

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 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to help
5 homeless service providers receive federal resources during
6 public health emergencies, including personal protective
7 equipment for which the Federal Emergency Management Agency
8 has final authority for reimbursement.

9 Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and
10 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
11 amended by adding Section 2310-434 as follows:

12 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-434 new)

13 Sec. 2310-434. Homeless service providers.

14 (a) In this Section, "homeless service provider" means a
15 person or entity who provides services to homeless persons
16 under any of the programs of or identified by the Department of
17 Human Services.

18 (b) The Department shall consider all homeless service
19 providers in the State to be essential critical infrastructure
20 workers in accordance with the most recent guidance from the
21 federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. The
22 Department shall ensure that homeless service providers

1 qualify for the same priority benefits afforded to frontline
2 workers by the State, including, but not limited to:

3 (1) federal funding for relief relating to public
4 health emergencies;

5 (2) personal protective equipment; and

6 (3) vaccinations.

7 (c) In accordance with this Section, during a
8 federally-designated public health emergency or a public
9 health disaster declared by a proclamation issued by the
10 Governor under Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management
11 Agency Act, the Department and the Illinois Emergency
12 Management Agency shall offer recommendations to their local
13 counterparts, including local public health departments and
14 local emergency management assistance agencies, encouraging
15 them to consider homeless service providers when making
16 determinations about providing assistance.

17 (d) The Department may adopt rules for the implementation
18 and administration of this Section and to ensure that homeless
19 service providers are considered essential critical
20 infrastructure workers in the event of a pandemic.

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