

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2607

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2607 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 State Advocacy Program for the Homeless Mentally Ill and
6 Developmentally Disabled Act.

7 Section 5. Legislative findings. The General Assembly
8 finds that a disproportionate number of people in this State
9 are unable to secure housing for themselves and their
10 families, and that many people are forced to live in the
11 streets without shelter or in emergency shelters. A
12 substantial number of the homeless population are mentally
13 ill or developmentally disabled, and these homeless people
14 are more readily subjected to abuse. Despite current public
15 and private efforts, the homeless problem in this State is a
16 critical threat to the health, safety, and welfare of many
17 people and communities across the State. Therefore, it is in
18 the public interest that the General Assembly take immediate
19 and necessary action to ensure a more adequate response to
20 the needs of homeless people, including providing the
21 necessary funds to effectively carry out the provisions of
22 this Act. The General Assembly also acknowledges that the

1 complex problem of homelessness in this State is being
2 addressed by a rapidly growing range of services from the
3 State and local governments as well as the private sector.
4 This creates the need for coordination and planning in the
5 allocation of resources and in the design and implementation
6 of new programs to serve the homeless, and the General
7 Assembly finds that there is a need for a single entity to
8 coordinate these efforts.

9 Section 10. Definitions. In this Act:

10 "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

11 "Developmentally disabled" means a person who has a
12 developmental disability as defined in Section 1-3 of the
13 Developmental Disability and Mental Disability Services Act.

14 "Homeless individual with mental illness or a
15 developmental disability" means a person who does not have a
16 home and has a mental illness or a developmental disability,
17 or both, including, but not limited to, a person with a
18 mental illness or developmental disability: (i) who is in a
19 shelter or drop-in center for the homeless, (ii) who is being
20 discharged from a State or private institution without a
21 residence to go to, (iii) who has a temporary residence or no
22 regular abode in which to live, or (iv) who has a history of
23 chronic residential instability.

24 "Mentally ill" means a person who has a severe mental
25 illness as defined in Section 2-3 of the Developmental
26 Disability and Mental Disability Services Act.

27 Section 15. Advocacy position. A staff advocacy position
28 within the Bureau of Homeless Services and Supportive
29 Services of the Department of Human Services shall be created
30 to do the following:

31 (1) Promote and facilitate the development of
32 community-based support systems to protect the health,

1 safety, welfare, and human and civil rights of homeless
2 individuals with mental illness or developmental
3 disabilities.

4 (2) Enter into agreements with local
5 community-based support systems to carry out the
6 provisions of Sections 20 through 30.

7 (3) Implement the programs established under
8 Sections 20 through 30.

9 (4) Conduct periodic programmatic and
10 administrative reviews of the programs created under
11 Sections 20 through 30 to ensure the delivery of quality
12 services.

13 (5) Serve as an advocate for homeless individuals
14 with other governmental and community service providers.

15 (6) Assist in the development of financial and
16 human resources to respond to the needs of homeless
17 individuals with mental illness or developmental
18 disabilities.

19 Section 20. Community-based support systems.

20 (a) The Department shall initiate requests for proposals
21 or continued funding forms for the establishment or expansion
22 of nonprofit agencies and organizations that will be
23 responsible for developing or coordinating comprehensive and
24 integrated community-based support systems for homeless
25 individuals with mental illness or developmental
26 disabilities.

27 (b) Through community-based providers, the Department
28 shall take appropriate steps to encourage homeless persons to
29 use these services and shall provide information on services
30 available to them.

31 Section 25. Community service agreements.

32 (a) Through agreements with community-based providers

1 and based on available funding, the following components may
2 be addressed within the service system for homeless
3 individuals with mental illness or developmental
4 disabilities:

5 (1) Community needs assessment and resource
6 development.

7 (2) Case management, including case review,
8 tracking, service evaluation, and networking.

9 (3) Training and staff development.

10 (4) Consultation with and technical assistance for
11 providers of shelters.

12 (5) Outreach services that are available at times
13 and in places where homeless individuals with mental
14 illness or developmental disabilities can be located,
15 such as overnight shelters.

16 (6) Emergency and crisis intervention services,
17 including the availability of shelter facilities.

18 (b) Each service area, local board, or local service
19 system must do the following:

20 (1) Assist in maintaining sources of income, food,
21 clothing, health care, counseling, training, and
22 employment, and in maintaining a stable living
23 environment within the community when possible.

24 (2) Develop individualized service plans for
25 homeless persons that may include, but need not be
26 limited to, the following:

27 (A) Personal assistance in securing and
28 maintaining housing, food, and clothing
29 arrangements.

30 (B) Crisis intervention services focusing on
31 finding appropriate alternatives to acute inpatient
32 hospital care.

33 (C) Assistance in securing and maintaining
34 income and health care benefits.

1 (D) Social and vocational skill development
2 activities as determined by the client's needs,
3 interests, and abilities.

4 (E) Money management assistance or
5 representative payeeship.

6 (F) Other self-help skills.

7 (G) Other counseling and referral and legal
8 and administrative proceeding services as needed.

9 Section 30. Refusal of services. The Department shall
10 explore the provisions of the Mental Health and Developmental
11 Disabilities Code in relation to homeless individuals with
12 mental illness or developmental disabilities who refuse
13 services for themselves.

14 Section 35. Grants-in-aid. The Department shall make
15 grants-in-aid to entities recognized under Section 20 based
16 on appropriations to provide services pursuant to Sections 20
17 through 30. The Department shall establish and publish
18 criteria in requests for proposals for determining eligible
19 services and the amount of grants-in-aid so that all
20 interested individuals, agencies, associations, and other
21 entities may have access to that information.

22 Section 90. The Illinois Housing Development Act is
23 amended by changing Section 10 as follows:

24 (20 ILCS 3805/10) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 310)

25 Sec. 10. Prior to making a loan commitment for a
26 development under this Act, the Authority shall approve a
27 tenant selection plan submitted by the applicant for the
28 loan. The Authority shall formulate regulations from time to
29 time setting forth the criteria for tenant selection plans.
30 These criteria shall include income limits, which may vary

1 with the size and circumstances of the family unit of
2 tenants. The income limits shall be sufficiently flexible to
3 avoid undue economic homogeneity among the tenants of a
4 development. The Authority may formulate regulations from
5 time to time for the alteration of occupancies of tenants who
6 exceed established income limits. The tenant selection plan
7 shall specify how many units in the development shall be held
8 available for rentals to persons of low or moderate income,
9 as defined in this Act, and for rental to homeless
10 individuals with mental illness or a developmental
11 disability, as defined in the State Advocacy Program for the
12 Homeless Mentally Ill and Developmentally Disabled Act.

13 In determining the number of units which shall be so held
14 available for rental to persons of low or moderate income and
15 for rental to homeless individuals with mental illness or a
16 developmental disability, as defined in the State Advocacy
17 Program for the Homeless Mentally Ill and Developmentally
18 Disabled Act, the Authority shall require that the number of
19 dwelling units so held reserved for them in each development
20 shall not be less than the number required by applicable
21 federal and State law.

22 In connection with any mortgage loan for a development,
23 the Authority may enter into an agreement with the owner of
24 the development as a part of the loan providing that as long
25 as the loan remains outstanding or such longer period as is
26 set forth in the agreement, the development shall be held
27 available for such rentals. Any such agreement shall, upon
28 being recorded in the manner provided for recording of deeds
29 or registered in the manner specified for registration of
30 titles, be binding upon any subsequent owners of the
31 development as provided by its terms.

32 (Source: P.A. 87-250.)".