

1 AN ACT concerning health.

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

4 Section 5. The Community Mental Health Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 8.10 as follows:

6 (405 ILCS 20/8.10 new)

7 Sec. 8.10. Pilot program; veterans.

8 (a) In this Section, "veteran" means any person who has  
9 served in a branch of the United States military for more than  
10 180 consecutive days after initial training.

11 (b) From funds appropriated by the General Assembly to the  
12 Department of Human Services for that purpose, the Secretary of  
13 Human Services shall establish a pilot program in 3 locations  
14 across the State to provide mental health services to veterans  
15 who do not qualify for mental health services under a federally  
16 funded or State-funded program and who do not have insurance  
17 coverage for mental health services. The Department of Human  
18 Services shall implement the pilot program in cooperation with  
19 the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

20 (c) In allocating funds to community providers for  
21 veterans' mental health services, the Department of Human  
22 Services shall give preference to programs that serve special  
23 population groups and targeted geographic areas, as determined

1 by the Department.

2 (d) The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules  
3 establishing implementation guidelines and standards for  
4 creation of the pilot program.

5 (e) The pilot program shall operate for 2 years, after  
6 which the Department of Human Services, in consultation with  
7 the Department of Veterans' Affairs, shall report to the  
8 General Assembly with recommendations on establishing an  
9 efficient, accessible, permanent program to provide mental  
10 health services to veterans.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
12 becoming law.