

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 122

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Resolution 122, AS
3 AMENDED, by replacing everything after the title with the
4 following:

5 "WHEREAS, The alarming rate of homelessness among
6 mentally ill persons in the State of Illinois is a great
7 cause for concern and requires action; and

8 WHEREAS, It has been estimated that 20% to 25% of
9 homeless people in the United States suffer from some form of
10 serious mental illness, and, in the Chicago area, certain
11 areas report that as much as 65% of their homeless population
12 suffers from mental illness; the Chicago Department of Human
13 Services determined that from October 1998 through November
14 1999 there were 15,774 homeless persons in the City of
15 Chicago alone, or at least 3,155 mentally ill homeless
16 persons using the national average rate; for fiscal year
17 2000, the Illinois Department of Human Services reported at
18 least 2,993 homeless mentally ill persons in Chicago and at
19 least 5,960 in Illinois; and

20 WHEREAS, The hardship to mentally ill persons and the
21 likelihood of imminent harm and death to mentally ill persons
22 is greatly exacerbated by the combination of their mental

1 illness and homelessness; and

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are concerned that measures to alleviate the
4 suffering of these citizens of the State of Illinois be
5 undertaken; and

6 WHEREAS, New information derived from the 2000 United
7 States Census would aid members of the Illinois House of
8 Representatives in formulating legislative measures aimed at
9 alleviating the suffering of the homeless mentally ill;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we request the Illinois Housing Development Authority to
14 develop a plan for housing for the homeless mentally ill; and
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the plan for housing for the homeless
17 mentally ill should include, but not necessarily be limited
18 to, the following:

19 (1) an estimate of the total number of housing
20 units needed, with information on the specific geographic
21 areas where these housing units are needed;

22 (2) information on what geographic areas are in
23 need of treatment facilities and supportive services for
24 the homeless mentally ill;

25 (3) a need assessment that determines the number of
26 homeless mentally ill and the number of housing units
27 needed to provide housing for these persons;

28 (4) statistics and other information from the 2000
29 census data, incorporated into the need assessment and
30 other aspects of the plan as appropriate; and

31 (5) such other information and suggestions as the
32 Illinois Housing Development Authority deems appropriate;

1 and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That in developing the plan for housing for the
3 homeless mentally ill, we urge the Illinois Housing
4 Development Authority to enlist the cooperation of the
5 Department of Human Services and the other State agencies
6 that administer and use the State Consolidated Housing Plan
7 and to obtain input and direction from community-based
8 treatment facilities that have been designated by the
9 Department of Human Services to serve the homeless mentally
10 ill; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 delivered to the Executive Director of the Illinois Housing
13 Development Authority."