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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2057

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 2057 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Illinois Premise Alert Program (PAP) Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. It is the policy of the State of  
7 Illinois to ensure that consistently high levels of public  
8 safety services are available to all members of the State,  
9 including people who may require special consideration in order  
10 to access services. This program shall seek to afford people  
11 with disabilities or special needs or both the same access to  
12 public safety services provided to all citizens. It is the  
13 intent of this program to offer guidance and direction to  
14 public safety workers in responding to and assisting those  
15 people with special needs or disabilities or both with whom  
16 they will have contact in the performance of their duties and

1 responsibilities. The ability to effectively deal with special  
2 needs individuals is enhanced with knowledge or information.  
3 The ability to identify special needs individuals, their places  
4 of employment, educational facilities, and residences are  
5 valuable resources in instances when or if an emergency  
6 response by law enforcement or fire protection personnel or  
7 both are needed.

8 Section 10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

9 "Disability" means an individual's physical or mental  
10 impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major  
11 life activities; a record of such impairment; or when the  
12 individual is regarded as having such an impairment.

13 "Special needs individuals" means those individuals who  
14 have or are at increased risk for a chronic physical,  
15 developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition and who also  
16 require health and related services of a type or amount beyond  
17 that required by individuals generally.

18 "Public safety agency" means a functional division of a  
19 public agency that provides firefighting, police, medical, or  
20 other emergency services.

21 "Computer aided dispatch" or "CAD" means a database  
22 maintained by the public safety agency or public safety  
23 answering point used in conjunction with 9-1-1 caller data.

24 "Premise Alert Program" or "PAP" means a computer aided  
25 dispatch database of individuals with special needs maintained

1 by public safety agencies.

2 Section 15. Reporting of Special Needs Individuals.

3 (a) Public safety agencies shall make reasonable efforts to  
4 publicize the Premise Alert Program (PAP) database. Means of  
5 publicizing the database include, but are not limited to,  
6 pamphlets and websites.

7 (b) Families, caregivers, or the individuals with  
8 disabilities or special needs may contact their local law  
9 enforcement agency or fire department or fire protection  
10 district.

11 (c) Public safety workers are to be cognitive of special  
12 needs individuals they may come across when they respond to  
13 calls. If workers are able to identify individuals who have  
14 special needs, they shall try to ascertain as specifically as  
15 possible what that special need might be. The public safety  
16 worker should attempt to verify the special need as provided in  
17 item (2) of subsection (d).

18 (d) The disabled individual's name, date of birth, phone  
19 number, and residential address or place of employment should  
20 also be obtained for possible entry into the PAP database.

21 (1) Whenever possible, it is preferable that written  
22 permission is obtained from a parent, guardian, family  
23 member, or caregiver of the individual themselves prior to  
24 being entered into the PAP database.

25 (2) No individual may be entered into a PAP database

1 unless the special need has been verified. Acceptable means  
2 of verifying a special need for purposes of this program  
3 shall include statements by:

- 4 (A) the individual,
- 5 (B) family members,
- 6 (C) friends,
- 7 (D) caregivers, or
- 8 (E) medical personnel familiar with the  
9 individual.

10 (e) For public safety agencies that share the same CAD  
11 database, information collected by one agency serviced by the  
12 CAD database is to be disseminated to all agencies utilizing  
13 that database.

14 (f) Information received at an incorrect public safety  
15 agency shall be accepted and forwarded to the correct agency as  
16 soon as possible.

17 Section 20. Provision of information to the field. When  
18 special needs information comes up in a CAD database, the  
19 telecommunicator shall relay that information to responding  
20 personnel.

21 Section 25. Confidentiality. The information gathered as  
22 part of PAP shall remain strictly confidential. The information  
23 shall be used only to provide assistance to emergency medical  
24 and police responders. No public safety worker shall knowingly

1 violate this confidentiality clause. Citizens who believe  
2 their health privacy rights have been violated may file a  
3 complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
4 (DHHS) via the Office of Civil Rights (OCR).

5 Section 30. Liability. Nothing in this Act shall be  
6 construed to create a duty of care or ground of liability for  
7 injury to persons or property.

8 Section 35. Citizen advisory. Citizens electing to  
9 participate in PAP must be advised that the provision of  
10 special needs information will not result in preferential  
11 treatment.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
13 becoming law."