

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

4 Section 5. The Veterans and Servicemembers Court Treatment  
5 Act is amended by changing Section 15 as follows:

6 (730 ILCS 167/15)

7 Sec. 15. Authorization. The Chief Judge of each judicial  
8 circuit shall ~~may~~ establish a Veterans and Servicemembers Court  
9 program including a format under which it operates under this  
10 Act. The Veterans and Servicemembers Court may, at the  
11 discretion of the Chief Judge, be a separate court or a program  
12 of a problem-solving court, including but not limited to a drug  
13 court or mental health court. At the discretion of the Chief  
14 Judge, the Veterans and Servicemembers Court program may be  
15 operated in one county in the Circuit, and allow veteran and  
16 servicemember defendants from all counties within the Circuit  
17 to participate.

18 (Source: P.A. 96-924, eff. 6-14-10; 97-946, eff. 8-13-12.)

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
20 1, 2018.