

1 AN ACT concerning seniors.

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 8.08 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 105/8.08 new)

7 Sec. 8.08. Comprehensive Older Adults Services and Care  
8 Planning Committee.

9 (a) The purpose of this Section is to promote cooperation  
10 and consultation on the incremental redesign of Illinois'  
11 long-term care system to provide services to older adults among  
12 the Directors of Aging, Public Aid, and Public Health;  
13 providers of care and services; and older adults and those who  
14 advocate on their behalf. It is envisioned that the long-term  
15 goal of this redesign will be the development, availability,  
16 and accessibility of a comprehensive, affordable, and  
17 sustainable long-term care system in Illinois. It is envisioned  
18 that the redesign will encompass all aspects of the delivery of  
19 services and care to older adults whether the services and care  
20 are provided in the home, community, or a residential facility.

21 (b) The Comprehensive Older Adults Services and Care  
22 Planning Committee is hereby created to advise the Directors of  
23 Aging, Public Aid, and Public Health on all matters related to  
24 the redesign of the long-term care system and the delivery of  
25 services and care to older adults in general.

26 (c) The Committee shall be comprised of the following:

27 (1) The Director of Aging or his or her designee, who  
28 shall serve as chair and shall be an ex officio and  
29 nonvoting member.

30 (2) The Director of Public Aid and the Director of  
31 Public Health or their designees, who shall serve as  
32 vice-chairs and shall be ex officio and nonvoting members.

1           (3) One representative each of the Department of Public  
2           Aid, the Department of Public Health, the Department of  
3           Veterans Affairs, the Department of Human Services, the  
4           Department of Insurance, the Department of Commerce and  
5           Economic Affairs, the Department on Aging, the Office of  
6           the State Ombudsman, and the Illinois Housing Finance  
7           Authority, who shall be selected by their Director and  
8           shall be ex officio and nonvoting members.

9           (4) Thirteen members appointed by the Director of Aging  
10           in collaboration with the Directors of Public Health and  
11           Public Aid as follows:

12                   (A) one member selected from recommendations  
13                   submitted by organizations representing providers  
14                   funded under the Community Care Program pursuant to  
15                   this Act;

16                   (B) one member selected from recommendations  
17                   submitted by organizations representing providers  
18                   funded under the federal Older Americans Act;

19                   (C) one member selected from recommendations  
20                   submitted by organizations representing providers  
21                   funded by Title XVIII of the Social Security Act  
22                   (Medicare);

23                   (D) one member selected from recommendations  
24                   submitted by organizations representing home and  
25                   community care providers funded only with general  
26                   revenue funds or other levied funds;

27                   (E) one member selected from recommendations  
28                   submitted by organizations representing facilities  
29                   licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act;

30                   (F) one member selected from recommendations  
31                   submitted by organizations representing establishments  
32                   licensed under the Assisted Living and Shared Housing  
33                   Act;

34                   (G) one member selected from recommendations  
35                   submitted by organizations representing facilities  
36                   certified under the Supportive Living Facilities

1           Program (Section 5-5.01a of the Illinois Public Aid  
2           Code);

3           (H) one member selected from recommendations  
4           submitted by organizations representing community  
5           based residential facilities;

6           (I) two members selected from recommendations  
7           submitted by membership based statewide senior  
8           advocacy groups, who do not receive state funds;

9           (J) one member with special expertise in  
10          gerontology research or in health law; and

11          (K) two members who are Illinois residents over age  
12          65.

13          (d) In selecting voting members of the Committee, the  
14          Directors shall attempt to ensure that the Committee includes  
15          representation from urban and rural areas and different  
16          geographical areas. No more than one voting member shall be  
17          selected from the recommendations of any single organization  
18          and no more than one voting member shall be employed by the  
19          same agency, organization, association, or employer.

20          (e) Voting members of the Committee shall serve for a term  
21          of 3 years or until a replacement is named. All members shall  
22          be appointed no later than January 1, 2005. Of the initial  
23          appointees, 4 members shall serve a term of one year; 4 shall  
24          serve for a term of 2 years; and 5 shall serve for a term of 3  
25          years. A member's term does not expire until a successor is  
26          appointed by the Director of Aging. Any member appointed to  
27          fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term  
28          for which his or her predecessor was appointed shall be  
29          appointed for the remainder of that term. The Committee shall  
30          meet at least quarterly and more frequently at the call of the  
31          Chair. A simple majority of those appointed shall constitute a  
32          quorum. The affirmative vote of a majority of those present and  
33          voting shall be necessary for committee action. Members of the  
34          Committee shall receive no compensation for their services. The  
35          Director on Aging, in collaboration with the Directors of  
36          Public Health and Public Aid, may form subcommittees comprised

1 of individuals recommended by advocacy groups, trade  
2 associations, and other stakeholders. Subcommittee membership  
3 is not limited to Committee members. Members of any  
4 subcommittee formed under this Act shall receive no  
5 compensation for their services.

6 (f) The Departments of Aging, Public Health, and Public Aid  
7 shall cooperate with, seek the advice of, and collaborate with  
8 the Committee on all matters relative to this Section. The  
9 Department on Aging and the Departments of Public Health and  
10 Public Aid shall enter into written inter-agency agreements to  
11 implement this Section. The Department on Aging shall be the  
12 lead agency, but the Departments of Public Health and Public  
13 Aid shall assist in providing resources to support the work of  
14 this Committee.

15 (g) The Departments shall issue a joint report to the  
16 General Assembly on January 1 of each year on their progress  
17 relative to this Section and the recommendations of the  
18 Committee.

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
20 becoming law.