



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4278

by Rep. Stephanie A. Kifowit

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2805/2.01c new

Amends the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act. Requires that, if an Illinois Veterans Home administrator or a member of the administrative staff is notified that, within one month or less, 2 or more persons residing within the Veterans Home are diagnosed with an infectious disease by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches; a hospital licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act or organized under the University of Illinois Hospital Act; a long-term care facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act; a freestanding emergency center licensed under the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act; a local health department; or any other State agency or government entity, then, within 24 hours after the facility is notified of the second diagnosis, the Illinois Veterans Home must: (1) provide a written notification of the incidence of the infectious disease to each resident of the facility and the resident's emergency contact or next of kin; (2) post a notification of the incidence of the infectious disease in a conspicuous place near the main entrance to the Illinois Veterans Home; and (3) provide a written notification to the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Department of Public Health of the incidence of the infectious disease and of compliance with the notification requirements concerning residents and the resident's emergency contact or next of kin. Requires that, in addition to the initial written notifications, the Veterans Home must provide written notifications of any updates on the incidence of the infectious disease and any options that are available to the residents. Provides that the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Department of Public Health must post the notification of the incidence of the infectious disease, any updates, and any options that are available to the residents on their websites. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 Department of Veterans' Affairs Act is
5 amended by adding Section 2.01c as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2805/2.01c new)

7 Sec. 2.01c. Veterans Home; notice of infectious disease. If
8 a Veterans Home administrator or a member of the administrative
9 staff is notified that, within one month or less, 2 or more
10 persons residing within the Veterans Home are diagnosed with an
11 infectious disease by a physician licensed to practice medicine
12 in all its branches; a hospital licensed under the Hospital
13 Licensing Act or organized under the University of Illinois
14 Hospital Act; a long-term care facility licensed under the
15 Nursing Home Care Act; a freestanding emergency center licensed
16 under the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act; a local
17 health department; or any other State agency or government
18 entity, then, within 24 hours after the facility is notified of
19 the second diagnosis, the Veterans Home must:

20 (1) provide a written notification of the incidence of
21 the infectious disease to each resident of the facility and
22 the resident's emergency contact or next of kin;

23 (2) post a notification of the incidence of the

1 infectious disease in a conspicuous place near the main
2 entrance to the Veterans Home; and

3 (3) provide a written notification to the Department of
4 Veterans' Affairs and the Department of Public Health of
5 the incidence of the infectious disease and of compliance
6 with the written notification requirements of paragraph
7 (1).

8 In addition to the initial written notifications, the Veterans
9 Home must provide written notifications of any updates on the
10 incidence of the infectious disease and any options that are
11 available to the residents.

12 The Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Department of
13 Public Health must post the notification of the incidence of
14 the infectious disease, any updates, and any options that are
15 available to the residents on their websites as soon as
16 practicable after receiving the notification, but in no event
17 shall the notice be posted later than the end of the next
18 business day.

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
20 becoming law.