

1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
5 adding Section 12-21.22 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/12-21.22 new)

7 Sec. 12-21.22. Therapeutic recreation waiver services for
8 persons with developmental disabilities using self-directed
9 services. The Department of Healthcare and Family Services, in
10 consultation with the Department of Human Services, shall
11 submit the necessary application to the federal Centers for
12 Medicare and Medicaid Services to amend the Support Waiver for
13 Children and Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities and
14 the Adults with Developmental Disabilities Waiver to include a
15 therapeutic recreation service for individuals using the
16 self-directed service model known as Home Based Services. As
17 used in this Section, "therapeutic recreation" means
18 activity-based interventions to address the needs of
19 individuals with disabilities and promote psychological and
20 physical health, recovery, and well-being. Therapeutic
21 recreation may include using a variety of techniques that
22 include arts and crafts, sports, games, drama, music, and
23 community outings.