



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4559

by Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 1305/10-75 new
65 ILCS 5/1-2-12.2 new

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that the corporate authorities of a municipality may apply to the Department of Human Services for an Accessible Community designation for the municipality if the municipality shows it (1) has an accessibility committee or accessibility taskforce organized and operating; (2) has a website that meets specified accessibility standards for electronic and information technology; (3) provides training to its first responders regarding how to interact with a person with a disability; (4) provides public buildings that are accessible to persons with disabilities; (5) provides accessible public transportation; (6) provides affordable housing accessible to persons with disabilities or establishes regulations for the design, installation, and construction of single family and attached single family homes accessible to persons with disabilities; and (7) has at least one person with a disability on staff. Lists procedures for review of applications and awarding the Accessible Community designation by the Department. Provides that the Accessible Community designation expires 5 years after the date the Department awards the designation. Provides for procedures for reapplying for the Accessible Community designation after denial of an application or expiration of the designation. Amends the Department of Human Services Act making conforming changes. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 Department of Human Services Act is amended
5 by adding Section 10-75 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1305/10-75 new)

7 Sec. 10-75. Accessible Community designation. The
8 Department shall award Accessible Community designations and
9 adopt rules outlining the framework for awarding Accessible
10 Community designations consistent with Section 1-2-12.2 of the
11 Illinois Municipal Code.

12 Section 10. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
13 adding Section 1-2-12.2 as follows:

14 (65 ILCS 5/1-2-12.2 new)

15 Sec. 1-2-12.2. Accessible Community designation.

16 (a) As used in this Section:

17 "Centers for independent living" has the meaning given to
18 that term in Section 12a of the Rehabilitation of Persons with
19 Disabilities Act.

20 "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

21 (b) The corporate authorities of a municipality may apply

1 to the Department for an Accessible Community designation for
2 the municipality. The application shall provide documentation
3 showing the municipality:

4 (1) has an accessibility committee or accessibility
5 task force organized and operating;

6 (2) has a website that meets the accessibility
7 standards for electronic and information technology for
8 State entities developed by the Department under the
9 Information Technology Accessibility Act;

10 (3) provides training to its first responders
11 regarding how to interact with a person with a disability;

12 (4) provides public buildings that are accessible to
13 persons with disabilities;

14 (5) provides accessible public transportation;

15 (6) provides affordable housing accessible to persons
16 with disabilities or establishes regulations for the
17 design, installation, and construction of single family
18 and attached single family homes accessible to persons with
19 disabilities; and

20 (7) has at least one person with a disability on staff.

21 The Department shall evaluate every application received
22 by the Department and shall consult with one or more centers
23 for independent living with a service area located within the
24 municipality as to whether the application meets the
25 requirements of this Section. If the Department rejects an
26 application for an Accessible Community designation, the

1 municipality may reapply for the designation no earlier than 6
2 months after the denied application's date.

3 (c) If the Department finds that a municipality's
4 application documents the items required by subsection (b), the
5 Department shall award the municipality the Accessible
6 Community designation and issue a certificate evidencing the
7 designation. The Department may designate one or more centers
8 for independent living with a service area located within the
9 municipality to present a certificate certifying the
10 Accessible Community designation to the municipality.

11 (d) The Accessible Community designation expires 5 years
12 after the date the Department awards the designation. No
13 earlier than 6 months before the designation expires, the
14 corporate authorities of a municipality that has been awarded
15 an Accessible Community designation may reapply for the
16 Accessible Community designation as provided in subsection
17 (b).

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