of Human Services or its designee shall assist the  
13 person in establishing a relationship with a community mental  
14 health agency or other appropriate agencies in order to (i)  
15 promote the person's transition to independent living and (ii)  
16 support the person's progress in meeting individual goals.

17 (a-3) The Department of Human Services, by rule, shall  
18 provide for a prohibition on conflicts of interest for  
19 pre-admission screeners. The rule shall provide for waiver of  
20 those conflicts by the Department of Human Services if the  
21 Department of Human Services determines that a scarcity of  
22 qualified pre-admission screeners exists in a given community  
23 and that, absent a waiver of conflicts, an insufficient number  
24 of pre-admission screeners would be available. If a conflict is  
25 waived, the pre-admission screener shall disclose the conflict  
26 of interest to the screened individual in the manner provided

1 for by rule of the Department of Human Services. For the  
2 purposes of this subsection, a "conflict of interest" includes,  
3 but is not limited to, the existence of a professional or  
4 financial relationship between (i) a PAS-MH corporate or a  
5 PAS-MH agent and (ii) a community provider or long-term care  
6 facility.

7 (b) In addition to the screening required by subsection  
8 (a), a facility, except for those licensed as long term care  
9 for under age 22 facilities, shall, within 24 hours after  
10 admission, request a criminal history background check  
11 pursuant to the Uniform Conviction Information Act for all  
12 persons age 18 or older seeking admission to the facility,  
13 unless a background check was initiated by a hospital pursuant  
14 to subsection (d) of Section 6.09 of the Hospital Licensing Act  
15 or a pre-admission background check was conducted by the  
16 Department of Veterans' Affairs 30 days prior to admittance  
17 into an Illinois Veterans Home. Background checks conducted  
18 pursuant to this Section shall be based on the resident's name,  
19 date of birth, and other identifiers as required by the  
20 Department of State Police. If the results of the background  
21 check are inconclusive, the facility shall initiate a  
22 fingerprint-based check, unless the fingerprint check is  
23 waived by the Director of Public Health based on verification  
24 by the facility that the resident is completely immobile or  
25 that the resident meets other criteria related to the  
26 resident's health or lack of potential risk which may be

1 established by Departmental rule. A waiver issued pursuant to  
2 this Section shall be valid only while the resident is immobile  
3 or while the criteria supporting the waiver exist. The facility  
4 shall provide for or arrange for any required fingerprint-based  
5 checks to be taken on the premises of the facility. If a  
6 fingerprint-based check is required, the facility shall  
7 arrange for it to be conducted in a manner that is respectful  
8 of the resident's dignity and that minimizes any emotional or  
9 physical hardship to the resident.

10 (c) If the results of a resident's criminal history  
11 background check reveal that the resident is an identified  
12 offender as defined in Section 1-114.01, the facility shall do  
13 the following:

14 (1) Immediately notify the Department of State Police,  
15 in the form and manner required by the Department of State  
16 Police, in collaboration with the Department of Public  
17 Health, that the resident is an identified offender.

18 (2) Within 72 hours, arrange for a fingerprint-based  
19 criminal history record inquiry to be requested on the  
20 identified offender resident. The inquiry shall be based on  
21 the subject's name, sex, race, date of birth, fingerprint  
22 images, and other identifiers required by the Department of  
23 State Police. The inquiry shall be processed through the  
24 files of the Department of State Police and the Federal  
25 Bureau of Investigation to locate any criminal history  
26 record information that may exist regarding the subject.

1           The Federal Bureau of Investigation shall furnish to the  
2           Department of State Police, pursuant to an inquiry under  
3           this paragraph (2), any criminal history record  
4           information contained in its files.

5           The facility shall comply with all applicable provisions  
6           contained in the Uniform Conviction Information Act.

7           All name-based and fingerprint-based criminal history  
8           record inquiries shall be submitted to the Department of State  
9           Police electronically in the form and manner prescribed by the  
10          Department of State Police. The Department of State Police may  
11          charge the facility a fee for processing name-based and  
12          fingerprint-based criminal history record inquiries. The fee  
13          shall be deposited into the State Police Services Fund. The fee  
14          shall not exceed the actual cost of processing the inquiry.

15          (d) (Blank).

16          (e) The Department shall develop and maintain a  
17          de-identified database of residents who have injured facility  
18          staff, facility visitors, or other residents, and the attendant  
19          circumstances, solely for the purposes of evaluating and  
20          improving resident pre-screening and assessment procedures  
21          (including the Criminal History Report prepared under Section  
22          2-201.6) and the adequacy of Department requirements  
23          concerning the provision of care and services to residents. A  
24          resident shall not be listed in the database until a Department  
25          survey confirms the accuracy of the listing. The names of  
26          persons listed in the database and information that would allow



1 them to be individually identified shall not be made public.  
2 Neither the Department nor any other agency of State government  
3 may use information in the database to take any action against  
4 any individual, licensee, or other entity, unless the  
5 Department or agency receives the information independent of  
6 this subsection (e). All information collected, maintained, or  
7 developed under the authority of this subsection (e) for the  
8 purposes of the database maintained under this subsection (e)  
9 shall be treated in the same manner as information that is  
10 subject to Part 21 of Article VIII of the Code of Civil  
11 Procedure.

12 (Source: P.A. 96-1372, eff. 7-29-10; 97-48, eff. 6-28-11.)

13 (210 ILCS 45/3-101.5)

14 Sec. 3-101.5. Illinois Veterans Homes. An Illinois  
15 Veterans Home licensed under this Act and operated by the  
16 Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs is exempt from the  
17 license fee provisions of Section 3-103 of this Act and the  
18 provisions of Sections 3-104 through 3-106, 3-202.5, 3-208,  
19 3-302, and ~~3-303, 3-401 through 3-423,~~ 3-503 through 3-517, ~~and~~  
20 ~~3-603 through 3-607~~ of this Act. A monitor or receiver shall be  
21 placed in an Illinois Veterans Home only by court order or by  
22 agreement between the Director of Public Health, the Director  
23 of Veterans' Affairs, and the Secretary of the United States  
24 Department of Veterans Affairs.

25 (Source: P.A. 96-703, eff. 8-25-09.)

1 (210 ILCS 45/3-202.6 new)

2 Sec. 3-202.6. Department of Veterans' Affairs facility  
3 plan review.

4 (a) Before commencing construction of a new facility or  
5 specified types of alteration or additions to an existing  
6 long-term care facility involving major construction, as  
7 defined by rule by the Department, with an estimated cost  
8 greater than \$100,000, architectural drawings and  
9 specifications for the facility shall be submitted to the  
10 Department for review. A facility may submit architectural  
11 drawings and specifications for other construction projects  
12 for Department review according to subsection (b) of this  
13 Section that shall not be subject to fees under subsection (d)  
14 of this Section. Review of drawings and specifications shall be  
15 conducted by an employee of the Department meeting the  
16 qualifications established by the Department of Central  
17 Management Services class specifications for such an  
18 individual's position or by a person contracting with the  
19 Department who meets those class specifications.

20 (b) The Department shall inform an applicant in writing  
21 within 10 working days after receiving drawings and  
22 specifications from the applicant whether the applicant's  
23 submission is complete or incomplete. Failure to provide the  
24 applicant with this notice within 10 working days after  
25 receiving drawings and specifications from the applicant shall

1 result in the submission being deemed complete for purposes of  
2 initiating the 60-day review period under this Section. If the  
3 submission is incomplete, the Department shall inform the  
4 applicant of the deficiencies with the submission in writing.  
5 If the submission is complete, the Department shall approve or  
6 disapprove drawings and specifications submitted to the  
7 Department no later than 60 days following receipt by the  
8 Department. The drawings and specifications shall be of  
9 sufficient detail, as provided by Department rule, to enable  
10 the Department to render a determination of compliance with  
11 design and construction standards under this Act. If the  
12 Department finds that the drawings are not of sufficient detail  
13 for it to render a determination of compliance, the plans shall  
14 be determined to be incomplete and shall not be considered for  
15 purposes of initiating the 60-day review period. If a  
16 submission of drawings and specifications is incomplete, the  
17 applicant may submit additional information. The 60-day review  
18 period shall not commence until the Department determines that  
19 a submission of drawings and specifications is complete or the  
20 submission is deemed complete. If the Department has not  
21 approved or disapproved the drawings and specifications within  
22 60 days after receipt by the Department, the construction,  
23 major alteration, or addition shall be deemed approved. If the  
24 drawings and specifications are disapproved, the Department  
25 shall state in writing, with specificity, the reasons for the  
26 disapproval. The entity submitting the drawings and

1 specifications may submit additional information in response  
2 to the written comments from the Department or request a  
3 reconsideration of the disapproval. A final decision of  
4 approval or disapproval shall be made within 45 days after the  
5 receipt of the additional information or reconsideration  
6 request. If denied, the Department shall state the specific  
7 reasons for the denial.

8 (c) The Department shall provide written approval for  
9 occupancy pursuant to subsection (e) of this Section and shall  
10 not issue a violation to a facility as a result of a licensure  
11 or complaint survey based upon the facility's physical  
12 structure if:

13 (1) the Department reviewed and approved or is deemed  
14 to have approved the drawings and specifications for  
15 compliance with design and construction standards;

16 (2) the construction, major alteration, or addition  
17 was built as submitted;

18 (3) the law or rules have not been amended since the  
19 original approval; and

20 (4) the conditions at the facility indicate that there  
21 is a reasonable degree of safety provided for the  
22 residents.

23 (d) The Department shall not charge a fee in connection  
24 with its reviews to the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

25 (e) The Department shall conduct an on-site inspection of  
26 the completed project no later than 30 days after notification

1 from the applicant that the project has been completed and all  
2 certifications required by the Department have been received  
3 and accepted by the Department. The Department shall provide  
4 written approval for occupancy to the applicant within 5  
5 working days after the Department's final inspection, provided  
6 the applicant has demonstrated substantial compliance as  
7 defined by Department rule. Occupancy of new major construction  
8 is prohibited until Department approval is received, unless the  
9 Department has not acted within the time frames provided in  
10 this subsection (e), in which case the construction shall be  
11 deemed approved. Occupancy shall be authorized after any  
12 required health inspection by the Department has been  
13 conducted.

14 (f) The Department shall establish, by rule, a procedure to  
15 conduct interim on-site review of large or complex construction  
16 projects.

17 (g) The Department shall establish, by rule, an expedited  
18 process for emergency repairs or replacement of like equipment.

19 (h) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to apply to  
20 maintenance, upkeep, or renovation that does not affect the  
21 structural integrity of the building, does not add beds or  
22 services over the number for which the long-term care facility  
23 is licensed, and provides a reasonable degree of safety for the  
24 residents.

1           Sec. 3-303. (a) The situation, condition or practice  
2           constituting a Type "AA" violation or a Type "A" violation  
3           shall be abated or eliminated immediately unless a fixed period  
4           of time, not exceeding 15 days, as determined by the Department  
5           and specified in the notice of violation, is required for  
6           correction.

7           (b) At the time of issuance of a notice of a Type "B"  
8           violation, the Department shall request a plan of correction  
9           which is subject to the Department's approval. The facility  
10          shall have 10 days after receipt of notice of violation in  
11          which to prepare and submit a plan of correction. The  
12          Department may extend this period up to 30 days where  
13          correction involves substantial capital improvement. The plan  
14          shall include a fixed time period not in excess of 90 days  
15          within which violations are to be corrected. If the Department  
16          rejects a plan of correction, it shall send notice of the  
17          rejection and the reason for the rejection to the facility. The  
18          facility shall have 10 days after receipt of the notice of  
19          rejection in which to submit a modified plan. If the modified  
20          plan is not timely submitted, or if the modified plan is  
21          rejected, the facility shall follow an approved plan of  
22          correction imposed by the Department.

23          (c) If the violation has been corrected prior to submission  
24          and approval of a plan of correction, the facility may submit a  
25          report of correction in place of a plan of correction. Such  
26          report shall be signed by the administrator under oath.

1           (d) Upon a licensee's petition, the Department shall  
2 determine whether to grant a licensee's request for an extended  
3 correction time. Such petition shall be served on the  
4 Department prior to expiration of the correction time  
5 originally approved. The burden of proof is on the petitioning  
6 facility to show good cause for not being able to comply with  
7 the original correction time approved.

8           (e) If a facility desires to contest any Department action  
9 under this Section it shall send a written request for a  
10 hearing under Section 3-703 to the Department within 10 days of  
11 receipt of notice of the contested action. The Department shall  
12 commence the hearing as provided under Section 3-703. Whenever  
13 possible, all action of the Department under this Section  
14 arising out of a violation shall be contested and determined at  
15 a single hearing. Issues decided after a hearing may not be  
16 reheard at subsequent hearings under this Section.

17           (f) For facilities operated by the Department of Veterans'  
18 Affairs, all deadlines contained in this Section for correction  
19 of violations are subject to adherence to applicable provisions  
20 of State procurement law and the availability of appropriations  
21 for the specific purpose.

22           (Source: P.A. 96-1372, eff. 7-29-10.)

23           Section 15. The Veterans and Servicemembers Court  
24 Treatment Act is amended by changing Sections 10 and 25 as  
25 follows:

1 (730 ILCS 167/10)

2 Sec. 10. Definitions. In this Act:

3 "Combination Veterans and Servicemembers Court program"  
4 means a court program that includes a pre-adjudicatory and a  
5 post-adjudicatory Veterans and Servicemembers court program.

6 "Court" means Veterans and Servicemembers Court.

7 "IDVA" means the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs.

8 "Peer recovery coach" means a volunteer veteran mentor  
9 assigned to a veteran or servicemember during participation in  
10 a veteran treatment court program who has been trained and  
11 certified by the court to guide and mentor the participant to  
12 successfully complete the assigned requirements.

13 "Post-adjudicatory Veterans and Servicemembers Court  
14 Program" means a program in which the defendant has admitted  
15 guilt or has been found guilty and agrees, along with the  
16 prosecution, to enter a Veterans and Servicemembers Court  
17 program as part of the defendant's sentence.

18 "Pre-adjudicatory Veterans and Servicemembers Court  
19 Program" means a program that allows the defendant with the  
20 consent of the prosecution, to expedite the defendant's  
21 criminal case before conviction or before filing of a criminal  
22 case and requires successful completion of the Veterans and  
23 Servicemembers Court programs as part of the agreement.

24 "Servicemember" means a person who is currently serving in  
25 the Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy, or Coast Guard on active



1 duty, reserve status or in the National Guard.

2 "VA" means the United States Department of Veterans'  
3 Affairs.

4 "Veteran" means a person who served in the active military,  
5 naval, or air service and who was discharged or released  
6 therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.

7 "Veterans and Servicemembers Court professional" means a  
8 member of the Veterans and Servicemembers Court team, including  
9 but not limited to a judge, prosecutor, defense attorney,  
10 probation officer, coordinator, treatment provider, or peer  
11 recovery coach.

12 "Veterans and Servicemembers Court" means a court or  
13 program with an immediate and highly structured judicial  
14 intervention process for substance abuse treatment, mental  
15 health, or other assessed treatment needs of eligible veteran  
16 and servicemember defendants that brings together substance  
17 abuse professionals, mental health professionals, VA  
18 professionals, local social programs and intensive judicial  
19 monitoring in accordance with the nationally recommended 10 key  
20 components of drug courts.

21 (Source: P.A. 96-924, eff. 6-14-10; 97-946, eff. 8-13-12.)

22 (730 ILCS 167/25)

23 Sec. 25. Procedure.

24 (a) The Court shall order the defendant to submit to an  
25 eligibility screening and an assessment through the VA and/or

1 the IDVA to provide information on the defendant's veteran or  
2 servicemember status.

3 (b) The Court shall order the defendant to submit to an  
4 eligibility screening and mental health and drug/alcohol  
5 screening and assessment of the defendant by the VA or by the  
6 IDVA to provide assessment services for Illinois Courts. The  
7 assessment shall include a risks assessment and be based, in  
8 part, upon the known availability of treatment resources  
9 available to the Veterans and Servicemembers Court. The  
10 assessment shall also include recommendations for treatment of  
11 the conditions which are indicating a need for treatment under  
12 the monitoring of the Court and be reflective of a level of  
13 risk assessed for the individual seeking admission. An  
14 assessment need not be ordered if the Court finds a valid  
15 screening and/or assessment related to the present charge  
16 pending against the defendant has been completed within the  
17 previous 60 days.

18 (c) The judge shall inform the defendant that if the  
19 defendant fails to meet the conditions of the Veterans and  
20 Servicemembers Court program, eligibility to participate in  
21 the program may be revoked and the defendant may be sentenced  
22 or the prosecution continued as provided in the Unified Code of  
23 Corrections for the crime charged.

24 (d) The defendant shall execute a written agreement with  
25 the Court as to his or her participation in the program and  
26 shall agree to all of the terms and conditions of the program,

1 including but not limited to the possibility of sanctions or  
2 incarceration for failing to abide or comply with the terms of  
3 the program.

4 (e) In addition to any conditions authorized under the  
5 Pretrial Services Act and Section 5-6-3 of the Unified Code of  
6 Corrections, the Court may order the defendant to complete  
7 substance abuse treatment in an outpatient, inpatient,  
8 residential, or jail-based custodial treatment program, order  
9 the defendant to complete mental health counseling in an  
10 inpatient or outpatient basis, comply with physicians'  
11 recommendation regarding medications and all follow up  
12 treatment. This treatment may include but is not limited to  
13 post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury and  
14 depression.

15 (f) The Court may establish a mentorship program that  
16 provides access and support to program participants by peer  
17 recovery coaches. Courts shall be responsible to administer the  
18 mentorship program with the support of volunteer veterans and  
19 local veteran service organizations. Peer recovery coaches  
20 shall be trained and certified by the Court prior to being  
21 assigned to participants in the program.

22 (Source: P.A. 96-924, eff. 6-14-10.)

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
24 becoming law.