

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2003 and 2004

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 105/4.02b

from Ch. 23, par. 6104.02b

Amends the Illinois Act on Aging. Deletes a provision requiring the Department on Aging to submit an annual report concerning community-based residential facilities.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

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1 AN ACT concerning the Department on Aging.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Act on the Aging is amended by changing Section 4.02b as follows:

(20 ILCS 105/4.02b) (from Ch. 23, par. 6104.02b)

Sec. 4.02b. Community based residential facilities. The Department may develop criteria for no more than 3 projects to participate in supported congregate living arrangement a demonstration. No other projects may be added demonstration unless one of the projects previously approved by the Department and the Illinois Department of Public Health withdraws or is terminated from the demonstration. Each project may serve a maximum of 60 clients, except that one project may be increased to serve a maximum of 175 clients upon approval by the Department and the Illinois Department of Public Health. The demonstration may include the use of community-based, multi-day residential facilities. Clients may be long-term or short-term as a means of relieving caregivers. Management of these projects may offer or contract for such services to preclude the need for nursing home care; however, projects shall not provide sheltered care, or other nursing home care as defined in the Nursing Home Care Act, unless a wavier is obtained pursuant to Section 3-102.2 of that Act.

Supported congregate living arrangements must apply to the Department for participation in the demonstration project. The Department shall develop, in consultation with the Illinois Department of Public Health, criteria for participation in the project. A project shall have one year from the date of approval to become operational. One project must involve the conversion of an existing licensed long-term care facility or

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1 portion thereof. If no existing facility applies within one 2 year after the Department begins to accept applications for the 3 pilot project, the Department may select an alternate project 4 that does not involve the conversion of an existing facility. 5 During the period of operation of the demonstration project, the existing licensed beds shall remain licensed as long-term 6 7 care beds. At the conclusion of the demonstration project, the 8 beds may revert to long-term care or the facility may choose to 9 seek appropriate approval to continue to operate as an assisted living facility or a similar program as established by law. 10 11 Upon approval of an application, the Department and the 12 applicant shall submit a joint waiver request to the Department 13 of Public Health pursuant to Section 3-102.2 of the Nursing Home Care Act. If the Department does not act upon an 14 15 application within 60 days, the applicant may file a written 16 waiver request on its own behalf.

The Department shall promulgate rules and provide oversight for the project. The Department of Public Aid and the Department of Public Health may offer advice and assistance as needed.

The project may be funded through the Department's community care program appropriations that may include medicaid waiver funds available through the Department of Public Aid.

The Department shall report annually to the General Assembly by January 1 upon its activities under this Section.

The demonstration project shall terminate when an assisted living or similar client focused residential program is established by law or on June 30, 2001, whichever is earlier.

30 (Source: P.A. 89-530, eff. 7-19-96.)