

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.

8 (a) As used in this Section, "infectious disease" means any  
9 disease caused by a living organism or other pathogen,  
10 including a fungus, bacteria, parasite, protozoan, prion, or  
11 virus, that has a history of or potential for a significant  
12 mortality rate among elderly or vulnerable populations,  
13 including, but not limited to, strains of influenza,  
14 Legionnaires' disease, and pneumonia.

15 (b) If a Veterans Home administrator or a member of the  
16 administrative staff is notified that, within one month or  
17 less, 2 or more persons residing within the Veterans Home are  
18 diagnosed with an infectious disease by a physician licensed to  
19 practice medicine in all its branches; a hospital licensed  
20 under the Hospital Licensing Act or organized under the  
21 University of Illinois Hospital Act; a long-term care facility  
22 licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act; a freestanding  
23 emergency center licensed under the Emergency Medical Services

1 (EMS) Systems Act; a local health department; or any other  
2 State agency or government entity, then, within 24 hours after  
3 the facility is notified of the second diagnosis, the Veterans  
4 Home must:

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

8 (2) post a notification of the incidence of the  
9 infectious disease in a conspicuous place near the main  
10 entrance to the Veterans Home; and

11 (3) provide a written notification to the Department of  
12 Veterans' Affairs and the Department of Public Health of  
13 the incidence of the infectious disease and of compliance  
14 with the written notification requirements of paragraph  
15 (1).

16 In addition to the initial written notifications, the Veterans  
17 Home must provide written notifications of any updates on the  
18 incidence of the infectious disease and any options that are  
19 available to the residents.

20 The Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Department of  
21 Public Health must post the notification of the incidence of  
22 the infectious disease, any updates, and any options that are  
23 available to the residents on their websites as soon as  
24 practicable after receiving the notification, but in no event  
25 shall the notice be posted later than the end of the next  
26 business day.

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2           becoming law.