

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2021 and 2022 HB0625

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

750 ILCS 61/1 750 ILCS 61/5 750 ILCS 61/10 750 ILCS 61/11 750 ILCS 61/15 750 ILCS 61/40

Amends the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking Act. Renames the Act the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking, Sexual Assault, or Stalking Act. Defines "human trafficking". Makes the Act's requirements applicable to victims of human trafficking.

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1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

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

- 4 Section 5. The Address Confidentiality for Victims of
- 5 Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking Act is amended
- 6 by changing Sections 1, 5, 10, 11, 15, and 40 as follows:
- 7 (750 ILCS 61/1)
- 8 Sec. 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Address
- 9 Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence, Human
- 10 <u>Trafficking</u>, Sexual Assault, or Stalking Act.
- 11 (Source: P.A. 101-270, eff. 1-1-21.)
- 12 (750 ILCS 61/5)
- 13 Sec. 5. Legislative findings. The General Assembly finds
- 14 that persons attempting to escape from actual or threatened
- domestic violence, <u>human trafficking</u>, sexual assault, or
- 16 stalking frequently establish new addresses in order to
- 17 prevent their assailants or probable assailants from finding
- 18 them. The purpose of this Act is to enable State and local
- 19 agencies to respond to requests for public records without
- 20 disclosing the location of a victim of domestic violence,
- 21 human trafficking, sexual assault, or stalking, to enable
- interagency cooperation with the Attorney General in providing

- 1 address confidentiality for victims of domestic violence,
- 2 human trafficking, sexual assault, or stalking, and to enable
- 3 State and local agencies to accept a program participant's use
- 4 of an address designated by the Attorney General as a
- 5 substitute mailing address.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 101-270, eff. 1-1-21.)
- 7 (750 ILCS 61/10)
- 8 Sec. 10. Definitions. In this Act, unless the context
- 9 otherwise requires:
- "Address" means a residential street address, school
- 11 address, or work address of an individual, as specified on the
- 12 individual's application to be a program participant under
- 13 this Act.
- "Program participant" means a person certified as a
- program participant under this Act.
- 16 "Domestic violence" has the same meaning as in the
- 17 Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986 and includes a threat
- 18 of domestic violence against an individual in a domestic
- 19 situation, regardless of whether the domestic violence or
- threat has been reported to law enforcement officers.
- "Human trafficking" means the practices set forth in
- 22 subsection (b), (c), or (d) of Section 10-9 of the Criminal
- 23 Code of 2012, regardless of whether the victim has reported
- the trafficking to law enforcement officers.
- 25 "Sexual assault" has the same meaning as sexual conduct or

- 1 sexual penetration as defined in the Civil No Contact Order
- 2 Act. "Sexual assault" includes a threat of sexual assault,
- 3 regardless of whether the sexual assault or threat has been
- 4 reported to law enforcement officers.
- 5 "Stalking" has the same meaning as in the Stalking No
- 6 Contact Order Act. "Stalking" includes a threat of stalking,
- 7 regardless of whether the stalking or threat has been reported
- 8 to law enforcement officers.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 101-270, eff. 1-1-21.)
- 10 (750 ILCS 61/11)
- 11 Sec. 11. Address confidentiality program; administration.
- 12 Subject to appropriations for the purposes of this Act, the
- 13 Attorney General shall administer an address confidentiality
- 14 program for victims of domestic violence, human trafficking,
- 15 sexual assault, or stalking.
- 16 (Source: P.A. 101-270, eff. 1-1-21.)
- 17 (750 ILCS 61/15)
- 18 Sec. 15. Address confidentiality program; application;
- 19 certification.
- 20 (a) An adult person, a parent or quardian acting on behalf
- of a minor, or a guardian acting on behalf of a person with a
- 22 disability, as defined in Article 11a of the Probate Act of
- 23 1975, may apply to the Attorney General to have an address
- 24 designated by the Attorney General serve as the person's

- address or the address of the minor or person with a disability. The Attorney General shall approve an application if it is filed in the manner and on the form prescribed by him or her and if it contains:
 - (1) a sworn statement by the applicant that the applicant has good reason to believe (i) that the applicant, or the minor or person with a disability on whose behalf the application is made, is a victim of domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, or stalking; and (ii) that the applicant fears for his or her safety or his or her children's safety, or the safety of the minor or person with a disability on whose behalf the application is made;
 - (2) a designation of the Attorney General as agent for purposes of service of process and receipt of mail;
 - (3) the mailing address where the applicant can be contacted by the Attorney General, and the phone number or numbers where the applicant can be called by the Attorney General;
 - (4) the new address or addresses that the applicant requests not be disclosed for the reason that disclosure will increase the risk of domestic violence, <u>human</u> trafficking, sexual assault, or stalking; and
 - (5) the signature of the applicant and of any individual or representative of any office designated in writing under Section 40 of this Act who assisted in the

- preparation of the application, and the date on which the applicant signed the application.
- 3 (b) Applications shall be filed with the office of the 4 Attorney General.
- 5 (c) Upon filing a properly completed application, the
 6 Attorney General shall certify the applicant as a program
 7 participant. Applicants shall be certified for 4 years
 8 following the date of filing unless the certification is
 9 withdrawn or invalidated before that date. The Attorney
 10 General shall by rule establish a renewal procedure.
- 11 (d) A person who falsely attests in an application that
 12 disclosure of the applicant's address would endanger the
 13 applicant's safety or the safety of the applicant's children
 14 or the minor or incapacitated person on whose behalf the
 15 application is made, or who knowingly provides false or
 16 incorrect information upon making an application, is guilty of
 17 a Class 3 felony.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 101-270, eff. 1-1-21.)
- 19 (750 ILCS 61/40)
- Sec. 40. Assistance for program applicants. The Attorney
 General shall designate State and local agencies and nonprofit
 agencies that provide counseling and shelter services to
 victims of domestic violence, <u>human trafficking</u>, sexual
 assault, or stalking to assist persons applying to be program
 participants. Any assistance and counseling rendered by the

- 1 office of the Attorney General or its designees to applicants
- 2 shall in no way be construed as legal advice.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 101-270, eff. 1-1-21.)