

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 Illinois Act on the Aging is amended by  
5 adding Section 8.08 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 105/8.08 new)

7 Sec. 8.08. Older direct care worker recognition. The  
8 Department shall present one award annually to older direct  
9 care workers in each of the following categories: Older  
10 American Act Services, Home Health Services, Community Care  
11 Program Services, Nursing Homes, and programs that provide  
12 housing with services licensed or certified by the State. The  
13 Department shall solicit nominations from associations  
14 representing providers of the named services or settings and  
15 trade associations representing applicable direct care  
16 workers. Nominations shall be presented in a format designated  
17 by the Department. Direct care workers honored with this award  
18 must be 55 years of age or older and shall be recognized for  
19 their dedication and commitment to improving the quality of  
20 aging in Illinois above and beyond the confines of their job  
21 description. Award recipients shall be honored before their  
22 peers at the Governor's Conference on Aging or at a similar  
23 venue, shall have their pictures displayed on the Department's

1 website with their permission, and shall receive a letter of  
2 commendation from the Governor. The Department shall consult  
3 with the Coordinating Committee of State Agencies Serving Older  
4 Persons to determine which of the nominees shall be the  
5 recipient in each category of service provision or setting. The  
6 Department shall include the recipients of these awards in all  
7 Senior Hall of Fame displays required by the Act on Aging.  
8 Except as otherwise prohibited by law, the Department may  
9 solicit private sector funding to underwrite the cost of all  
10 awards and recognition materials and shall request that all  
11 associations representing providers of the named services or  
12 settings and trade associations applicable to direct care  
13 workers publicize the awards and the award recipients in  
14 communications with their members.

15 Notwithstanding any other rulemaking authority that may  
16 exist, neither the Governor nor any agency or agency head under  
17 the jurisdiction of the Governor has any authority to make or  
18 promulgate rules to implement or enforce the provisions of this  
19 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly. If, however, the  
20 Governor believes that rules are necessary to implement or  
21 enforce the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 95th  
22 General Assembly, the Governor may suggest rules to the General  
23 Assembly by filing them with the Clerk of the House and the  
24 Secretary of the Senate and by requesting that the General  
25 Assembly authorize such rulemaking by law, enact those  
26 suggested rules into law, or take any other appropriate action

1 in the General Assembly's discretion. Nothing contained in this  
2 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly shall be  
3 interpreted to grant rulemaking authority under any other  
4 Illinois statute where such authority is not otherwise  
5 explicitly given. For the purposes of this paragraph, "rules"  
6 is given the meaning contained in Section 1-70 of the Illinois  
7 Administrative Procedure Act, and "agency" and "agency head"  
8 are given the meanings contained in Sections 1-20 and 1-25 of  
9 the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to the extent that  
10 such definitions apply to agencies or agency heads under the  
11 jurisdiction of the Governor.

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