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 Illinois Act on the Aging is amended by

5   adding Section 4.02h as follows:

6   (20 ILCS 105/4.02h new)

7   Sec. 4.02h. Community Care Program; dementia training.

8   (a) This Section shall apply to any person who is employed

9   by the Department, or is contracted with the Department, to

10   provide direct services to individuals enrolled in the

11   Community Care Program.

12   (b) Dementia training of at least 2 hours shall be

13   completed at the start of employment with the Department or

14   contractor. Persons who are employees of the Department or a

15   contractor on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the

16   102nd General Assembly shall complete this training within 6

17   months after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the

18   102nd General Assembly. The training shall cover the following

19   subjects:

20   (1) Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

21   (2) Safety risks.

22   (3) Communication and behavior.

23   (c) Annual continuing education training shall include at

1   least 2 hours of dementia training covering the subjects

2   described in subsection (b).

3   (d) This Section is designed to address gaps in current

4   dementia training requirements for Community Care Program

5   direct service workers and improve the quality of training. If

6   laws or rules existing on the effective date of this

7   amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly contain more

8   rigorous training requirements for employees or contractors

9   providing direct services to Community Care Program enrollees,

10   those laws or rules shall apply. Where there is overlap

11   between this Section and other laws and rules, the Department

12   shall interpret this Section to avoid duplication of

13   requirements while ensuring that the minimum requirements set

14   in this Section are met.

15   (e) The Department may adopt rules for the administration

16   of this Section.