

1 AN ACT concerning human rights.

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

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

17 (i) permanent housing or permanent supportive
18 housing; or

19 (ii) affordable housing as defined under the
20 Illinois Affordable Housing Act; and

21 (B) appropriate supportive services including, but
22 not limited to:

23 (i) job training;

1 (ii) substance abuse counseling;
2 (iii) mental health programs;
3 (iv) transportation;
4 (v) child care; and
5 (vi) other services deemed necessary by a case
6 manager.

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

12 (c) A unit of local government shall not require a person
13 to vacate a public space unless adequate affordable housing,
14 permanent housing, and supportive housing units are available
15 within the unit of local government's geographic area and a
16 permanent housing option is offered to that person.

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

20 (e) The Department of Human Services shall annually compile
21 and distribute to each unit of local government a list of the
22 homeless services and housing services available throughout
23 Illinois.

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

1 Section 10. Damages and attorney's fees. In any civil
2 action alleging a violation of this Act, the plaintiff may
3 request a trial by jury and the court may award appropriate
4 injunctive and declaratory relief, actual damages, and
5 reasonable attorney's fees and costs to a prevailing plaintiff.