

1 AN ACT concerning public safety.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Illinois Premise Alert Program (PAP) Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. It is the policy of the State of  
7 Illinois to ensure that consistently high levels of public  
8 safety services are available to all members of the State,  
9 including people who may require special consideration in order  
10 to access services. This program shall seek to afford people  
11 with disabilities or special needs or both the same access to  
12 public safety services provided to all citizens. It is the  
13 intent of this program to offer guidance and direction to  
14 public safety workers in responding to and assisting those  
15 people with special needs or disabilities or both with whom  
16 they will have contact in the performance of their duties and  
17 responsibilities. The ability to effectively deal with special  
18 needs individuals is enhanced with knowledge or information.  
19 The ability to identify special needs individuals, their places  
20 of employment, educational facilities, and residences are  
21 valuable resources in instances when or if an emergency  
22 response by law enforcement or fire protection personnel or  
23 both are needed.

1 Section 10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

2 "Disability" means an individual's physical or mental  
3 impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major  
4 life activities; a record of such impairment; or when the  
5 individual is regarded as having such an impairment.

6 "Special needs individuals" means those individuals who  
7 have or are at increased risk for a chronic physical,  
8 developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition and who also  
9 require health and related services of a type or amount beyond  
10 that required by individuals generally.

11 "Public safety agency" means a functional division of a  
12 public agency that provides firefighting, police, medical, or  
13 other emergency services.

14 "Computer aided dispatch" or "CAD" means a database  
15 maintained by the public safety agency or public safety  
16 answering point used in conjunction with 9-1-1 caller data.

17 "Premise Alert Program" or "PAP" means a computer aided  
18 dispatch database of individuals with special needs maintained  
19 by public safety agencies.

20 Section 15. Reporting of Special Needs Individuals.

21 (a) Public safety agencies shall make reasonable efforts to  
22 publicize the Premise Alert Program (PAP) database. Means of  
23 publicizing the database include, but are not limited to,  
24 pamphlets and websites.

1 (b) Families, caregivers, or the individuals with  
2 disabilities or special needs may contact their local law  
3 enforcement agency or fire department or fire protection  
4 district.

5 (c) Public safety workers are to be cognitive of special  
6 needs individuals they may come across when they respond to  
7 calls. If workers are able to identify individuals who have  
8 special needs, they shall try to ascertain as specifically as  
9 possible what that special need might be. The public safety  
10 worker should attempt to verify the special need as provided in  
11 item (2) of subsection (d).

12 (d) The disabled individual's name, date of birth, phone  
13 number, and residential address or place of employment should  
14 also be obtained for possible entry into the PAP database.

15 (1) Whenever possible, it is preferable that written  
16 permission is obtained from a parent, guardian, family  
17 member, or caregiver of the individual themselves prior to  
18 being entered into the PAP database.

19 (2) No individual may be entered into a PAP database  
20 unless the special need has been verified. Acceptable means  
21 of verifying a special need for purposes of this program  
22 shall include statements by:

23 (A) the individual,

24 (B) family members,

25 (C) friends,

26 (D) caregivers, or

1                   (E)    medical    personnel    familiar    with    the  
2                   individual.

3           (e) For public safety agencies that share the same CAD  
4    database, information collected by one agency serviced by the  
5    CAD database is to be disseminated to all agencies utilizing  
6    that database.

7           (f) Information received at an incorrect public safety  
8    agency shall be accepted and forwarded to the correct agency as  
9    soon as possible.

10          (g) All information entered into the PAP database must be  
11       updated every 2 years or when such information changes.

12           Section 20. Provision of information to the field. When  
13    special needs information comes up in a CAD database, the  
14    telecommunicator shall relay that information to responding  
15    personnel.

16           Section 24. Data control. Any person designated by a public  
17    safety agency to control data entered into the PAP database  
18    shall develop policies and procedures for the control of such  
19    data.

20           Section 25. Confidentiality. The information gathered as  
21    part of PAP shall remain strictly confidential. The information  
22    shall be used only to provide assistance to emergency medical  
23    and police responders. No public safety worker shall knowingly

1 violate this confidentiality clause. Citizens who believe  
2 their health privacy rights have been violated may file a  
3 complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
4 (DHHS) via the Office of Civil Rights (OCR).

5 Section 30. Liability. Except for willful or wanton  
6 misconduct, a public safety agency shall not be subject to  
7 civil liabilities for duties relating to the reporting of  
8 special needs individuals.

9 Section 35. Citizen advisory. Citizens electing to  
10 participate in PAP must be advised that the provision of  
11 special needs information will not result in preferential  
12 treatment.

13 Section 40. Duration of program. The establishment and  
14 continued existence of PAP shall be based on funding  
15 availability.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
17 becoming law.