

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 2.13 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2805/2.13 new)

7 Sec. 2.13. Veterans Homes; complaints; communicable  
8 disease reports.

9 (a) As used in this Section:

10 "Case" means a person that lived as a resident in a  
11 Veterans Home and had an illness due to a communicable disease.

12 "Communicable disease" means an illness due to a specific  
13 infectious agent or its toxic products that arises through  
14 transmission of that agent or its products from an infected  
15 person, animal, or inanimate source to a susceptible host,  
16 either directly or indirectly, through an intermediate plant or  
17 animal host, a vector, or the inanimate environment.

18 (b) The Department shall submit a bi-annual report to the  
19 General Assembly by January 1 and July 1 of each year about the  
20 health and welfare of residents at Veterans Homes. The report  
21 shall be filed electronically with the General Assembly, as  
22 provided under Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization  
23 Act, and shall be provided electronically to any member of the

1 General Assembly upon request. Each report shall include, but  
2 not be limited to, the following:

3 (1) the number and nature of complaints made by  
4 residents, a resident's emergency contacts or next of kin,  
5 or a resident's power of attorney during the quarter;

6 (2) information on any epidemic reported at a Veterans  
7 Home during the quarter; and

8 (3) the number of cases and information on the cases,  
9 including, but not limited to, any dates a resident showed  
10 signs and symptoms of having a communicable disease, any  
11 dates of a confirmed diagnosis of any resident with a  
12 communicable disease, and the action taken by the Veterans  
13 Home to eradicate the spread of communicable disease,  
14 during the quarter.

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 2,  
16 2018.