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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4541

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4541 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

1 more disabilities, including the administrative activities
2 under subsection (e) of this Section, and to co-operate with
3 State and local school authorities and other recognized
4 agencies engaged in habilitation, rehabilitation and
5 comprehensive rehabilitation services; and to cooperate with
6 the Department of Children and Family Services regarding the
7 care and education of children with one or more disabilities.

8 (c) (Blank).

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

22 (e) (Blank).

23 (f) To establish a program of services to prevent
24 unnecessary institutionalization of persons with Alzheimer's
25 disease and related disorders or persons in need of long term
26 care who are established as blind or disabled as defined by the

1 Social Security Act, thereby enabling them to remain in their
2 own homes or other living arrangements. Such preventive
3 services may include, but are not limited to, any or all of the
4 following:

5 (1) home health services;

6 (2) home nursing services;

7 (3) homemaker services;

8 (4) chore and housekeeping services;

9 (5) day care services;

10 (6) home-delivered meals;

11 (7) education in self-care;

12 (8) personal care services;

13 (9) adult day health services;

14 (10) habilitation services;

15 (11) respite care; or

16 (12) other nonmedical social services that may enable
17 the person to become self-supporting.

18 The Department shall establish eligibility standards for
19 such services taking into consideration the unique economic and
20 social needs of the population for whom they are to be
21 provided. Such eligibility standards may be based on the
22 recipient's ability to pay for services; provided, however,
23 that any portion of a person's income that is equal to or less
24 than the "protected income" level shall not be considered by
25 the Department in determining eligibility. The "protected
26 income" level shall be determined by the Department, shall

1 never be less than the federal poverty standard, and shall be
2 adjusted each year to reflect changes in the Consumer Price
3 Index For All Urban Consumers as determined by the United
4 States Department of Labor. The standards must provide that a
5 person may have not more than \$10,000 in assets to be eligible
6 for the services, and the Department may increase the asset
7 limitation by rule. Additionally, in determining the amount and
8 nature of services for which a person may qualify,
9 consideration shall not be given to the value of cash, property
10 or other assets held in the name of the person's spouse
11 pursuant to a written agreement dividing marital property into
12 equal but separate shares or pursuant to a transfer of the
13 person's interest in a home to his spouse, provided that the
14 spouse's share of the marital property is not made available to
15 the person seeking such services.

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

26 Personal care attendants shall be paid:

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

2 (ii) A \$5.30 per hour minimum rate beginning July 1,
3 1997.

4 (iii) A \$5.40 per hour minimum rate beginning July 1,
5 1998.

6 Solely for the purposes of coverage under the Illinois
7 Public Labor Relations Act (5 ILCS 315/), personal care
8 attendants and personal assistants providing services under
9 the Department's Home Services Program shall be considered to
10 be public employees and the State of Illinois shall be
11 considered to be their employer as of the effective date of
12 this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, but not
13 before. The State shall engage in collective bargaining with an
14 exclusive representative of personal care attendants and
15 personal assistants working under the Home Services Program
16 concerning their terms and conditions of employment that are
17 within the State's control. Nothing in this paragraph shall be
18 understood to limit the right of the persons receiving services
19 defined in this Section to hire and fire personal care
20 attendants and personal assistants or supervise them within the
21 limitations set by the Home Services Program. The State shall
22 not be considered to be the employer of personal care
23 attendants and personal assistants for any purposes not
24 specifically provided in this amendatory Act of the 93rd
25 General Assembly, including but not limited to, purposes of
26 vicarious liability in tort and purposes of statutory

1 retirement or health insurance benefits. Personal care
2 attendants and personal assistants shall not be covered by the
3 State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971 (5 ILCS 375/).

4 Any person who applies for employment as a personal care
5 attendant or personal assistant under the Department's Home
6 Services Program shall submit to a criminal history background
7 check. The Department shall promulgate rules necessary to
8 implement this provision.

9 A person is not eligible for employment as a personal care
10 attendant or personal assistant under the Department's Home
11 Services Program if that person has been convicted of a felony,
12 has been arrested for a criminal offense, or has an outstanding
13 arrest warrant.

14 The criminal history background check requirement imposed
15 by this Section shall not apply to persons who apply for
16 employment as a personal care attendant or personal assistant
17 under any program administered by the Department on Aging.

18 The Department shall execute, relative to the nursing home
19 prescreening project, as authorized by Section 4.03 of the
20 Illinois Act on the Aging, written inter-agency agreements with
21 the Department on Aging and the Department of Public Aid (now
22 Department of Healthcare and Family Services), to effect the
23 following: (i) intake procedures and common eligibility
24 criteria for those persons who are receiving non-institutional
25 services; and (ii) the establishment and development of
26 non-institutional services in areas of the State where they are

1 not currently available or are undeveloped. On and after July
2 1, 1996, all nursing home prescreenings for individuals 18
3 through 59 years of age shall be conducted by the Department.

4 The Department is authorized to establish a system of
5 recipient cost-sharing for services provided under this
6 Section. The cost-sharing shall be based upon the recipient's
7 ability to pay for services, but in no case shall the
8 recipient's share exceed the actual cost of the services
9 provided. Protected income shall not be considered by the
10 Department in its determination of the recipient's ability to
11 pay a share of the cost of services. The level of cost-sharing
12 shall be adjusted each year to reflect changes in the
13 "protected income" level. The Department shall deduct from the
14 recipient's share of the cost of services any money expended by
15 the recipient for disability-related expenses.

16 The Department, or the Department's authorized
17 representative, shall recover the amount of moneys expended for
18 services provided to or in behalf of a person under this
19 Section by a claim against the person's estate or against the
20 estate of the person's surviving spouse, but no recovery may be
21 had until after the death of the surviving spouse, if any, and
22 then only at such time when there is no surviving child who is
23 under age 21, blind, or permanently and totally disabled. This
24 paragraph, however, shall not bar recovery, at the death of the
25 person, of moneys for services provided to the person or in
26 behalf of the person under this Section to which the person was

1 not entitled; provided that such recovery shall not be enforced
2 against any real estate while it is occupied as a homestead by
3 the surviving spouse or other dependent, if no claims by other
4 creditors have been filed against the estate, or, if such
5 claims have been filed, they remain dormant for failure of
6 prosecution or failure of the claimant to compel administration
7 of the estate for the purpose of payment. This paragraph shall
8 not bar recovery from the estate of a spouse, under Sections
9 1915 and 1924 of the Social Security Act and Section 5-4 of the
10 Illinois Public Aid Code, who precedes a person receiving
11 services under this Section in death. All moneys for services
12 paid to or in behalf of the person under this Section shall be
13 claimed for recovery from the deceased spouse's estate.
14 "Homestead", as used in this paragraph, means the dwelling
15 house and contiguous real estate occupied by a surviving spouse
16 or relative, as defined by the rules and regulations of the
17 Department of Healthcare and Family Services, regardless of the
18 value of the property.

19 The Department and the Department on Aging shall cooperate
20 in the development and submission of an annual report on
21 programs and services provided under this Section. Such joint
22 report shall be filed with the Governor and the General
23 Assembly on or before March 30 each year.

24 The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly shall
25 be satisfied by filing copies of the report with the Speaker,
26 the Minority Leader and the Clerk of the House of

1 Representatives and the President, the Minority Leader and the
2 Secretary of the Senate and the Legislative Research Unit, as
3 required by Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization
4 Act, and filing additional copies with the State Government
5 Report Distribution Center for the General Assembly as required
6 under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State Library Act.

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

10 (h) To cooperate and enter into any necessary agreements
11 with the Department of Employment Security for the provision of
12 job placement and job referral services to clients of the
13 Department, including job service registration of such clients
14 with Illinois Employment Security offices and making job
15 listings maintained by the Department of Employment Security
16 available to such clients.

17 (i) To possess all powers reasonable and necessary for the
18 exercise and administration of the powers, duties and
19 responsibilities of the Department which are provided for by
20 law.

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

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

5 (l) To establish, operate and maintain a Statewide Housing
6 Clearinghouse of information on available, government
7 subsidized housing accessible to disabled persons and
8 available privately owned housing accessible to disabled
9 persons. The information shall include but not be limited to
10 the location, rental requirements, access features and
11 proximity to public transportation of available housing. The
12 Clearinghouse shall consist of at least a computerized database
13 for the storage and retrieval of information and a separate or
14 shared toll free telephone number for use by those seeking
15 information from the Clearinghouse. Department offices and
16 personnel throughout the State shall also assist in the
17 operation of the Statewide Housing Clearinghouse. Cooperation
18 with local, State and federal housing managers shall be sought
19 and extended in order to frequently and promptly update the
20 Clearinghouse's information.

21 (m) To assure that the names and case records of persons
22 who received or are receiving services from the Department,
23 including persons receiving vocational rehabilitation, home
24 services, or other services, and those attending one of the
25 Department's schools or other supervised facility shall be
26 confidential and not be open to the general public. Those case

1 records and reports or the information contained in those
2 records and reports shall be disclosed by the Director only to
3 proper law enforcement officials, individuals authorized by a
4 court, the General Assembly or any committee or commission of
5 the General Assembly, and other persons and for reasons as the
6 Director designates by rule. Disclosure by the Director may be
7 only in accordance with other applicable law.

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