

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB5862

by Rep. Kevin John Olickal

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

65 ILCS 5/11-5-12 new

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that a municipality or a law enforcement agency may not enforce any provision of law restricting or punishing an individual for sleeping in public spaces in a nonobstructive manner within a municipality if the municipality's homeless population exceeds the number of available beds in homeless shelters within the municipality. Provides that "nonobstructive manner" means in a manner that does not render passageways, walkways, or roadways impassable or hazardous. Limits the concurrent exercise of home rule powers.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
adding Section 11-5-12 as follows:

6 (65 ILCS 5/11-5-12 new)

Sec. 11-5-12. Restrictions or punishment of homeless
individual for sleeping in public.

- 9 <u>(a) As used in this Section, "nonobstructive manner" means</u> 10 <u>in a manner that does not render passageways, walkways, or</u> 11 roadways impassable or hazardous.
- 12 (b) A municipality or a law enforcement agency may not 13 enforce any provision of law restricting or punishing an 14 individual for sleeping in public spaces in a nonobstructive 15 manner within a municipality if the municipality's homeless 16 population exceeds the number of available beds in homeless 17 shelters within the municipality.
- 18 (c) A home rule municipality may not regulate sleeping in 19 public spaces in a manner inconsistent with this Section. This 20 Section is a limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6 of 21 Article VII of the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent 22 exercise by home rule units of powers and functions exercised 23 by the State.