

99th General Assembly Public Acts (2015)

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Public Act 99-272

- ▶ HB 1588 removes the 60 day wait period after criminal charges are made before a victim of financial exploitation may file civil charges, and expressly states that no criminal charge or conviction is required to file civil charges. This will not interfere with any other laws or precedents arising out of financial exploitation of an elderly person or person with a disability.
- ▶ Effective date: January 1, 2016
- ▶ <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=099-0272>

Public Act 99-430

- ▶ HB 2462 allows for electronic monitoring by a resident of a nursing home. There are several provisions included in the bill to protect the residents of the nursing home and their privacy.
- ▶ Effective date: January 1, 2016
- ▶ <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=099-0430>

Public Act 99-341

- ▶ HB 2705 requires the Department of Children and Family Services to review their rules granting visitation privileges to non-custodial grandparents of a child in the care and custody of DCFS every 5 years.
- ▶ Effective date: Immediate
- ▶ <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=099-0341>

Public Act 99-71

- ▶ HB 2811 would allow Illinois residents who qualify for the Senior Citizen License Plate Discount Program to obtain a personalized license plate at a reduced fee, as well as the standard and vanity plates they may currently obtain.
- ▶ Effective date: January 1, 2016
- ▶ <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=099-0071>

Public Act 99-181

- ▶ HB 2812 limits disclosures by Medicaid managed care entities relating to "sensitive health services", defined to include mental health, substance abuse treatment, reproductive health, family planning, STD treatment, and sexual assault/domestic abuse treatment.
- ▶ Effective date: Immediate
- ▶ <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=099-0181>

Public Act 99-153

- ▶ HB 3503 requires DHS and HFS to report on their respective websites on pending applications for long-term care eligibility, pending denials, appeals, and redeterminations monthly.
- ▶ Effective date: Immediate
- ▶ <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=099-0153>

Public Act 99-184

- ▶ HB 3753 gives the Department on Aging rulemaking authority to provide grants, subject to appropriation, for programs which integrate mental health services for older adults in primary health care settings. This includes federally qualified health centers, primary care clinics, and private practice sites.
- ▶ While the department does have a broad ability to give grants, this offers an alternative to other departments who would normally provide mental health services. The Aging network, with 13 local Area Agencies on Aging, Adult Protective Services, the Long Term Care Ombudsman and its regional ombudsman, and associations with vendors and providers across the state, has a strong capacity to provide substantive contributions toward innovation in this area.
- ▶ Effective date: January 1, 2016
- ▶ <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=099-0184>

Public Act 99-453

- ▶ HB 3841 removes the requirement for criminal background checks on long term care facility residents who are transferring between facilities if they are immobile or moving into hospice. A previously completed background check must accompany the resident to the new facility.
- ▶ Effective date: Immediate
- ▶ <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=099-0453>

Public Act 99-345

- ▶ HB 3967 allows grandparents of an adopted child and deceased birth parent to file a Registration Identification Form so the adopted child can find them if desired. Various documents are required before a grandparent may qualify for the service.
- ▶ Effective date: January 1, 2016
- ▶ <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=099-0345>

Public Act 99-163

- ▶ SB 689 expands the list of people able to pick up a prescription order for a patient to include advanced practice nurses, practical nurses, registered nurses, or physician assistants who provides hospice services to a hospice patient or who provides home health services to a person.
- ▶ Effective date: January 1, 2016
- ▶ <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=099-0163>

Public Act 99-222

- ▶ SB 1298, also known as the “CARE Act”, would require hospitals, upon request, to provide designated caregivers "after-care assistance" training based on a patient's discharge plan. Discharge plans are created by the hospital in consultation with the designated caregiver prior to a patient's discharge and are intended to shorten a patient's hospital stay and reduce the chance of unexpected readmission. The after-care training may be provided either in person or from a recorded demonstration, and caregivers must also be permitted an opportunity to ask questions about the training.
- ▶ Effective date
- ▶ <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=099-0222>

Public Act 99-287

- ▶ SB 1309 allows public guardians and Department of Human Services and Department of Healthcare and Family Services provider agency staff to access Adult Protective Services records if requested. This corrects in statute a long standing practice of the Department.
- ▶ Effective date: 180 days after becoming law
- ▶ <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=099-0287>

Public Act 99-322

- ▶ SB 1846 establishes the “Silver Search Program” as part of the Endangered Missing Person Advisory to alert those in a community that a person with Alzheimer’s disease or other dementia-like cognitive impairment is reported missing. The Silver Search Task Force will work with state departments, law enforcement, nursing homes, and senior centers to implement a community outreach program, perform training, and raise awareness of the Silver Search Alert.
- ▶ Effective date: January 1, 2016
- ▶ <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=099-0322>