

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. Veterans Homes; complaints; communicable
8 disease reports.

9 (a) As used in this Section:

10 "Case" means a person that lived as a resident in a
11 Veterans Home and had an illness due to a communicable disease.

12 "Communicable disease" means an illness due to a specific
13 infectious agent or its toxic products that arises through
14 transmission of that agent or its products from an infected
15 person, animal, or inanimate source to a susceptible host,
16 either directly or indirectly, through an intermediate plant or
17 animal host, a vector, or the inanimate environment.

18 (b) The Department shall submit a quarterly report to the
19 General Assembly by January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1
20 of each year about the health and welfare of residents at
21 Veterans Homes. The report shall be filed electronically with
22 the General Assembly, as provided under Section 3.1 of the
23 General Assembly Organization Act, and shall be provided

1 electronically to any member of the General Assembly upon
2 request. Each report shall include, but not be limited to, the
3 following:

4 (1) the number and nature of complaints made by
5 residents, a resident's emergency contacts or next of kin,
6 or a resident's power of attorney during the quarter;

7 (2) information on any epidemic reported at a Veterans
8 Home during the quarter; and

9 (3) the number of cases and information on the cases,
10 including, but not limited to, any dates a resident showed
11 signs and symptoms of having a communicable disease, any
12 dates of a confirmed diagnosis of any resident with a
13 communicable disease, and the action taken by the Veterans
14 Home to eradicate the spread of communicable disease,
15 during the quarter.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 2,
17 2018.