**Section 825.130 Request for a Public Hearing**

a) Public Hearings shall be held to obtain public comment on proposed rules when required by criteria set forth in Section 5-40 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. If a hearing is not required and a member of the public requests a hearing, the Director will determine whether to authorize a hearing. If the Department does not provide a public hearing, it shall notify the rule proponent of its decision and the reasons for denying the request.

b) If the Department authorizes a hearing, the Director shall designate a Hearing Officer, and shall notify the proponent of such designation.

(Source: Amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 2361, effective January 25, 2000)