

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing
5 Section 5-12022 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/5-12022)

7 Sec. 5-12022. Building permit fee for veterans with a
8 disability.

9 (a) A veteran with a disability or the veteran's caregiver
10 shall not be charged ~~any~~ building permit fees, including, but
11 not limited to, permit fees, plan review or plan examination
12 fees, inspection fees, and reinspection fees, fee for
13 improvements to the residence of the veteran with a disability
14 if the improvements are required to accommodate a disability
15 of the veteran. Nothing in this subsection changes the
16 obligation of any person to submit to the county applications,
17 forms, or other paperwork to obtain a building permit. A
18 veteran or caregiver must provide proof of veteran status and
19 attest to the fact that the improvements to the residence are
20 required to accommodate the veteran's disability. Proof of
21 veteran status is to be construed liberally, and veteran
22 status shall include service in the Armed Forces of the United
23 States, National Guard, or the reserves of the Armed Forces of

1 the United States.

2 (b) What constitutes proof of veteran status shall be
3 determined by the county. The Illinois Department of Veterans
4 Affairs may not adjudicate any dispute arising under
5 subsection (a).

6 (c) A home rule county may not regulate building permit
7 fees in a manner inconsistent with this Section. This Section
8 is a limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article
9 VII of the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent exercise by
10 home rule units of powers and functions exercised by the
11 State.

12 (Source: P.A. 103-621, eff. 1-1-25; 104-234, eff. 8-15-25;
13 104-417, eff. 8-15-25.)

14 Section 10. The Township Code is amended by changing
15 Section 110-17 as follows:

16 (60 ILCS 1/110-17)

17 Sec. 110-17. Building permit fee for veterans with a
18 disability. A veteran with a disability or the veteran's
19 caregiver shall not be charged ~~any~~ building permit fees,
20 including, but not limited to, permit fees, plan review or
21 plan examination fees, inspection fees, reinspection fees, or
22 other fees, ~~fee~~ for improvements to the residence of the
23 veteran with a disability if the improvements are required to
24 accommodate a disability of the veteran. Nothing in this

1 Section changes the obligation of any person to submit to the
2 township applications, forms, or other paperwork to obtain a
3 building permit. A veteran or caregiver must provide proof of
4 veteran status and attest to the fact that the improvements to
5 the residence are required to accommodate the veteran's
6 disability. Proof of veteran status is to be construed
7 liberally, and veteran status shall include service in the
8 Armed Forces of the United States, National Guard, or the
9 reserves of the Armed Forces of the United States. What
10 constitutes proof of veteran status shall be determined by the
11 township. The Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs may not
12 adjudicate any dispute arising under this paragraph.

13 (Source: P.A. 103-621, eff. 1-1-25; 104-234, eff. 8-15-25.)

14 Section 15. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
15 changing Section 11-13-28 as follows:

16 (65 ILCS 5/11-13-28)

17 Sec. 11-13-28. Building permit fee for veterans with a
18 disability.

19 (a) A veteran with a disability or the veteran's caregiver
20 shall not be charged ~~any~~ building permit fees, including, but
21 not limited to, permit fees, plan review or plan examination
22 fees, inspection fees, reinspection fees, or other fees, fee
23 for improvements to the residence of the veteran with a
24 disability if the improvements are required to accommodate a

1 disability of the veteran. Nothing in this subsection changes
2 the obligation of any person to submit to the municipality
3 applications, forms, or other paperwork to obtain a building
4 permit. A veteran or caregiver must provide proof of veteran
5 status and attest to the fact that the improvements to the
6 residence are required to accommodate the veteran's
7 disability. Proof of veteran status is to be construed
8 liberally, and veteran status shall include service in the
9 Armed Forces of the United States, National Guard, or the
10 reserves of the Armed Forces of the United States.

11 (b) What constitutes proof of veteran status shall be
12 determined by the municipality. The Illinois Department of
13 Veterans Affairs may not adjudicate any dispute arising under
14 subsection (a).

15 (c) A home rule municipality may not regulate building
16 permit fees in a manner inconsistent with this Section. This
17 Section is a limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6 of
18 Article VII of the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent
19 exercise by home rule units of powers and functions exercised
20 by the State.

21 (Source: P.A. 103-621, eff. 1-1-25; 104-234, eff. 8-15-25;
22 104-417, eff. 8-15-25.)