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HB4541

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2405/3

from Ch. 23, par. 3434

Amends the Disabled Persons Rehabilitation Act. Provides that a person is not eligible for employment as a personal care attendant or personal assistant under the Department of Human Services' Home Services Program if that person has been convicted of a felony, has been arrested for a criminal offense, or is an immediate family member of the individual receiving services under the Program.

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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 Disabled Persons Rehabilitation Act is
5 amended by changing Section 3 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2405/3) (from Ch. 23, par. 3434)

7 Sec. 3. Powers and duties. The Department shall have the
8 powers and duties enumerated herein:

9 (a) To co-operate with the federal government in the
10 administration of the provisions of the federal Rehabilitation
11 Act of 1973, as amended, of the Workforce Investment Act of
12 1998, and of the federal Social Security Act to the extent and
13 in the manner provided in these Acts.

14 (b) To prescribe and supervise such courses of vocational
15 training and provide such other services as may be necessary
16 for the habilitation and rehabilitation of persons with one or
17 more disabilities, including the administrative activities
18 under subsection (e) of this Section, and to co-operate with
19 State and local school authorities and other recognized
20 agencies engaged in habilitation, rehabilitation and
21 comprehensive rehabilitation services; and to cooperate with
22 the Department of Children and Family Services regarding the
23 care and education of children with one or more disabilities.

1 (c) (Blank).

2 (d) To report in writing, to the Governor, annually on or
3 before the first day of December, and at such other times and
4 in such manner and upon such subjects as the Governor may
5 require. The annual report shall contain (1) a statement of the
6 existing condition of comprehensive rehabilitation services,
7 habilitation and rehabilitation in the State; (2) a statement
8 of suggestions and recommendations with reference to the
9 development of comprehensive rehabilitation services,
10 habilitation and rehabilitation in the State; and (3) an
11 itemized statement of the amounts of money received from
12 federal, State and other sources, and of the objects and
13 purposes to which the respective items of these several amounts
14 have been devoted.

15 (e) (Blank).

16 (f) To establish a program of services to prevent
17 unnecessary institutionalization of persons with Alzheimer's
18 disease and related disorders or persons in need of long term
19 care who are established as blind or disabled as defined by the
20 Social Security Act, thereby enabling them to remain in their
21 own homes or other living arrangements. Such preventive
22 services may include, but are not limited to, any or all of the
23 following:

24 (1) home health services;

25 (2) home nursing services;

26 (3) homemaker services;

- 1 (4) chore and housekeeping services;
- 2 (5) day care services;
- 3 (6) home-delivered meals;
- 4 (7) education in self-care;
- 5 (8) personal care services;
- 6 (9) adult day health services;
- 7 (10) habilitation services;
- 8 (11) respite care; or
- 9 (12) other nonmedical social services that may enable
- 10 the person to become self-supporting.

11 The Department shall establish eligibility standards for
12 such services taking into consideration the unique economic and
13 social needs of the population for whom they are to be
14 provided. Such eligibility standards may be based on the
15 recipient's ability to pay for services; provided, however,
16 that any portion of a person's income that is equal to or less
17 than the "protected income" level shall not be considered by
18 the Department in determining eligibility. The "protected
19 income" level shall be determined by the Department, shall
20 never be less than the federal poverty standard, and shall be
21 adjusted each year to reflect changes in the Consumer Price
22 Index For All Urban Consumers as determined by the United
23 States Department of Labor. The standards must provide that a
24 person may have not more than \$10,000 in assets to be eligible
25 for the services, and the Department may increase the asset
26 limitation by rule. Additionally, in determining the amount and

1 nature of services for which a person may qualify,
2 consideration shall not be given to the value of cash, property
3 or other assets held in the name of the person's spouse
4 pursuant to a written agreement dividing marital property into
5 equal but separate shares or pursuant to a transfer of the
6 person's interest in a home to his spouse, provided that the
7 spouse's share of the marital property is not made available to
8 the person seeking such services.

9 The services shall be provided to eligible persons to
10 prevent unnecessary or premature institutionalization, to the
11 extent that the cost of the services, together with the other
12 personal maintenance expenses of the persons, are reasonably
13 related to the standards established for care in a group
14 facility appropriate to their condition. These
15 non-institutional services, pilot projects or experimental
16 facilities may be provided as part of or in addition to those
17 authorized by federal law or those funded and administered by
18 the Illinois Department on Aging.

19 Personal care attendants shall be paid:

20 (i) A \$5 per hour minimum rate beginning July 1, 1995.

21 (ii) A \$5.30 per hour minimum rate beginning July 1,
22 1997.

23 (iii) A \$5.40 per hour minimum rate beginning July 1,
24 1998.

25 Solely for the purposes of coverage under the Illinois
26 Public Labor Relations Act (5 ILCS 315/), personal care

1 attendants and personal assistants providing services under
2 the Department's Home Services Program shall be considered to
3 be public employees and the State of Illinois shall be
4 considered to be their employer as of the effective date of
5 this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, but not
6 before. The State shall engage in collective bargaining with an
7 exclusive representative of personal care attendants and
8 personal assistants working under the Home Services Program
9 concerning their terms and conditions of employment that are
10 within the State's control. Nothing in this paragraph shall be
11 understood to limit the right of the persons receiving services
12 defined in this Section to hire and fire personal care
13 attendants and personal assistants or supervise them within the
14 limitations set by the Home Services Program. The State shall
15 not be considered to be the employer of personal care
16 attendants and personal assistants for any purposes not
17 specifically provided in this amendatory Act of the 93rd
18 General Assembly, including but not limited to, purposes of
19 vicarious liability in tort and purposes of statutory
20 retirement or health insurance benefits. Personal care
21 attendants and personal assistants shall not be covered by the
22 State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971 (5 ILCS 375/).

23 A person is not eligible for employment as a personal care
24 attendant or personal assistant under the Department's Home
25 Services Program if that person has been convicted of a felony,
26 has been arrested for a criminal offense, or is an immediate

1 family member of the individual receiving services under the
2 Program.

3 The Department shall execute, relative to the nursing home
4 prescreening project, as authorized by Section 4.03 of the
5 Illinois Act on the Aging, written inter-agency agreements with
6 the Department on Aging and the Department of Public Aid (now
7 Department of Healthcare and Family Services), to effect the
8 following: (i) intake procedures and common eligibility
9 criteria for those persons who are receiving non-institutional
10 services; and (ii) the establishment and development of
11 non-institutional services in areas of the State where they are
12 not currently available or are undeveloped. On and after July
13 1, 1996, all nursing home prescreenings for individuals 18
14 through 59 years of age shall be conducted by the Department.

15 The Department is authorized to establish a system of
16 recipient cost-sharing for services provided under this
17 Section. The cost-sharing shall be based upon the recipient's
18 ability to pay for services, but in no case shall the
19 recipient's share exceed the actual cost of the services
20 provided. Protected income shall not be considered by the
21 Department in its determination of the recipient's ability to
22 pay a share of the cost of services. The level of cost-sharing
23 shall be adjusted each year to reflect changes in the
24 "protected income" level. The Department shall deduct from the
25 recipient's share of the cost of services any money expended by
26 the recipient for disability-related expenses.

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 and the Department on Aging shall cooperate
5 in the development and submission of an annual report on
6 programs and services provided under this Section. Such joint
7 report shall be filed with the Governor and the General
8 Assembly on or before March 30 each year.

9 The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly shall
10 be satisfied by filing copies of the report with the Speaker,
11 the Minority Leader and the Clerk of the House of
12 Representatives and the President, the Minority Leader and the
13 Secretary of the Senate and the Legislative Research Unit, as
14 required by Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization
15 Act, and filing additional copies with the State Government
16 Report Distribution Center for the General Assembly as required
17 under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State Library Act.

18 (g) To establish such subdivisions of the Department as
19 shall be desirable and assign to the various subdivisions the
20 responsibilities and duties placed upon the Department by law.

21 (h) To cooperate and enter into any necessary agreements
22 with the Department of Employment Security for the provision of
23 job placement and job referral services to clients of the
24 Department, including job service registration of such clients
25 with Illinois Employment Security offices and making job
26 listings maintained by the Department of Employment Security

1 available to such clients.

2 (i) To possess all powers reasonable and necessary for the
3 exercise and administration of the powers, duties and
4 responsibilities of the Department which are provided for by
5 law.

6 (j) To establish a procedure whereby new providers of
7 personal care attendant services shall submit vouchers to the
8 State for payment two times during their first month of
9 employment and one time per month thereafter. In no case shall
10 the Department pay personal care attendants an hourly wage that
11 is less than the federal minimum wage.

12 (k) To provide adequate notice to providers of chore and
13 housekeeping services informing them that they are entitled to
14 an interest payment on bills which are not promptly paid
15 pursuant to Section 3 of the State Prompt Payment Act.

16 (l) To establish, operate and maintain a Statewide Housing
17 Clearinghouse of information on available, government
18 subsidized housing accessible to disabled persons and
19 available privately owned housing accessible to disabled
20 persons. The information shall include but not be limited to
21 the location, rental requirements, access features and
22 proximity to public transportation of available housing. The
23 Clearinghouse shall consist of at least a computerized database
24 for the storage and retrieval of information and a separate or
25 shared toll free telephone number for use by those seeking
26 information from the Clearinghouse. Department offices and

1 personnel throughout the State shall also assist in the
2 operation of the Statewide Housing Clearinghouse. Cooperation
3 with local, State and federal housing managers shall be sought
4 and extended in order to frequently and promptly update the
5 Clearinghouse's information.

6 (m) To assure that the names and case records of persons
7 who received or are receiving services from the Department,
8 including persons receiving vocational rehabilitation, home
9 services, or other services, and those attending one of the
10 Department's schools or other supervised facility shall be
11 confidential and not be open to the general public. Those case
12 records and reports or the information contained in those
13 records and reports shall be disclosed by the Director only to
14 proper law enforcement officials, individuals authorized by a
15 court, the General Assembly or any committee or commission of
16 the General Assembly, and other persons and for reasons as the
17 Director designates by rule. Disclosure by the Director may be
18 only in accordance with other applicable law.

19 (Source: P.A. 94-252, eff. 1-1-06; 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)