AN ACT concerning health.

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

Section 5. The Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act is amended by changing Section 10 as follows:

(20 ILCS 1705/10) (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 100-10)

Sec. 10. To examine persons admitted to facilities of the Department for treatment of mental illness or developmental disability to determine alcoholism, drug addiction or other substance abuse. Based on such examination, the Department provide necessary medical, education shall and rehabilitation services, and shall may arrange for further assessment and referral of such persons to appropriate alcoholism or substance abuse services. Referral of such persons by the Department to appropriate alcoholism or substance abuse services shall be made to providers who are able to accept the persons and perform a further assessment within a clinically appropriate time. This Section does not require that the Department maintain an individual in a Department facility who is otherwise eligible for discharge as provided in the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code.

The Department shall not deny treatment and care to any person subject to admission to a facility under its control for treatment for a mental illness or developmental disability solely on the basis of their alcoholism, drug addiction or abuse of other substances.

(Source: P.A. 89-507, eff. 7-1-97.)