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Legislative Update

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Important Bills

House Bills Moving

- **HB 366 (PENDING IN THE SENATE; PASSED 117-0-0 IN THE HOUSE)**

Cleans up language in current legislation to comply with the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Act. Also makes other changes with respect to definitions, applications for benefits, income eligibility limitations, appeals of denials of claims, recovery of amounts paid on account of an erroneous or fraudulent claim, regulations, and other matters.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=366&GAID=10&GA=96&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=40582&SessionID=76>

- **HB 752 (PENDING IN THE SENATE; PASSED 116-0-0 IN THE HOUSE)**

Provides that the Department on Aging and the Departments of Public Health and Healthcare and Family Services shall develop a plan to restructure the State's service delivery system for older adults no later than September 30, 2010 and that it shall protect the rights of all older Illinoisans to services based on their health circumstances and functioning level, regardless of whether they receive their care in their homes, in a community setting, or in a residential facility. Also provides that financing for older adult services shall take into account individual preference but shall not jeopardize the health, safety, or level of care of nursing home residents.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=752&GAID=10&GA=96&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=42175&SessionID=76>

- **HB 838 (PENDING IN THE SENATE; PASSED 116-0-0 IN THE HOUSE)**

Makes technical changes to language in the Board and Care Home Act.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=838&GAID=10&GA=96&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=42320&SessionID=76>

Senate Bills Moving

- **HB 3967 (PENDING IN THE SENATE; PASSED 116-0-0 IN THE HOUSE)**

Cleans up language in the Elder Abuse and Neglect Act. Also grants authority to implement a program in connection with reports of possible self-neglect, as well as grants additional parties access to records of eligible adults.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=3967&GAID=10&GA=96&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=46808&SessionID=76>

- **SB 88 (PENDING IN THE HOUSE; PASSED 59-0-0 IN THE SENATE)**

Provides that if a person files a claim for a grant or pharmaceutical assistance under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act and represents on the claim form that he or she is a surviving spouse and his or her marital status is "single", then only his or her individual income for the applicable year shall be counted in determining his or her eligibility for a grant or pharmaceutical assistance.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=88&GAID=10&GA=96&DocTypeID=SB&LegID=40406&SessionID=76>

- **SB 326 (PENDING IN THE HOUSE; PASSED 56-0-0 IN THE SENATE)**

Provides that the Department on Aging and the Departments of Public Health and Healthcare and Family Services shall develop a plan to restructure the State's service delivery system for older adults no later than September 30, 2010 and that it shall protect the rights of all older Illinoisans to services based on their health circumstances and functioning level, regardless of whether they receive their care in their homes, in a community setting, or in a residential facility. Also provides that financing for older adult services shall take into account individual preference but shall not jeopardize the health, safety, or level of care of nursing home residents.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=326&GAID=10&GA=96&DocTypeID=SB&LegID=41180&SessionID=76>

- **SB 1278 (PENDING IN THE HOUSE; PASSED 57-0-0 IN THE SENATE)**

Provides that willfully failing to report an instance of suspected abuse or neglect as required by law is grounds for disciplinary action against an optometrist. Also provides that any optometrist who willfully fails to report suspected elder abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, or self-neglect shall be referred to the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation for disciplinary action.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=1278&GAID=10&GA=96&DocTypeID=SB&LegID=42259&SessionID=76>

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- **SB 1689 (PENDING IN THE SENATE)**

Provides that a "mandated reporter" under the Elder Abuse and Neglect Act includes any bank, savings and loan, or credit union officer, trustee, or employee and any ambulatory currency exchange or community currency exchange, as defined in the Currency Exchange Act, or an employee of such a currency exchange.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=1689&GAID=10&GA=96&DocTypeID=SB&LegID=44386&SessionID=76>

The Illinois Department on Aging does not discriminate in admission to programs or treatment of employment in compliance with appropriate State and Federal statutes. If you feel you have been discriminated against, call the Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966, 1-888-206-1327 (TTY).

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