



93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2003 and 2004

Introduced 02/09/04, by Sandra M. Pihos

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

410 ILCS 405/2

from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 6952

Amends the Disease Assistance Act. Provides that Alzheimer's disease affects an estimated 4,500,000 (rather than 1,500,000) Americans. Provides that approximately 200,000 (rather than 111,000) Illinois citizens are victims of Alzheimer's disease. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning public health.

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

4 Section 5. The Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Act is
5 amended by changing Section 2 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 405/2) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 6952)

7 Sec. 2. Policy declaration. The General Assembly finds that
8 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders are devastating
9 health conditions which destroy certain vital cells of the
10 brain and which affect an estimated 4,500,000 ~~1,500,000~~
11 Americans. This means that approximately 200,000 ~~111,000~~
12 Illinois citizens are victims. The General Assembly also finds
13 that 50% of all nursing home admissions in the State may be
14 attributable to the Alzheimer's disease and related disorders
15 and that these conditions are the fourth leading cause of death
16 among the elderly. It is the opinion of the General Assembly
17 that Alzheimer's disease and related disorders cause serious
18 financial, social and emotional hardships on the victims and
19 their families of such a major consequence that it is essential
20 for the State to develop and implement policies, plans,
21 programs and services to alleviate such hardships.

22 The General Assembly recognizes that there is no known
23 cause or cure of Alzheimer's disease at this time, and that it
24 can progress over an extended period of time and to such a
25 degree that the victim's deteriorated condition makes him or
26 her susceptible to other medical disorders that generally prove
27 fatal. It is the intent of the General Assembly, through
28 implementation of this Act, to establish a program for the
29 conduct of research regarding the cause, cure and treatment of
30 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; and, through the
31 establishment of Regional Alzheimer's Disease Assistance
32 Centers and a comprehensive, Statewide system of regional and

1 community-based services, to provide for the identification,
2 evaluation, diagnosis, referral and treatment of victims of
3 such health problems.

4 (Source: P.A. 85-1209.)

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
6 becoming law.