

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Fire Protection District Act is amended by
5 adding Section 11j as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 705/11j new)

7 Sec. 11j. Installation of access or key boxes. The board of
8 trustees of any fire protection district may, by ordinance,
9 require the installation of an access or key box if: (1) a
10 structure is protected by an automatic fire alarm or security
11 system or access to or within the structure or area is unduly
12 difficult because of secured openings; and (2) immediate access
13 is necessary for life-saving purposes. In the case of a health
14 care facility that is secured by an electronic code box that is
15 in good working order, if the owner of the health care facility
16 provides the fire department with a valid access code, then
17 that health care facility is not required to be accessible by
18 an access or key box. For the purposes of this Section, "health
19 care facility" means: a hospital licensed under the Hospital
20 Licensing Act or the University of Illinois Hospital Act; a
21 nursing home or long-term care facility licensed under the
22 Nursing Home Care Act; an assisted living establishment, as
23 defined in the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act; a mental

1 health facility, as defined in the Mental Health and
2 Developmental Disabilities Code; a supportive living facility
3 certified to participate in the supportive living facilities
4 program under Section 5-5.01a of the Illinois Public Aid Code;
5 or a facility licensed under the Specialized Mental Health
6 Rehabilitation Act. "Access or key box" means a secure device
7 with a lock operable only by a fire department master key, and
8 containing building entry keys and other keys that may be
9 required for access in an emergency.

10 The access or key box shall be of an approved type listed
11 in accordance with the most recently published version of the
12 standard Underwriters Laboratories 1037 and shall contain keys
13 to gain access as required by the fire chief of the fire
14 protection district, or his or her designee.

15 An ordinance enacted under this Section may specify
16 particular classes or types of structures or occupancies that
17 are required to install an access or key box. However, an
18 ordinance enacted under this Section shall not apply to single
19 family residential structures or to facilities owned or
20 operated by a public utility, as that term is defined under
21 Section 3-105 of the Public Utilities Act.

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