

# HB3177



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB3177

Introduced 2/19/2021, by Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/1-10  
305 ILCS 5/6-7a new

Amends the General Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that persons who are residents of a township shall not be determined ineligible for general assistance based upon a conviction for a Class X felony or a Class 1 felony under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act or the Cannabis Control Act.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 1-10 and by adding Section 6-7a as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/1-10)

7 Sec. 1-10. Drug convictions.

8 (a) Except as provided in Section 6-7a of this Code,  
9 persons ~~Persons~~ convicted of an offense under the Illinois  
10 Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, or the  
11 Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act which is  
12 a Class X felony, or a Class 1 felony, or comparable federal  
13 criminal law which has as an element the possession, use, or  
14 distribution of a controlled substance, as defined in Section  
15 102(6) of the federal Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C.  
16 802(c)), shall not be eligible for cash assistance provided  
17 under this Code.

18 (b) Persons convicted of any other felony under the  
19 Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act,  
20 or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act  
21 which is not a Class X or Class 1 felony, or comparable federal  
22 criminal law which has as an element the possession, use, or  
23 distribution of a controlled substance, as defined in Section

1 102(6) of the federal Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C.  
2 802(c)), shall not be eligible for cash assistance provided  
3 under this Code for 2 years from the date of conviction. This  
4 prohibition shall not apply if the person is in a drug  
5 treatment program, aftercare program, or similar program as  
6 defined by rule.

7 (c) Persons shall not be determined ineligible for food  
8 stamps provided under this Code based upon a conviction of any  
9 felony or comparable federal or State criminal law which has  
10 an element the possession, use or distribution of a controlled  
11 substance, as defined in Section 102(6) of the federal  
12 Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802(c)).

13 (Source: P.A. 98-756, eff. 7-16-14.)

14 (305 ILCS 5/6-7a new)

15 Sec. 6-7a. Drug felony exemption. Persons who are  
16 residents of a township shall not be determined ineligible for  
17 general assistance under this Article based upon a conviction  
18 for a Class X felony or a Class 1 felony under the Illinois  
19 Controlled Substances Act or the Cannabis Control Act.