

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 4.08 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 105/4.08 new)

7 Sec. 4.08. Rural and small town meals program. Subject to
8 appropriation, the Department may establish a program to ensure
9 the availability of congregate or home-delivered meals in
10 communities with populations of under 5,000 that are not
11 located within the large urban counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane,
12 Lake, Madison, McHenry, St. Clair, or Will. The Department may
13 meet the requirements of this Section by entering into
14 contractual agreements with local providers of nutritional
15 services, which may include, but need not be limited to,
16 restaurants, cafes, churches, facilities licensed under the
17 Nursing Home Care Act or the Assisted Living and Shared Housing
18 Act, facilities certified by the Department of Healthcare and
19 Family Services, and senior centers. Support provided shall be
20 in the form of grants. The Department shall request any
21 necessary waivers of federal requirements in order to allow
22 receipt of federal funds for implementing the program.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.