

AN ACT concerning public health.

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

Section 5. The Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act is amended by changing Sections 5 and 6.4 as follows:

(410 ILCS 70/5) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 87-5)

Sec. 5. Minimum requirements for hospitals providing hospital emergency services and forensic services to sexual assault survivors.

(a) Every hospital providing hospital emergency services and forensic services to sexual assault survivors under this Act shall, as minimum requirements for such services, provide, with the consent of the sexual assault survivor, and as ordered by the attending physician, an advanced practice nurse who has a written collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician that authorizes provision of emergency services, or a physician assistant who has been delegated authority to provide hospital emergency services and forensic services, the following:

- (1) appropriate medical examinations and laboratory tests required to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of a sexual assault survivor or which may be used as evidence

in a criminal proceeding against a person accused of the sexual assault, or both; and records of the results of such examinations and tests shall be maintained by the hospital and made available to law enforcement officials upon the request of the sexual assault survivor;

(2) appropriate oral and written information concerning the possibility of infection, sexually transmitted disease and pregnancy resulting from sexual assault;

(3) appropriate oral and written information concerning accepted medical procedures, medication, and possible contraindications of such medication available for the prevention or treatment of infection or disease resulting from sexual assault;

(4) an amount of medication for treatment at the hospital and after discharge as is deemed appropriate by the attending physician, an advanced practice nurse, or a physician assistant and consistent with the hospital's current approved protocol for sexual assault survivors;

(5) an evaluation of the sexual assault survivor's risk of contracting human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) from the sexual assault;

(6) written and oral instructions indicating the need for follow-up examinations and laboratory tests after the sexual assault to determine the presence or absence of sexually transmitted disease;

(7) referral by hospital personnel for appropriate counseling; and

(8) when HIV prophylaxis is deemed appropriate, an initial dose or doses of HIV prophylaxis, along with written and oral instructions indicating the importance of timely follow-up healthcare.

(b) Any person ~~minor~~ who is a sexual assault survivor who seeks emergency hospital services and forensic services or follow-up healthcare under this Act shall be provided such services without the consent of any ~~the~~ parent, guardian, ~~or~~ custodian, surrogate, or agent ~~of the minor~~.

(c) Nothing in this Section creates a physician-patient relationship that extends beyond discharge from the hospital emergency department.

(Source: P.A. 94-434, eff. 1-1-06; 95-432, eff. 1-1-08.)

(410 ILCS 70/6.4) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 87-6.4)

Sec. 6.4. Sexual assault evidence collection program.

(a) There is created a statewide sexual assault evidence collection program to facilitate the prosecution of persons accused of sexual assault. This program shall be administered by the Illinois State Police. The program shall consist of the following: (1) distribution of sexual assault evidence collection kits which have been approved by the Illinois State Police to hospitals that request them, or arranging for such distribution by the manufacturer of the kits, (2) collection of

the kits from hospitals after the kits have been used to collect evidence, (3) analysis of the collected evidence and conducting of laboratory tests, (4) maintaining the chain of custody and safekeeping of the evidence for use in a legal proceeding, and (5) the comparison of the collected evidence with the genetic marker grouping analysis information maintained by the Department of State Police under Section 5-4-3 of the Unified Code of Corrections and with the information contained in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National DNA database; provided the amount and quality of genetic marker grouping results obtained from the evidence in the sexual assault case meets the requirements of both the Department of State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) policies. The standardized evidence collection kit for the State of Illinois shall be the Illinois State Police Sexual Assault Evidence Kit. A sexual assault evidence collection kit may not be released by a hospital without the written consent of the sexual assault survivor. In the case of a survivor who is a minor 13 years of age or older, evidence and information concerning the sexual assault may be released at the written request of the minor. If the survivor is a minor who is under 13 years of age, evidence and information concerning the alleged sexual assault may be released at the written request of the parent, guardian, investigating law enforcement officer, or Department of Children and Family Services. If the

survivor is an adult who has a guardian of the person, a health care surrogate, or an agent acting under a health care power of attorney, then consent of the guardian, surrogate, or agent is not required to release evidence and information concerning the sexual assault. If the adult is unable to provide consent for the release of evidence and information and a guardian, surrogate, or agent under a health care power of attorney is unavailable or unwilling to release the information, then an investigating law enforcement officer may authorize the release. Any health care professional, including any physician, advanced practice nurse, physician assistant, or nurse, sexual assault nurse examiner, and any health care institution, including any hospital, who provides evidence or information to a law enforcement officer pursuant to a written request as specified in this Section is immune from any civil or professional liability that might arise from those actions, with the exception of willful or wanton misconduct. The immunity provision applies only if all of the requirements of this Section are met.

(a-5) All sexual assault evidence collected using the State Police Evidence Collection Kits before January 1, 2005 (the effective date of Public Act 93-781) that have not been previously analyzed and tested by the Department of State Police shall be analyzed and tested within 2 years after receipt of all necessary evidence and standards into the State Police Laboratory if sufficient staffing and resources are

available. All sexual assault evidence collected using the State Police Evidence Collection Kits on or after January 1, 2005 (the effective date of Public Act 93-781) shall be analyzed and tested by the Department of State Police within one year after receipt of all necessary evidence and standards into the State Police Laboratory if sufficient staffing and resources are available.

(b) The Illinois State Police shall administer a program to train hospitals and hospital personnel participating in the sexual assault evidence collection program, in the correct use and application of the sexual assault evidence collection kits. A sexual assault nurse examiner may conduct examinations using the sexual assault evidence collection kits, without the presence or participation of a physician. The Department shall cooperate with the Illinois State Police in this program as it pertains to medical aspects of the evidence collection.

(c) In this Section, "sexual assault nurse examiner" means a registered nurse who has completed a sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) training program that meets the Forensic Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Education Guidelines established by the International Association of Forensic Nurses.

(Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 95-432, eff. 1-1-08.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2010.