

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2009 and 2010 SB0779

Introduced 2/6/2009, by Sen. John J. Cullerton

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

310 ILCS 80/5

Amends the Shelter Residents Protection Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning homeless persons' savings accounts.

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1 AN ACT concerning housing.

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

- Section 5. The Shelter Residents Protection Act is amended by changing Section 5 as follows:
- 6 (310 ILCS 80/5)

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- 7 Sec. 5. Homeless persons; savings.
 - (a) If a homeless person resides at a shelter, that that person may open a passbook savings account at a bank or savings and loan association subject to the requirements imposed by the bank or savings and loan association. In the alternative, the homeless person may enter into a written agreement with the shelter in which he or she resides; the agreement may provide that the shelter will accept and hold moneys belonging to the homeless person. Under such an agreement, the shelter shall do the following:
 - (1) Place the moneys in a non-interest bearing account for the homeless person, at no cost to that person.
 - (2) Segregate, from all other moneys or accounts held or maintained by the shelter, moneys accepted from and held for homeless persons.
- 22 (3) Maintain, separately for each homeless person with 23 whom an agreement is made under this Section, an accurate

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- accounting of the moneys accepted from, held for, and withdrawn by that person. Upon a homeless person's request, the shelter shall provide a copy of the accounting concerning that person's moneys.
 - (4) Pay to the homeless person, within 48 hours after the person's request, the amount of the person's moneys held by the shelter or any lesser amount requested by the homeless person.
 - (b) Money held by a shelter under this Section shall not be subject to assignment, attachment, garnishment, set-off, or other process in aid of creditors.
- 12 (c) For purposes of this Section, "homeless person" means 13 either of the following:
 - (1) An individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; or
 - (2) An individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is any of the following:
 - (A) A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill).
 - (B) An institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized.
 - (C) A public or private place not designed for, or

- 1 ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation
- 2 for human beings.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 87-1093.)