

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 changing Sections 4.01 and 4.02 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 105/4.01) (from Ch. 23, par. 6104.01)

7 Sec. 4.01. Additional powers and duties of the Department.

8 In addition to powers and duties otherwise provided by law, the  
9 Department shall have the following powers and duties:

10 (1) To evaluate all programs, services, and facilities for  
11 the aged and for minority senior citizens within the State and  
12 determine the extent to which present public or private  
13 programs, services and facilities meet the needs of the aged.

14 (2) To coordinate and evaluate all programs, services, and  
15 facilities for the Aging and for minority senior citizens  
16 presently furnished by State agencies and make appropriate  
17 recommendations regarding such services, programs and  
18 facilities to the Governor and/or the General Assembly.

19 (3) To function as the sole State agency to develop a  
20 comprehensive plan to meet the needs of the State's senior  
21 citizens and the State's minority senior citizens.

22 (4) To receive and disburse State and federal funds made  
23 available directly to the Department including those funds made

1 available under the Older Americans Act and the Senior  
2 Community Service Employment Program for providing services  
3 for senior citizens and minority senior citizens or for  
4 purposes related thereto, and shall develop and administer any  
5 State Plan for the Aging required by federal law.

6 (5) To solicit, accept, hold, and administer in behalf of  
7 the State any grants or legacies of money, securities, or  
8 property to the State of Illinois for services to senior  
9 citizens and minority senior citizens or purposes related  
10 thereto.

11 (6) To provide consultation and assistance to communities,  
12 area agencies on aging, and groups developing local services  
13 for senior citizens and minority senior citizens.

14 (7) To promote community education regarding the problems  
15 of senior citizens and minority senior citizens through  
16 institutes, publications, radio, television and the local  
17 press.

18 (8) To cooperate with agencies of the federal government in  
19 studies and conferences designed to examine the needs of senior  
20 citizens and minority senior citizens and to prepare programs  
21 and facilities to meet those needs.

22 (9) To establish and maintain information and referral  
23 sources throughout the State when not provided by other  
24 agencies.

25 (10) To provide the staff support as may reasonably be  
26 required by the Council and the Coordinating Committee of State

1 Agencies Serving Older Persons.

2 (11) To make and enforce rules and regulations necessary  
3 and proper to the performance of its duties.

4 (12) To establish and fund programs or projects or  
5 experimental facilities that are specially designed as  
6 alternatives to institutional care.

7 (13) To develop a training program to train the counselors  
8 presently employed by the Department's aging network to provide  
9 Medicare beneficiaries with counseling and advocacy in  
10 Medicare, private health insurance, and related health care  
11 coverage plans. The Department shall report to the General  
12 Assembly on the implementation of the training program on or  
13 before December 1, 1986.

14 (14) To make a grant to an institution of higher learning  
15 to study the feasibility of establishing and implementing an  
16 affirmative action employment plan for the recruitment,  
17 hiring, training and retraining of persons 60 or more years old  
18 for jobs for which their employment would not be precluded by  
19 law.

20 (15) To present one award annually in each of the  
21 categories of community service, education, the performance  
22 and graphic arts, and the labor force to outstanding Illinois  
23 senior citizens and minority senior citizens in recognition of  
24 their individual contributions to either community service,  
25 education, the performance and graphic arts, or the labor  
26 force. The awards shall be presented to four senior citizens

1 and minority senior citizens selected from a list of 44  
2 nominees compiled annually by the Department. Nominations  
3 shall be solicited from senior citizens' service providers,  
4 area agencies on aging, senior citizens' centers, and senior  
5 citizens' organizations. The Department shall consult with the  
6 Coordinating Committee of State Agencies Serving Older Persons  
7 to determine which of the nominees shall be the recipient in  
8 each category of community service. The Department shall  
9 establish a central location within the State to be designated  
10 as the Senior Illinoisans Hall of Fame for the public display  
11 of all the annual awards, or replicas thereof.

12 (16) To establish multipurpose senior centers through area  
13 agencies on aging and to fund those new and existing  
14 multipurpose senior centers through area agencies on aging, the  
15 establishment and funding to begin in such areas of the State  
16 as the Department shall designate by rule and as specifically  
17 appropriated funds become available.

18 (17) To develop the content and format of the  
19 acknowledgment regarding non-recourse reverse mortgage loans  
20 under Section 6.1 of the Illinois Banking Act; to provide  
21 independent consumer information on reverse mortgages and  
22 alternatives; and to refer consumers to independent counseling  
23 services with expertise in reverse mortgages.

24 (18) To develop a pamphlet in English and Spanish which may  
25 be used by physicians licensed to practice medicine in all of  
26 its branches pursuant to the Medical Practice Act of 1987,

1 pharmacists licensed pursuant to the Pharmacy Practice Act of  
2 1987, and Illinois residents 65 years of age or older for the  
3 purpose of assisting physicians, pharmacists, and patients in  
4 monitoring prescriptions provided by various physicians and to  
5 aid persons 65 years of age or older in complying with  
6 directions for proper use of pharmaceutical prescriptions. The  
7 pamphlet may provide space for recording information including  
8 but not limited to the following:

9 (a) name and telephone number of the patient;

10 (b) name and telephone number of the prescribing  
11 physician;

12 (c) date of prescription;

13 (d) name of drug prescribed;

14 (e) directions for patient compliance; and

15 (f) name and telephone number of dispensing pharmacy.

16 In developing the pamphlet, the Department shall consult  
17 with the Illinois State Medical Society, the Center for  
18 Minority Health Services, the Illinois Pharmacists Association  
19 and senior citizens organizations. The Department shall  
20 distribute the pamphlets to physicians, pharmacists and  
21 persons 65 years of age or older or various senior citizen  
22 organizations throughout the State.

23 (19) To conduct a study by April 1, 1994 of the feasibility  
24 of implementing the Senior Companion Program throughout the  
25 State for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1994.

26 (20) With respect to contracts in effect on July 1, 1994,

1 the Department shall increase the grant amounts so that the  
2 reimbursement rates paid through the community care program for  
3 chore housekeeping services and home care aides ~~homemakers~~ are  
4 at the same rate, which shall be the higher of the 2 rates  
5 currently paid. With respect to all contracts entered into,  
6 renewed, or extended on or after July 1, 1994, the  
7 reimbursement rates paid through the community care program for  
8 chore housekeeping services and home care aides ~~homemakers~~  
9 shall be the same.

10 (21) From funds appropriated to the Department from the  
11 Meals on Wheels Fund, a special fund in the State treasury that  
12 is hereby created, and in accordance with State and federal  
13 guidelines and the intrastate funding formula, to make grants  
14 to area agencies on aging, designated by the Department, for  
15 the sole purpose of delivering meals to homebound persons 60  
16 years of age and older.

17 (22) To distribute, through its area agencies on aging,  
18 information alerting seniors on safety issues regarding  
19 emergency weather conditions, including extreme heat and cold,  
20 flooding, tornadoes, electrical storms, and other severe storm  
21 weather. The information shall include all necessary  
22 instructions for safety and all emergency telephone numbers of  
23 organizations that will provide additional information and  
24 assistance.

25 (23) To develop guidelines for the organization and  
26 implementation of Volunteer Services Credit Programs to be

1 administered by Area Agencies on Aging or community based  
2 senior service organizations. The Department shall hold public  
3 hearings on the proposed guidelines for public comment,  
4 suggestion, and determination of public interest. The  
5 guidelines shall be based on the findings of other states and  
6 of community organizations in Illinois that are currently  
7 operating volunteer services credit programs or demonstration  
8 volunteer services credit programs. The Department shall offer  
9 guidelines for all aspects of the programs including, but not  
10 limited to, the following:

11 (a) types of services to be offered by volunteers;

12 (b) types of services to be received upon the  
13 redemption of service credits;

14 (c) issues of liability for the volunteers and the  
15 administering organizations;

16 (d) methods of tracking service credits earned and  
17 service credits redeemed;

18 (e) issues of time limits for redemption of service  
19 credits;

20 (f) methods of recruitment of volunteers;

21 (g) utilization of community volunteers, community  
22 service groups, and other resources for delivering  
23 services to be received by service credit program clients;

24 (h) accountability and assurance that services will be  
25 available to individuals who have earned service credits;  
26 and

1 (i) volunteer screening and qualifications.

2 The Department shall submit a written copy of the guidelines to  
3 the General Assembly by July 1, 1998.

4 (Source: P.A. 92-651, eff. 7-11-02.)

5 (20 ILCS 105/4.02) (from Ch. 23, par. 6104.02)

6 Sec. 4.02. The Department shall establish a program of  
7 services to prevent unnecessary institutionalization of  
8 persons age 60 and older in need of long term care or who are  
9 established as persons who suffer from Alzheimer's disease or a  
10 related disorder under the Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Act,  
11 thereby enabling them to remain in their own homes or in other  
12 living arrangements. Such preventive services, which may be  
13 coordinated with other programs for the aged and monitored by  
14 area agencies on aging in cooperation with the Department, may  
15 include, but are not limited to, any or all of the following:

- 16 (a) home health services;
- 17 (b) home nursing services;
- 18 (c) home care aide ~~homemaker~~ services;
- 19 (d) chore and housekeeping services;
- 20 (e) adult day services;
- 21 (f) home-delivered meals;
- 22 (g) education in self-care;
- 23 (h) personal care services;
- 24 (i) adult day health services;
- 25 (j) habilitation services;



- 1           (k) respite care;
- 2           (k-5) community reintegration services;
- 3           (l) other nonmedical social services that may enable  
4 the person to become self-supporting; or
- 5           (m) clearinghouse for information provided by senior  
6 citizen home owners who want to rent rooms to or share  
7 living space with other senior citizens.

8           The Department shall establish eligibility standards for  
9 such services taking into consideration the unique economic and  
10 social needs of the target population for whom they are to be  
11 provided. Such eligibility standards shall be based on the  
12 recipient's ability to pay for services; provided, however,  
13 that in determining the amount and nature of services for which  
14 a person may qualify, consideration shall not be given to the  
15 value of cash, property or other assets held in the name of the  
16 person's spouse pursuant to a written agreement dividing  
17 marital property into equal but separate shares or pursuant to  
18 a transfer of the person's interest in a home to his spouse,  
19 provided that the spouse's share of the marital property is not  
20 made available to the person seeking such services.

21           Beginning July 1, 2002, the Department shall require as a  
22 condition of eligibility that all financially eligible  
23 applicants and recipients apply for medical assistance under  
24 Article V of the Illinois Public Aid Code in accordance with  
25 rules promulgated by the Department.

26           The Department shall, in conjunction with the Department of

1 Public Aid (now Department of Healthcare and Family Services),  
2 seek appropriate amendments under Sections 1915 and 1924 of the  
3 Social Security Act. The purpose of the amendments shall be to  
4 extend eligibility for home and community based services under  
5 Sections 1915 and 1924 of the Social Security Act to persons  
6 who transfer to or for the benefit of a spouse those amounts of  
7 income and resources allowed under Section 1924 of the Social  
8 Security Act. Subject to the approval of such amendments, the  
9 Department shall extend the provisions of Section 5-4 of the  
10 Illinois Public Aid Code to persons who, but for the provision  
11 of home or community-based services, would require the level of  
12 care provided in an institution, as is provided for in federal  
13 law. Those persons no longer found to be eligible for receiving  
14 noninstitutional services due to changes in the eligibility  
15 criteria shall be given 60 days notice prior to actual  
16 termination. Those persons receiving notice of termination may  
17 contact the Department and request the determination be  
18 appealed at any time during the 60 day notice period. With the  
19 exception of the lengthened notice and time frame for the  
20 appeal request, the appeal process shall follow the normal  
21 procedure. In addition, each person affected regardless of the  
22 circumstances for discontinued eligibility shall be given  
23 notice and the opportunity to purchase the necessary services  
24 through the Community Care Program. If the individual does not  
25 elect to purchase services, the Department shall advise the  
26 individual of alternative services. The target population

1 identified for the purposes of this Section are persons age 60  
2 and older with an identified service need. Priority shall be  
3 given to those who are at imminent risk of  
4 institutionalization. The services shall be provided to  
5 eligible persons age 60 and older to the extent that the cost  
6 of the services together with the other personal maintenance  
7 expenses of the persons are reasonably related to the standards  
8 established for care in a group facility appropriate to the  
9 person's condition. These non-institutional services, pilot  
10 projects or experimental facilities may be provided as part of  
11 or in addition to those authorized by federal law or those  
12 funded and administered by the Department of Human Services.  
13 The Departments of Human Services, Healthcare and Family  
14 Services, Public Health, Veterans' Affairs, and Commerce and  
15 Economic Opportunity and other appropriate agencies of State,  
16 federal and local governments shall cooperate with the  
17 Department on Aging in the establishment and development of the  
18 non-institutional services. The Department shall require an  
19 annual audit from all chore/housekeeping and home care aide  
20 ~~homemaker~~ vendors contracting with the Department under this  
21 Section. The annual audit shall assure that each audited  
22 vendor's procedures are in compliance with Department's  
23 financial reporting guidelines requiring an administrative and  
24 employee wage and benefits cost split as defined in  
25 administrative rules. The audit is a public record under the  
26 Freedom of Information Act. The Department shall execute,

1 relative to the nursing home prescreening project, written  
2 inter-agency agreements with the Department of Human Services  
3 and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, to effect  
4 the following: (1) intake procedures and common eligibility  
5 criteria for those persons who are receiving non-institutional  
6 services; and (2) the establishment and development of  
7 non-institutional services in areas of the State where they are  
8 not currently available or are undeveloped. On and after July  
9 1, 1996, all nursing home prescreenings for individuals 60  
10 years of age or older shall be conducted by the Department.

11 As part of the Department on Aging's routine training of  
12 case managers and case manager supervisors, the Department may  
13 include information on family futures planning for persons who  
14 are age 60 or older and who are caregivers of their adult  
15 children with developmental disabilities. The content of the  
16 training shall be at the Department's discretion.

17 The Department is authorized to establish a system of  
18 recipient copayment for services provided under this Section,  
19 such copayment to be based upon the recipient's ability to pay  
20 but in no case to exceed the actual cost of the services  
21 provided. Additionally, any portion of a person's income which  
22 is equal to or less than the federal poverty standard shall not  
23 be considered by the Department in determining the copayment.  
24 The level of such copayment shall be adjusted whenever  
25 necessary to reflect any change in the officially designated  
26 federal poverty standard.

1           The Department, or the Department's authorized  
2 representative, shall recover the amount of moneys expended for  
3 services provided to or in behalf of a person under this  
4 Section by a claim against the person's estate or against the  
5 estate of the person's surviving spouse, but no recovery may be  
6 had until after the death of the surviving spouse, if any, and  
7 then only at such time when there is no surviving child who is  
8 under age 21, blind, or permanently and totally disabled. This  
9 paragraph, however, shall not bar recovery, at the death of the  
10 person, of moneys for services provided to the person or in  
11 behalf of the person under this Section to which the person was  
12 not entitled; provided that such recovery shall not be enforced  
13 against any real estate while it is occupied as a homestead by  
14 the surviving spouse or other dependent, if no claims by other  
15 creditors have been filed against the estate, or, if such  
16 claims have been filed, they remain dormant for failure of  
17 prosecution or failure of the claimant to compel administration  
18 of the estate for the purpose of payment. This paragraph shall  
19 not bar recovery from the estate of a spouse, under Sections  
20 1915 and 1924 of the Social Security Act and Section 5-4 of the  
21 Illinois Public Aid Code, who precedes a person receiving  
22 services under this Section in death. All moneys for services  
23 paid to or in behalf of the person under this Section shall be  
24 claimed for recovery from the deceased spouse's estate.  
25 "Homestead", as used in this paragraph, means the dwelling  
26 house and contiguous real estate occupied by a surviving spouse

1 or relative, as defined by the rules and regulations of the  
2 Department of Healthcare and Family Services, regardless of the  
3 value of the property.

4 The Department shall develop procedures to enhance  
5 availability of services on evenings, weekends, and on an  
6 emergency basis to meet the respite needs of caregivers.  
7 Procedures shall be developed to permit the utilization of  
8 services in successive blocks of 24 hours up to the monthly  
9 maximum established by the Department. Workers providing these  
10 services shall be appropriately trained.

11 Beginning on the effective date of this Amendatory Act of  
12 1991, no person may perform chore/housekeeping and home care  
13 aide ~~homemaker~~ services under a program authorized by this  
14 Section unless that person has been issued a certificate of  
15 pre-service to do so by his or her employing agency.  
16 Information gathered to effect such certification shall  
17 include (i) the person's name, (ii) the date the person was  
18 hired by his or her current employer, and (iii) the training,  
19 including dates and levels. Persons engaged in the program  
20 authorized by this Section before the effective date of this  
21 amendatory Act of 1991 shall be issued a certificate of all  
22 pre- and in-service training from his or her employer upon  
23 submitting the necessary information. The employing agency  
24 shall be required to retain records of all staff pre- and  
25 in-service training, and shall provide such records to the  
26 Department upon request and upon termination of the employer's

1 contract with the Department. In addition, the employing agency  
2 is responsible for the issuance of certifications of in-service  
3 training completed to their employees.

4 The Department is required to develop a system to ensure  
5 that persons working as home care aides ~~homemakers~~ and chore  
6 housekeepers receive increases in their wages when the federal  
7 minimum wage is increased by requiring vendors to certify that  
8 they are meeting the federal minimum wage statute for home care  
9 aides ~~homemakers~~ and chore housekeepers. An employer that  
10 cannot ensure that the minimum wage increase is being given to  
11 home care aides ~~homemakers~~ and chore housekeepers shall be  
12 denied any increase in reimbursement costs.

13 The Community Care Program Advisory Committee is created in  
14 the Department on Aging. The Director shall appoint individuals  
15 to serve in the Committee, who shall serve at their own  
16 expense. Members of the Committee must abide by all applicable  
17 ethics laws. The Committee shall advise the Department on  
18 issues related to the Department's program of services to  
19 prevent unnecessary institutionalization. The Committee shall  
20 meet on a bi-monthly basis and shall serve to identify and  
21 advise the Department on present and potential issues affecting  
22 the service delivery network, the program's clients, and the  
23 Department and to recommend solution strategies. Persons  
24 appointed to the Committee shall be appointed on, but not  
25 limited to, their own and their agency's experience with the  
26 program, geographic representation, and willingness to serve.

1 The Committee shall include, but not be limited to,  
2 representatives from the following agencies and organizations:

3 (a) at least 4 adult day service representatives;

4 (b) at least 4 case coordination unit representatives;

5 (c) at least 4 representatives from in-home direct care  
6 service agencies;

7 (d) at least 2 representatives of statewide trade or  
8 labor unions that represent in-home direct care service  
9 staff;

10 (e) at least 2 representatives of Area Agencies on  
11 Aging;

12 (f) at least 2 non-provider representatives from a  
13 policy, advocacy, research, or other service organization;

14 (g) at least 2 representatives from a statewide  
15 membership organization for senior citizens; and

16 (h) at least 2 citizen members 60 years of age or  
17 older.

18 Nominations may be presented from any agency or State  
19 association with interest in the program. The Director, or his  
20 or her designee, shall serve as the permanent co-chair of the  
21 advisory committee. One other co-chair shall be nominated and  
22 approved by the members of the committee on an annual basis.  
23 Committee members' terms of appointment shall be for 4 years  
24 with one-quarter of the appointees' terms expiring each year.  
25 At no time may a member serve more than one consecutive term in  
26 any capacity on the committee. The Department shall fill



1 vacancies that have a remaining term of over one year, and this  
2 replacement shall occur through the annual replacement of  
3 expiring terms. The Director shall designate Department staff  
4 to provide technical assistance and staff support to the  
5 committee. Department representation shall not constitute  
6 membership of the committee. All Committee papers, issues,  
7 recommendations, reports, and meeting memoranda are advisory  
8 only. The Director, or his or her designee, shall make a  
9 written report, as requested by the Committee, regarding issues  
10 before the Committee.

11 The Department on Aging and the Department of Human  
12 Services shall cooperate in the development and submission of  
13 an annual report on programs and services provided under this  
14 Section. Such joint report shall be filed with the Governor and  
15 the General Assembly on or before September 30 each year.

16 The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly shall  
17 be satisfied by filing copies of the report with the Speaker,  
18 the Minority Leader and the Clerk of the House of  
19 Representatives and the President, the Minority Leader and the  
20 Secretary of the Senate and the Legislative Research Unit, as  
21 required by Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization  
22 Act and filing such additional copies with the State Government  
23 Report Distribution Center for the General Assembly as is  
24 required under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State Library  
25 Act.

26 Those persons previously found eligible for receiving

1 non-institutional services whose services were discontinued  
2 under the Emergency Budget Act of Fiscal Year 1992, and who do  
3 not meet the eligibility standards in effect on or after July  
4 1, 1992, shall remain ineligible on and after July 1, 1992.  
5 Those persons previously not required to cost-share and who  
6 were required to cost-share effective March 1, 1992, shall  
7 continue to meet cost-share requirements on and after July 1,  
8 1992. Beginning July 1, 1992, all clients will be required to  
9 meet eligibility, cost-share, and other requirements and will  
10 have services discontinued or altered when they fail to meet  
11 these requirements.

12 (Source: P.A. 93-85, eff. 1-1-04; 93-902, eff. 8-10-04; 94-48,  
13 eff. 7-1-05; 94-269, eff. 7-19-05; 94-336, eff. 7-26-05;  
14 94-954, eff. 6-27-06.)

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
16 becoming law.