

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 Department of Public Health Act is amended
5 by adding Section 8.6 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2305/8.6 new)

7 Sec. 8.6. Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide
8 Prevention Program Advisory Council.

9 (a) The Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide
10 Prevention Program Advisory Council created by Public Act
11 103-8 is continued within the Department of Public Health as
12 set forth in this Section. The Council shall advise the
13 Department on the rules and clinical infrastructure necessary
14 to support clinical access to and training for
15 medication-assisted United States Food and Drug Administration
16 breakthrough therapies for veteran suicide prevention. In
17 advising the Department under this Section, the Council shall
18 advise the Department on:

19 (1) the necessary education, training, licensing, and
20 credentialing of providers;

21 (2) patient safety and harm reduction;

22 (3) standards for treatment facilities;

23 (4) relevant federal regulations and guidelines that

1 relevant State agencies may consider adopting;

2 (5) assisting with the development of public awareness
3 and education campaigns related to veteran suicides;

4 (6) developing and providing oversight regarding
5 mechanisms for the dissemination of treatment and training
6 data; and

7 (7) developing provisions to ensure justice, equity,
8 diversity, and inclusion are considered in the
9 administration of grants and recommendations made to the
10 Department.

11 (b) The Council shall consist of the following members:

12 (1) three members appointed by the Governor;

13 (2) two members appointed by the President of the
14 Senate;

15 (3) two members appointed by the Speaker of the House
16 of Representatives;

17 (4) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
18 Senate;

19 (5) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
20 House;

21 (6) the Director of Veterans Affairs, or the
22 Director's representative;

23 (7) the Secretary of Human Services, or the
24 Secretary's representative; and

25 (8) four members appointed by the Director of Public
26 Health who are considered subject matter experts in the

1 fields of psychiatry, breakthrough therapies, clinical
2 trials research, and pharmacology.

3 (c) The Council shall include at least 3 veterans. The
4 Council shall also include members with expertise in
5 breakthrough therapy research, clinical mental health
6 treatment, public health, access to mental and behavioral
7 health care in underserved communities, veteran mental or
8 behavioral health care, and harm reduction. The Department of
9 Public Health shall provide administrative support to the
10 Council.

11 (d) The Council shall adopt internal organizational
12 procedures as necessary for its efficient organization.

13 (e) Members of the Council shall serve without
14 compensation.

15 (20 ILCS 2205/2205-36 rep.)

16 Section 10. The Department of Healthcare and Family
17 Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
18 amended by repealing Section 2205-36.