

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 Human Services Act is amended
5 by adding Section 10-63 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1305/10-63 new)

7 Sec. 10-63. Call4Calm text line. Subject to appropriation,
8 the Department of Human Services shall permanently establish
9 the Call4Calm text line to support Illinois residents' mental
10 health needs. An Illinois resident shall be able to utilize
11 the Call4Calm text line if the resident or someone the
12 resident knows is struggling with stress and needs emotional
13 support. This service shall be free of charge and available 24
14 hours a day, 7 days a week. Callers seeking assistance shall
15 remain anonymous and shall be linked to a mental health
16 provider that is responsible for the provision of mental
17 health services in the caller's geographic area.

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
19 becoming law.