

1 AN ACT to create the Innovations in Long-term Care
2 Quality Grants Act.

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

5 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
6 Innovations in Long-term Care Quality Grants Act.

7 Section 5. Grant program. The Director of Public Health
8 shall establish a long-term care grant program that
9 demonstrates the best practices and innovation for long-term
10 care service, delivery, and housing. The grants must fund
11 programs that demonstrate creativity in service provision
12 through the scope of their program or service.

13 Section 10. Eligibility for grant. Grants may only be
14 made to facilities licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act.
15 Grants may only be made for projects that show innovations
16 and measurable improvement in resident care, quality of life,
17 use of technology, or customer satisfaction.

18 Section 15. Innovations in Long-term Care Quality
19 Demonstration Grants Fund. There is created in the State
20 treasury a special fund to be known as the Innovations in
21 Long-term Care Quality Demonstration Grants Fund. Grants
22 shall be funded using federal civil monetary penalties
23 collected and deposited into the Long Term Care
24 Monitor/Receiver Fund established under the Nursing Home Care
25 Act. Subject to appropriation, moneys in the Fund shall be
26 used for demonstration grants to nursing homes. Interest
27 earned on moneys in the Fund shall be deposited into the
28 Fund.

1 Section 20. Award of grants.

2 (a) Applications for grants must be made on forms
3 prescribed by the Director of Public Health.

4 (b) The applications must be reviewed, ranked, and
5 recommended by a commission composed of 5 representatives
6 chosen from recommendations made by organizations
7 representing long-term care facilities in Illinois, a citizen
8 member from AARP, one representative from a disabled advocacy
9 organization, one representative from the statewide ombudsman
10 organization, one representative from academia, the Director
11 of Public Health, the Director of Aging, and one
12 representative selected by the leader of each legislative
13 caucus. With the exception of legislative members, members
14 shall be appointed by the Director of Public Health. The
15 commission shall perform its duties under this subsection (b)
16 in consultation with the medical school located at the
17 Champaign-Urbana campus of the University of Illinois.

18 (c) The commission shall rank applications according to
19 the following criteria:

- 20 (1) improvement in direct care to residents;
- 21 (2) increased efficiency through the use of
22 technology;
- 23 (3) improved quality of care through the use of
24 technology;
- 25 (4) increased access and delivery of service;
- 26 (5) enhancement of nursing staff training;
- 27 (6) effectiveness of the project as a
28 demonstration; and
- 29 (7) transferability of the project to other sites.

30 (d) The Director shall award grants based on the
31 recommendations of the commission and after a thorough review
32 of the compliance history of the long-term care facility.

33 Section 95. The Nursing Home Care Act is amended by

1 changing Section 3-310 as follows:

2 (210 ILCS 45/3-310) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 4153-310)

3 Sec. 3-310. All penalties shall be paid to the
 4 Department within 10 days of receipt of notice of assessment
 5 or, if the penalty is contested under Section 3-309, within
 6 10 days of receipt of the final decision, unless the decision
 7 is appealed and the order is stayed by court order under
 8 Section 3-713. A penalty assessed under this Act shall be
 9 collected by the Department and shall be deposited with the
 10 State Treasurer into the Long Term Care Monitor/Receiver
 11 Fund. If the person or facility against whom a penalty has
 12 been assessed does not comply with a written demand for
 13 payment within 30 days, the Director shall issue an order to
 14 do any of the following:

15 (1) Direct the State Treasurer to deduct the amount
 16 of the fine from amounts otherwise due from the State for
 17 the penalty and remit that amount to the Department;

18 (2) Add the amount of the penalty to the facility's
 19 licensing fee; if the licensee refuses to make the
 20 payment at the time of application for renewal of its
 21 license, the license shall not be renewed; or

22 (3) Bring an action in circuit court to recover the
 23 amount of the penalty.

24 With the approval of the federal centers for Medicaid and
 25 Medicare services, the Director of Public Health shall set
 26 aside 50% of the federal civil monetary penalties collected
 27 each year to be used to award grants under the Innovations in
 28 Long-term Care Quality Grants Act.

29 (Source: P.A. 86-663.)

30 Section 300. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
 31 Section 5.570 as follows:

1 (30 ILCS 105/5.570 new)

2 Sec. 5.570. The Innovations in Long-term Care Quality
3 Demonstration Grants Fund.

4 Section 999. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.