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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5508

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5508 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Access to Affordable, Permanent, and Supportive Housing and
6 Services Act.

7 Section 5. Housing services and supports.

8 (a) If a unit of local government determines that a person
9 experiencing homelessness is living in a public space, the unit
10 of local government may do all of the following:

11 (1) Provide an assessment of the housing and service
12 needs of the person. This assessment shall be administered
13 by a housing or homeless service provider receiving
14 federal, State, or local funds.

15 (2) Provide access to:

16 (A) either:

1 (i) permanent housing or permanent supportive
2 housing; or

3 (ii) affordable housing as defined under the
4 Illinois Affordable Housing Act; and

5 (B) appropriate supportive services including, but
6 not limited to:

7 (i) job training;

8 (ii) substance abuse counseling;

9 (iii) mental health programs;

10 (iv) transportation;

11 (v) child care; and

12 (vi) other services deemed necessary by a case
13 manager.

14 (b) Any person receiving assistance from a unit of local
15 government in accordance with this Act shall have the right to
16 request housing in a geographical area based on his or her ties
17 to the community, access to services, access to ongoing
18 employment, and access to public transportation.

19 (c) A unit of local government shall not require a person
20 to vacate a public space unless adequate affordable housing,
21 permanent housing, and supportive housing units are available
22 within the unit of local government's geographic area and a
23 permanent housing option is offered to that person.

24 (d) A person has the right to decline any housing
25 assessment and services offered by a unit of local government
26 in accordance with this Act.

1 (e) The Department of Human Services shall annually compile
2 and distribute to each unit of local government a list of the
3 homeless services and housing services available throughout
4 Illinois.

5 (f) No unit of local government shall dispose of a person's
6 personal belongings in any manner.

7 Section 10. Damages and attorney's fees. In any civil
8 action alleging a violation of this Act, the plaintiff may
9 request a trial by jury and the court may award appropriate
10 injunctive and declaratory relief, actual damages, and
11 reasonable attorney's fees and costs to a prevailing
12 plaintiff.".