

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Fire Protection District Act is amended by
5 adding Section 11j as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 705/11j new)

7 Sec. 11j. Installation of access or key boxes. The board of
8 trustees of any fire protection district may, by ordinance,
9 require the installation of an access or key box if: (1) a
10 structure is protected by an automatic fire alarm or security
11 system or access to or within the structure or area is unduly
12 difficult because of secured openings; and (2) immediate access
13 is necessary for life-saving purposes. "Access or key box"
14 means a secure device with a lock operable only by a fire
15 department master key, and containing building entry keys and
16 other keys that may be required for access in an emergency.

17 The access or key box shall be of an approved type listed
18 in accordance with the most recently published version of the
19 standard Underwriters Laboratories 1037 and shall contain keys
20 to gain access as required by the fire chief of the fire
21 protection district, or his or her designee.

22 An ordinance enacted under this Section may specify
23 particular classes or types of structures or occupancies that

1 are required to install an access or key box. However, an
2 ordinance enacted under this Section shall not apply to single
3 family residential structures.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.