

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by adding Section  
5 5-12022 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/5-12022 new)

7 Sec. 5-12022. Building permit fee for veterans with a  
8 disability.

9 (a) A veteran with a disability or the veteran's caregiver  
10 shall not be charged any building permit fee for improvements  
11 to the residence of the veteran with a disability if the  
12 improvements are required to accommodate a disability of the  
13 veteran. Nothing in this subsection changes the obligation of  
14 any person to submit to the county applications, forms, or  
15 other paperwork to obtain a building permit. A veteran or  
16 caregiver must provide proof of veteran status and attest to  
17 the fact that the improvements to the residence are required  
18 to accommodate the veteran's disability. Proof of veteran  
19 status is to be construed liberally, and veteran status shall  
20 include service in the Armed Forces of the United States,  
21 National Guard, or the reserves of the Armed Forces of the  
22 United States.

23 (b) What constitutes proof of veteran status shall be

1 determined by the county. The Illinois Department of Veterans'  
2 Affairs may not adjudicate any dispute arising under paragraph  
3 (a).

4 (c) A home rule county may not regulate building permit  
5 fees in a manner inconsistent with this Section. This Section  
6 is a limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article  
7 VII of the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent exercise by  
8 home rule units of powers and functions exercised by the  
9 State.

10 Section 10. The Township Code is amended by adding Section  
11 110-17 as follows:

12 (60 ILCS 1/110-17 new)

13 Sec. 110-17. Building permit fee for veterans with a  
14 disability. A veteran with a disability or the veteran's  
15 caregiver shall not be charged any building permit fee for  
16 improvements to the residence of the veteran with a disability  
17 if the improvements are required to accommodate a disability  
18 of the veteran. Nothing in this Section changes the obligation  
19 of any person to submit to the township applications, forms,  
20 or other paperwork to obtain a building permit. A veteran or  
21 caregiver must provide proof of veteran status and attest to  
22 the fact that the improvements to the residence are required  
23 to accommodate the veteran's disability. Proof of veteran  
24 status is to be construed liberally, and veteran status shall

1 include service in the Armed Forces of the United States,  
2 National Guard, or the reserves of the Armed Forces of the  
3 United States. What constitutes proof of veteran status shall  
4 be determined by the township. The Illinois Department of  
5 Veterans' Affairs may not adjudicate any dispute arising under  
6 this paragraph.

7 Section 15. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by  
8 adding Section 11-13-28 as follows:

9 (65 ILCS 5/11-13-28 new)

10 Sec. 11-13-28. Building permit fee for veterans with a  
11 disability.

12 (a) A veteran with a disability or the veteran's caregiver  
13 shall not be charged any building permit fee for improvements  
14 to the residence of the veteran with a disability if the  
15 improvements are required to accommodate a disability of the  
16 veteran. Nothing in this subsection changes the obligation of  
17 any person to submit to the municipality applications, forms,  
18 or other paperwork to obtain a building permit. A veteran or  
19 caregiver must provide proof of veteran status and attest to  
20 the fact that the improvements to the residence are required  
21 to accommodate the veteran's disability. Proof of veteran  
22 status is to be construed liberally, and veteran status shall  
23 include service in the Armed Forces of the United States,  
24 National Guard, or the reserves of the Armed Forces of the

1 United States.

2 (b) What constitutes proof of veteran status shall be  
3 determined by the municipality. The Illinois Department of  
4 Veterans' Affairs may not adjudicate any dispute arising under  
5 paragraph (a).

6 (c) A home rule municipality may not regulate building  
7 permit fees in a manner inconsistent with this Section. This  
8 Section is a limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6 of  
9 Article VII of the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent  
10 exercise by home rule units of powers and functions exercised  
11 by the State.