

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 Veterans' Affairs Act is
5 amended by adding Section 2.13 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2805/2.13 new)

7 Sec. 2.13. Legionnaires' disease notifications.

8 (a) As used in this Section, "outbreak" means when 2 or
9 more people are exposed to Legionella and get sick in the same
10 place at about the same time.

11 (b) A Veterans Home shall notify the residents of the
12 Veterans Home, the families of residents at the Veterans Home,
13 the residents' health care providers, the authorized agents
14 under the residents' health care powers of attorney, visitors
15 to the Veterans Home, employees of the Veterans Home, and
16 individuals working on contract at the Veterans Home in writing
17 within 24 hours of a laboratory test confirmation of an
18 outbreak of Legionnaires' disease at the Veterans Home. The
19 notification may be sent by mail or electronically.

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
21 becoming law.