

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 Section 8.08 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 105/8.08)

7 Sec. 8.08. Older direct care worker recognition. The
8 Department shall present one award annually to older direct
9 care workers in each of the following categories: Older
10 American Act Services, Home Health Services, Community Care
11 Program Services, Nursing Homes, and programs that provide
12 housing with services licensed or certified by the State. The
13 Department shall solicit nominations from associations
14 representing providers of the named services or settings and
15 trade associations representing applicable direct care
16 workers. Nominations shall be presented in a format designated
17 by the Department. Direct care workers honored with this award
18 must be 55 years of age or older and shall be recognized for
19 their dedication and commitment to improving the quality of
20 aging in Illinois above and beyond the confines of their job
21 description. Award recipients shall be honored in conjunction
22 with the Senior Illinoisans Hall of Fame awards ~~before their~~
23 ~~peers at the Governor's Conference on Aging or at a similar~~

1 ~~venue~~, shall have their pictures displayed on the Department's
2 website with their permission, and shall receive a letter of
3 commendation from the Governor. The Department shall include
4 the recipients of these awards in all Senior Hall of Fame
5 displays required by the Act on Aging. Except as otherwise
6 prohibited by law, the Department may solicit private sector
7 funding to underwrite the cost of all awards and recognition
8 materials and shall request that all associations representing
9 providers of the named services or settings and trade
10 associations applicable to direct care workers publicize the
11 awards and the award recipients in communications with their
12 members. The Department shall request nominations no later than
13 July 1, 2011, and every May 1 thereafter.

14 (Source: P.A. 96-376, eff. 8-13-09; 96-918, eff. 6-9-10.)

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