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**Illinois Compiled Statutes**  
**MENTAL HEALTH**  
**(405 ILCS 20/) Community Mental Health Act.**

**(405 ILCS 20/0.1)** (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 300.1) **Short Title**

**Sec. 0.1.** This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Community Mental Health Act".

**(Source: Laws 1967, p. 3457.)**

**(405 ILCS 20/1)** (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 301) **Definitions**

**Sec. 1.** As used in this Act:

(a) "governmental unit" means any county, city, village, incorporated town, or township;

(b) "person with a developmental disability" means any person or persons so diagnosed and as defined in the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code;

(c) "substance abuse" means the excessive use of alcohol, addiction to a controlled substance, or the habitual use of cannabis.

**(Source: P.A. 88-380.)**

**(405 ILCS 20/2)** (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 302) **Establishment and Maintenance – Authorization**

**Sec. 2.** Any county, city, village, incorporated town, township, public health district, county health department, multiple-county health department, school district or any combination thereof, in consultation with and being advised by the Department of Human Services, shall have the power to construct, repair, operate, maintain and regulate community mental health facilities to provide mental health services as defined by the local community mental health board, including services for, persons with a developmental disability and for the substance abuser, for residents thereof and/or to contract therefore with any private or public entity which provides such facilities and services, either in or without such county, city, village, incorporated town, township, public health district, county health department, multiple-county health department, school district or any combination thereof.

**(Source: P.A. 88-380; 89-507, eff. 7-1-97.)**

**(405 ILCS 20/3)** (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 303) **Donations**

**Sec. 3.** Any such county, city, village, incorporated town, township, public health district, county health department, multiple-county health department, school district, community mental health board or any combination thereof, may accept donations of property and funds for the purposes specified in this Act.

**(Source: P.A. 81-898.)**

**(405 ILCS 20/3a)** (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 303a) **Community Mental Health Board – Establishment – Appointments – Memberships**

**Sec. 3a.** Every governmental unit authorized to levy an annual tax under any of the provisions of this Act shall, before it may levy such tax, establish a seven (7) member community mental health board who shall administer this Act. Such board shall be appointed by the chairman of the governing body of a county, the mayor of a city, the president of a village, the president of an incorporated town, or the supervisor of a township, as the case may be, with the advice and consent of the governing body of such county, city, village, incorporated town or the town board

of trustees of any township. Members of the community mental health board shall be residents of the government unit and, as nearly as possible, be representative of interested groups of the community such as local health departments, medical societies, local comprehensive health planning agencies, hospital boards, lay associations concerned with mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse, as well as the general public. Only one member shall be a member of the governing body. The chairman of the governing body may, upon the request of the community mental health board, appoint two (2) additional members to the community mental health board. No member of the community mental health board may be a full-time or part-time employee of the Department of Human Services or a board member, employee or any other individual receiving compensation from any facility or service operating under contract to the board; except that unpaid members of the board of directors of any not-for-profit corporation operating under contract to community mental health boards of two (2) adjacent counties established prior to 1979 may also be members of such community mental health boards. If a successful referendum is held under Section 5 of this Act, all members of such board shall be appointed within 60 days of the referendum.

Home rule units are exempt from this Act. However, they may, by ordinance, adopt the provisions of this Act, or any portion thereof, that they may deem advisable.

The tax rate set forth in Section 4 may be levied by any non-home rule unit only pursuant to the approval by the voters at a referendum. Such referendum may have been held at any time subsequent to the effective date of the Community Mental Health Act.

**(Source: P.A. 89-507, eff. 7-1-97.)**

**(405 ILCS 20/3b)** (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 303b) **Tenure of Board Members -- Vacancies**

**Sec. 3b.** The term of office of each member of the community mental health board shall be for 4 years, provided, however, that of the members first appointed, 2 shall be appointed for a term of 2 years, 2 for a term of 3 years and 3 for a term of 4 years. All terms shall be measured from the first day of the year of appointment. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments.

**(Source: Laws 1965, p. 1037.)**

**(405 ILCS 20/3c)** (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 303c) **Removal of Board Members**

**Sec. 3c.** Any member of the community mental health board may be removed by the appointing officer for absenteeism, neglect of duty, misconduct or malfeasance in office, after being given a written statement of the charges and an opportunity to be heard thereon.

**(Source: P. A. 77-1500.)**

**(405 ILCS 20/3d)** (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 303d) **Expenses of Board Members – Payment**

**Sec. 3d.** The expenses incurred by any community mental health board in the performance of duties imposed upon it or its members shall be a charge on the board and shall be paid out of the "Community Mental Health Fund" hereinafter established. No member shall receive payment, except expenses, for service on the board.

**(Source: P. A. 78-574.)**

(405 ILCS 20/3e) (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 303e)

**Sec. 3e. Board's powers and duties.**

(1) Every community mental health board shall, immediately after appointment, meet and organize, by the election of one of its number as president and one as secretary and such other officers as it may deem necessary. It shall make rules and regulations concerning the rendition or operation of services and facilities which it directs, supervises or funds, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or with the rules and regulations of the Department of Human Services. It shall:

(a) Hold a meeting prior to July 1 of each year at which officers shall be elected for the ensuing year beginning July 1;

(b) Hold meetings at least quarterly;

(c) Hold special meetings upon a written request signed by at least 2 members and filed with the secretary;

(d) Review and evaluate community mental health services and facilities, including services and facilities for the treatment of alcoholism, drug addiction, developmental disabilities and mental retardation;

(e) Submit to the appointing officer, the members of the governing body, the Department of Human Services, and the Health Systems Agency a written plan for a program of community mental health services and facilities including programs for persons adjudicated delinquent minors under the Juvenile Court Act or the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 who are found to be persons with mental illness, for persons with a developmental disability and for the substance abuser. Such plan shall be for the ensuing 12 month period. In addition, a plan shall be developed for the ensuing 3 year period and such plan shall be reviewed at the end of every 12 month period and shall be modified as deemed advisable. The basic components of such plans shall be consistent with the regulations of the Department of Human Services.

(f) Within amounts appropriated therefore, execute such programs and maintain such services and facilities as may be authorized under such appropriations, including amounts appropriated under bond issues, if any;

(g) The board shall cause the publication of its annual budget and report within 60 days after the end of the fiscal year in a newspaper published within the jurisdiction of the board, or, if no newspaper is published within the jurisdiction of the board, then one published in the county, or, if no newspaper is published in the county, then in a newspaper having general circulation within the jurisdiction of the board. The report shall show the condition of its trust of that year, the sums of money received from all sources, giving the name of any donor, how all monies have been expended and for what purpose, and such other statistics and program information in regard to the work of the board as it may deem of general interest. A copy of the budget and the annual report shall also be sent to the Department of Human Services and to the regional Health Systems Agency and to members of the General Assembly whose districts include any part of the jurisdiction of such board. The names of all employees, consultants, and other personnel shall be set forth along with the amounts of money received;

(h) Consult with other appropriate local private and public agencies and the Department of Human Services in the development of local plans for the most efficient delivery of mental health, alcoholism and substance abuse services. The Board is authorized to join and to participate in the activities of associations organized for the purpose of promoting more efficient and effective services and programs;

(i) Review and comment on all applications for grants by any person, corporation, or governmental unit providing services within the geographical area of the board which provides mental health facilities and services, when such facilities and services are included in the board's one-year and three-year plans, including services for the person with a developmental disability and the substance abuser. Grant applicants shall send a copy of their grant application to the board at the time such application is submitted to the Department of Human Services or to any other local, State or federal funding source or governmental agency. Within 60 days of the receipt of any application, the board shall submit its review and comments to the Department of Human Services or to any other appropriate local, State or federal funding source or governmental agency. A copy of the review and comments shall be submitted both to the grant applicant and to the regional Health Systems Agency. Within 60 days thereafter, the Department of Human Services or any other appropriate local or State governmental agency shall issue a written response to the board, to the grant applicant and to the federal Health Systems Agency. The Department of Human Services shall supply any community mental health board such information about purchase-of-care funds, State facility utilization, and costs in its geographical area as the board may request provided that the information requested is for the purpose of the Community Mental Health Board complying with the requirements of Section 3e, subsection (e) of this Act;

(j) Perform such other acts as may be necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of this Act, if not inconsistent with the regulations of the Department of Human Services.

(2) The community mental health board has the following powers:

(a) The board may enter into multiple-year contracts for rendition or operation of services, facilities and educational programs.

(b) The board may arrange for the rendition of services and operation of facilities by other agencies of the governmental unit or county in which the governmental unit is located with the approval of the governing body.

(c) The board may employ such personnel, including legal counsel, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act and prescribe the duties of and establish salaries and provide other compensation for such personnel. The board may enter into multiple-year employment contracts as may be necessary for the recruitment and retention of personnel and the proper functioning of the board.

(d) The board may enter into multiple-year joint agreements, which shall be written, with other contiguous mental health boards and boards of health to provide jointly agreed upon community mental health facilities and services and to pool such funds as may be deemed necessary and available for this purpose.

(e) The board may organize a not-for-profit corporation for the purpose of providing direct recipient services. Such corporations shall have, in addition to all other lawful powers, the power to contract with persons to furnish services for recipients of the corporation's facilities, including psychiatrists and other physicians licensed in this State to practice medicine in all of its branches. Such physicians shall be considered independent contractors, and liability for any malpractice shall not extend to such corporation, nor to the community mental health board, except for gross negligence in entering into such a contract.

(f) The board shall not operate any direct recipient services for more than a 2-year period when such services are being provided in the governmental unit, but shall encourage, by

financial support, the development of private agencies to deliver such needed services, pursuant to regulations of the board.

(g) Where there are multiple boards within the same planning area, as established by the Department of Human Services, services may be purchased through a single delivery system. In such areas, a coordinating body with representation from each board shall be established to carry out the service functions of this Act. In the event any such coordinating body purchases or improves real property, such body shall first obtain the approval of the governing bodies of the governmental units in which the coordinating body is located.

(h) The board may enter into multiple-year joint agreements with other governmental units located within the geographical area of the board. Such agreements shall be written and shall provide for the rendition of services by the board to the residents of such governmental units.

(i) The board may enter into multiple-year joint agreements with the Department of Human Services whereby the board will provide certain services, the costs of which shall be negotiated between the Department and the board. This provision shall not be construed to limit the authority of the board to contract with other federal, State and local agencies. All such joint agreements must provide for the exchange of relevant data. However, nothing in this Act shall be construed to permit the abridgement of the confidentiality of patient records.

(j) The board may receive gifts from private sources for purposes not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

(k) The board may receive Federal, State and local funds for purposes not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

(l) The board may establish scholarship programs. Such programs shall require equivalent service or reimbursement pursuant to regulations of the board.

(m) The board may sell, rent, or lease real property for purposes consistent with this Act.

(n) The board may: (i) own real property, lease real property as lessee, or acquire real property by purchase, construction, lease-purchase agreement, or otherwise; (ii) take title to the property in the board's name; (iii) borrow money and issue debt instruments, mortgages, purchase-money mortgages, and other security instruments with respect to the property; and (iv) maintain, repair, remodel, or improve the property. All of these activities must be for purposes consistent with this Act as may be reasonably necessary for the housing and proper functioning of the board. The board may use moneys in the Community Mental Health Fund for these purposes.

(o) The board may organize a not-for-profit corporation (i) for the purpose of raising money to be distributed by the board for providing community mental health services and facilities for the treatment of alcoholism, drug addiction, developmental disabilities, and mental retardation or (ii) for other purposes not inconsistent with this Act.

**(Source: P.A. 92-552, eff. 6-24-02.)**

**(405 ILCS 20/3f) (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 303f) Annual Budget and Report**

**Sec. 3f.** Annually, each community mental health board shall prepare and submit to the appointing officer and governing body referred to in Section 3a: (a) an annual budget showing the estimated receipts and intended disbursements pursuant to this Act for the fiscal year immediately following the date the budget is submitted, which date must be at least 30 days prior to the start of the fiscal year, and (b) an annual report detailing the income received and disbursements made pursuant to this Act during the fiscal year just preceding the date the annual

report is submitted, which date must be within 60 days of the close of that fiscal year. Such report shall also include those matters set forth in Section 8 of this Act.

**(Source: P.A. 81-898.)**

**(405 ILCS 20/3g)** (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 303g) **Prompt Payment**

**Sec. 3g.** Purchases made pursuant to this Act shall be made in compliance with the "Local Government Prompt Payment Act", approved by the Eighty-fourth General Assembly.

**(Source: P.A. 84-731.)**

**(405 ILCS 20/4)** (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 304) **Tax Levy – Community Mental Health Fund – Use of Funds**

**Sec. 4.** In order to provide the necessary funds or to supplement existing funds for such community mental health facilities and services, including facilities and services for the person with a developmental disability and the substance abuser, the governing body of any governmental unit, subject to the provisions of Section 5, may levy an annual tax of not to exceed .15% upon all of the taxable property in such governmental unit at the value thereof, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue. Such tax shall be levied and collected in the same manner as other governmental unit taxes, but shall not be included in any limitation otherwise prescribed as to the rate or amount of governmental unit taxes, but shall be in addition thereto and in excess thereof.

When collected, such tax shall be paid into a special fund to be designated as the "Community Mental Health Fund" which shall, upon authorization by the appropriate governmental unit, be administered by the community mental health board and used only for the purposes specified in this Act. Nothing contained herein shall in any way preclude the use of other funds available for such purposes under any existing Federal, State or local statute. Interest earned from moneys deposited in this Fund shall only be used for purposes which are authorized by this Act.

In any city, village, incorporated town, or township which levies a tax for the purpose of providing community mental health facilities and services and part or all of such city, village, incorporated town, or township is in a county or township, as the case may be, which levies a tax to provide community mental health facilities and services under the provisions of this Act, such county or township, as the case may be, shall pay to such city, village, incorporated town, or township, as the case may be, the entire amount collected from taxes under this Section on property subject to a tax which any city, village, incorporated town, or township thereof levies to provide community mental health facilities and services.

Whenever any city, village, incorporated town, or township receives any payments from a county or township as provided above, such city, village, incorporated town, or township shall reduce and abate from the tax levied by the authority of this Section a rate which would produce an amount equal to the amount received from such county or township.

**(Source: P.A. 88-380.)**

**(405 ILCS 20/5)** (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 305) **Tax Levy – Elections**

**Sec. 5.** When the governing body of a governmental unit passes a resolution as provided in Section 4 asking that an annual tax may be levied for the purpose of providing such mental

health facilities and services, including facilities and services for the person with a developmental disability and the substance abuser, in the community and so instructs the clerk of the governmental unit such clerk shall certify the proposition to the proper election officials for submission at a regular election in accordance with the general election law. The proposition shall be in the following form:

Shall..... (governmental unit) levy an annual tax of not to exceed .15% for the purpose of providing community mental health facilities and services including facilities and services for the person with a developmental disability and the substance abuser?	<u>YES</u>	
	<u>NO</u>	

If a majority of all the votes cast upon the proposition are for the levy of such tax, the governmental body of such governmental unit shall thereafter annually levy a tax not to exceed the rate set forth in Section 4. Thereafter, the governing body shall in the annual appropriation bill appropriate from such funds such sum or sums of money as may be deemed necessary, based upon the community mental health board's budget, the board's annual mental health report, and the local mental health plan to defray necessary expenses and liabilities in providing for such community mental health facilities and services.

**(Source: P.A. 88-380.)**

**(405 ILCS 20/6)** (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 306) **Establishment and Maintenance – Petition – Tax Levy – Disposition of Funds**

**Sec. 6.** Whenever the governing body of any governmental unit has not provided the community mental health facilities and services provided in Section 2 and levied the tax provided in Section 4 and a petition signed by electors of the governmental unit equal in number to at least 10% of the total votes cast for the office which received the greatest total number of votes at the last preceding general governmental unit election is presented to the clerk of the governmental unit requesting the establishment and maintenance of such community mental health facilities and services, including facilities and services for the person with a developmental disability and the substance abuser, for residents thereof and the levy of such an annual tax therefor, the governing body of the governmental unit, subject to the provisions of Section 7, shall establish and maintain such community mental health facilities and services and shall levy such an annual tax of not to exceed .15% upon all of the taxable property in such governmental unit at the value thereof, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue. Such tax shall be levied and collected in the same manner as other governmental unit taxes, but shall not be included in any

limitation otherwise prescribed as to the rate or amount of governmental unit taxes, but shall be in addition thereto and in excess thereof.

When collected, such tax shall be paid into a special fund to be designated as the "Community Mental Health Fund" which shall, upon authorization by the appropriate governmental unit, be administered by the community mental health board and used only for the purposes specified in this Act. Nothing contained herein shall in any way preclude the use of other funds available for such purposes under any existing Federal, State or local statute. Interest earned from moneys deposited in this Fund shall only be used for purposes which are authorized by this Act.

In any city, village, incorporated town, or township which levies a tax for the purpose of providing community mental health facilities and services and part or all of such city, village, incorporated town, or township is in a county or township, as the case may be, which levies a tax to provide community mental health facilities and services under the provisions of this Act, such county or township, as the case may be, shall pay to such city, village, incorporated town, or township, as the case may be, the entire amount collected from taxes under this Section on property subject to a tax which any city, village, incorporated town, or township thereof levies to provide community mental health facilities and services.

Whenever any city, village, incorporated town, or township receives any payments from a county or township as provided above, such city, village, incorporated town, or township shall reduce and abate from the tax levied by the authority of this Section a rate which would produce an amount equal to the amount received from such county or township.

**(Source: P.A. 88-380.)**

**(405 ILCS 20/7)** (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 307) **Establishment and Maintenance – Election Sec. 7.** When the petition provided for in Section 6 is presented to the clerk of the governmental unit requesting the establishment and maintenance of such mental health facilities and services for residents of the community and the levy of such an annual tax therefore, the clerk of the governmental unit shall certify to the proper election officials the proposition for the levy of such tax which shall be submitted at a regular election in accordance with the general election law. The proposition shall be in substantially the following form:

Shall..... (governmental unit) establish and maintain community mental health facilities and services including facilities and services for the person with a developmental disability and the substance abuser and levy therefore an annual tax of not to exceed .15%?	<u>YES</u>	
	<u>NO</u>	

If a majority of all the votes cast upon the proposition are in favor thereof, the governmental body of such governmental unit shall establish and maintain such community mental health facilities and services and shall annually levy such tax. Thereafter, the governing body shall in the annual appropriation bill appropriate from such funds such sum or sums of money as may be deemed necessary, based upon the community mental health board's budget, the board's annual mental health report, and the board's plan to defray necessary expenses and liabilities in providing for such community mental health facilities and services.

**(Source: P.A. 88-380.)**

**(405 ILCS 20/8)** (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 308) **Grants-in-Aid by the Department of Human Services**

**Sec. 8.** The Secretary of Human Services may make grants-in-aid to such county, city, village, incorporated town, township, public health district, county health department, multiple-county health department, school district or any combination thereof in accordance with the provisions of Section 34 of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act. However, no such grants shall be made without first considering the review and comments made by the board as set forth in Section 3e and responding thereto. The Department shall make all rules necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Section, including the setting of standards of eligibility for state assistance.

**(Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)**

**(405 ILCS 20/8.1)** (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 308.1) **Administrative Procedure**

**Sec. 8.1.** The provisions of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act are hereby expressly adopted and shall apply to all administrative rules and procedures of the Department under this Act, except that in case of conflict between the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and this Act the provisions of this Act shall control, and except that Section 5-35 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act relating to procedures for rule-making does not apply to the adoption of any rule required by federal law in connection with which the Department is precluded by law from exercising any discretion.

**(Source: P.A. 88-45.)**

**(405 ILCS 20/8.5) Pilot Programs**

**Sec. 8.5.** Pilot programs. From funds appropriated by the General Assembly to the Department of Human Services for that purpose, the Secretary of Human Services shall establish 3 pilot programs, one in a municipality of over 2,000,000 inhabitants, one in a county of fewer than 3,000,000 inhabitants that is contiguous to a county of 3,000,000 or more inhabitants, and one in a county of fewer than 3,000,000 inhabitants that is not contiguous to a county of 3,000,000 or more inhabitants, to provide persons who have been released from jails and pretrial detention facilities with access to providers of mental health services.

**(Source: P.A. 92-159, eff. 1-1-02.)**

**(405 ILCS 20/9)** (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 309) **Tax Levy – Facilities and Services – Procedure for Discontinuance**

**Sec. 9.** Whenever electors, equal in number to at least 10% of the total votes cast for the office on which the greatest total number of votes were cast at the last preceding general governmental unit election, of a governmental unit which has adopted the taxing provisions of this Act, present

a petition to the clerk of the governmental unit, requesting that the levying of a tax annually in such governmental unit for the purpose of providing community mental health facilities and services be discontinued, the clerk shall certify the proposition to the proper election officials for submission at a regular election in accordance with the general election law. The proposition shall be substantially in the following form:

Shall.... (governmental unit) discontinue the levying of an annual tax for the purpose of providing community mental health facilities and services including facilities and services for the person with a developmental disability and the substance abuser?	<u>YES</u>	
	<u>NO</u>	

If a majority of all the votes cast upon the proposition are for the discontinuance of the levying of such tax, the governing body of the governmental unit shall not thereafter levy such a tax unless a proposition authorizing such levy again receives a majority of all the votes cast upon the proposition as provided in Sections 5 and 7 of this Act.

**(Source: P.A. 88-380.)**

**(405 ILCS 20/10)** (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 310) **Issuance of Bonds – Report**

**Sec. 10.** Whenever the board and the governing body of a governmental unit by resolution determines that it is necessary to issue bonds of the governmental unit to enable it to provide buildings for or to make permanent improvements in the community mental health facilities, including facilities for the person with a developmental disability and the substance abuser, the governing body shall so instruct the clerk of the governmental unit. Thereupon, such clerk shall certify the proposition to the proper election officials who shall submit the proposition at a regular election in accordance with the general election law. However, before such resolution is adopted, a report must be filed with the board and the governing body by the Department of Human Services and the regional Health Systems Agency as to the advisability of any proposed building or of any proposed permanent improvements in existing facilities.

**(Source: P.A. 88-380; 89-507, eff. 7-1-97.)**

**(405 ILCS 20/11)** (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 311) **Form of Proposition**

**Sec. 11.** The proposition pursuant to Section 10 shall be in the following form:

Shall the.... (governmental unit) issue bonds to the amount of.... dollars for the purpose of enabling the governmental unit to.... (purpose to be stated, which shall be either to provide buildings for or to make permanent improvements in the community mental health facilities including facilities for the person with a developmental disability and the substance abuser)?	<u>YES</u>	
	<u>NO</u>	

In case a majority of the votes cast upon the propositions shall be in favor of the issuance of such bonds; the governing body of the governmental unit shall issue the bonds of the governmental unit not exceeding the amount authorized at the referendum. Such bonds shall become due not more than 40 years after their date, shall be in denominations of \$100 or any multiple thereof, and shall bear interest, evidenced by coupons, payable semi-annually, as shall be determined by the governing body.

**(Source: P.A. 88-380.)**

**(405 ILCS 20/12)** (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 312) **Sale of Bonds – Use of Proceeds – Tax Levy Sec. 12.** The bonds authorized by this Act shall be sold and the proceeds thereof used solely for the specified purpose. At or before the time of delivery of any bond, the governing body of the governmental unit shall file with the clerk of the governmental unit its certificates, stating the amount of bonds to be issued, or denominations, rate of interest, where payable, and shall include a form of bond to be issued. The governing body of the governmental unit shall levy a direct tax upon all of the taxable property within the governmental unit sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds as and when the same respectively mature. Such tax shall be in addition to all other taxes and shall not be within any rate limitation otherwise prescribed by law.

The proceeds received from the sale of the bonds shall be placed in a special fund in the governmental unit treasury to be designated as the "Bond Community Mental Health Fund" and thereafter the governing body shall in the annual appropriation bill appropriate from such funds such sum or sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. Interest earned from moneys deposited in this Fund shall only be used for purposes which are authorized by this Act.

**(Source: P.A. 78-574.)**

**(405 ILCS 20/13)** (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 313)

**Levy of Tax and Issuance of Bonds – Referendum**

**Sec. 13.** Both the proposition for the levy of an annual tax pursuant to Section 5 of this Act and the proposition for issuance of bonds pursuant to Section 10 of this Act may be submitted to the electors at the same election. **(Source: Laws 1967, p. 1171.)**

## **(55 ILCS 105/) County Care for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act**

**(55 ILCS 105/0.01)** (from Ch. 91 ½, par. 200)

**Sec. 0.01. Short title.** This Act may be cited as the County Care for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act. (Source: P.A. 89-585, eff. 1-10-97.)

**(55 ILCS 105/1)** (from Ch. 91 ½, par. 201)

**Sec. 1.** Any county may provide facilities or services for the benefit of its residents who are mentally retarded or under a developmental disability and who are not eligible to participate in any such program conducted under Article 14 of the School code, or may contract therefore with any privately or publicly operated entity which provides facilities or services either in or out of such county. For such purpose, the county board may levy an annual tax of not to exceed .1% upon all of the taxable property in the county at the value thereof, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue. Such tax shall be levied and collected in the same manner as other county taxes, but shall not be included in any limitation otherwise prescribed as to the rate or amount of county taxes but shall be in addition thereto and in excess thereof. When collected, such tax shall be paid into a special fund in the county treasury, to be designated as the “Fund for Persons With a Developmental Disability”, and shall be used only for the purpose specified in this Section. (Source: P.A. 88-380; 88-388.)

**(55 ILCS 105/2)** (from Ch. 91 ½, par. 202)

**Sec. 2.** Whenever any county first levies the tax authorized in Section 1, it shall cause the ordinance or resolution levying the tax to be published in one or more newspapers published in the county within 10 days after the levy is made. If no newspaper is published in the county, the ordinance shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation within the county. The publication of the ordinance or resolution shall include a notice of (1) the specific number of voters required to sign a petition requesting that the question of the adoption of the tax levy be submitted to the voters of the county; (2) the time within which the petition must be filed; and (3) the date of the prospective referendum. The county clerk shall provide a petition form to any individual requesting one. Any taxpayer in such county may, within 30 days after such publication, file with the county clerk a petition signed by voters of the county equal to 10% or more of the registered voters in the county, requesting the submission to a referendum of the following proposition:

“Shall .... County be authorized to levy a tax for (state purpose) in excess of the rate for other county purposes not in excess of .1%?”

The county clerk shall submit the proposition at the next regular election in accordance with the general election law. If a majority of the voters voting on the proposition vote in favor thereof or if no valid petition is filed pursuant to this Section such tax levy shall be authorized; if a majority of the vote is against such proposition, such tax levy shall not be authorized.

(Source: P.A. 86-1253; 87-767.)

**(55 ILCS 105/3)** (from Ch. 91 ½, par. 203)

**Sec. 3.** When any county has authority to levy a tax for the purpose of this Act, the presiding officer of the county board with the advice and consent of the county board, shall appoint a board of 3 directors who shall administer this Act. The board shall be designated the “(name of

county) County Board for Care and Treatment of Persons with a Developmental Disability”. The original appointees shall be appointed for terms expiring, respectively, on June 30 in the first, second and third years following their appointment as designated by the appointing authority. All succeeding terms shall be for 3 years and appointments shall be made in like manner. Vacancies shall be filled in like manner for the balance of the unexpired term. Each director shall serve until his successor is appointed. Directors shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses reasonably incurred in the performance of their duties. (Source: P.A. 88-380; 88-388; 89-585, eff. 101097.)

(55 ILCS 105/4) (from Ch. 91 ½, par. 204)

**Sec. 4.** The directors shall meet in July, annually, and elect one of their number as president and one as secretary, and shall elect such other officers as they deem necessary. They shall adopt such rules for the administration of this Act as may be proper and expedient. They shall report to the court, from time to time, a detailed statement of their administration.

The board shall have exclusive control of all money paid into the Fund for Persons with a Developmental Disability and shall draw upon the county treasurer for all or any part of that fund required by the board in the performance of its duties and exercise of its powers under this Act. The board may establish, maintain and equip facilities within the county, for the care and treatment of persons with a developmental disability together with such auxiliary facilities connected therewith as the board finds necessary. For those purposes, the board may acquire, to be held in its name, real and personal property within the county by gift, grant, legacy, purchase or lease and may occupy, purchase, lease or erect an appropriate building or buildings for the use of such facilities and all related facilities and activities.

The board may provide for the care and treatment of persons with a developmental disability who are not residents of the county and may establish and collect reasonable charges for such services. (Source: P.A. 88-380; 88-388; 89-585, eff. 1-1-97.)

(55 ILCS 105/4.1) (from Ch. 91 ½, par. 204.1)

**Sec. 4.1.** Purchases made pursuant to this Act shall be made in compliance with the “Local Government Prompt Payment Act”, approved by the Eighty-fourth General Assembly. (Source: P.A. 84-731.)

(55 ILCS 105/5) (from Ch. 91 ½, par. 205)

**Sec. 5.** The board of directors may accept any donation of property for the purpose specified in Section 1, and shall pay over to the county treasurer any money so received, within 30 days of the receipt thereof. (Source: Laws 1961, p. 3804.)

(55 ILCS 105/6) (from Ch. 91 ½, par. 206)

**Sec. 6.** The board of directors may impose a maintenance charge upon the estate of any person with a developmental disability receiving the benefits of the facilities or services prescribed in Section 1 of this Act. If the estate of such person is insufficient, the parent or parents of such person are liable for the payment of the amount due. (Source: P.A. 88-380; 88-388; 89-585, eff. 1-1-97.)

**(55 ILCS 105/7)** (from Ch. 91 ½, par. 207)

**Sec. 7.** The rate at which the sums to be so charged as provided in Section 6 of this Act shall be calculated by the board of directors is the average per capita operating cost for all persons receiving the benefit of such facilities or services computed for each fiscal year; provided, that the board may, in its discretion, set the rate at a lesser amount than such average per capita cost. Less amounts may be accepted by the board when conditions warrant such action or when money is offered by persons not liable under Section 6. Any money received pursuant to this Section shall be paid into the county Fund for Persons with a Developmental Disability. **(Source: P.A. 88-380; 88-388.)**

**(55 ILCS 105/8)** (from Ch. 91 ½, par. 208)

**Sec. 8.** The board of directors is authorized to investigate the financial condition of each person liable under Section 6 and is further authorized to make determinations of the ability of each such person to pay the sums representing maintenance charges, and for such purposes to set a standard as a basis of judgment of ability to pay, which standard shall be recomputed periodically to reflect changes in the cost of living and other pertinent factors, and to make provisions for unusual and exceptional circumstances in the application of such standard. The board may issue to any person liable therefore statements of amounts due as maintenance charges, requiring payment in such manner as may be arranged, in an amount not exceeding the average per capita operating cost as determined under Section 7. **(Source: Laws 1961, p. 3804.)**

**(55 ILCS 105/9)** (from Ch. 91 ½, par. 209)

**Sec. 9.** The use of the facilities or services specified in Section 1 of this Act shall not be limited or conditioned in any manner by the financial status or ability to pay of any recipient or person responsible. Records pertaining to the payment of maintenance charges shall not be made available for inspection, but all such records shall be deemed confidential and used only when required for the purpose of Section 8 of this Act. **(Source: Laws 1961, p. 3804.)**

**(55 ILCS 105/10)** (from Ch. 91 ½, par. 210)

**Sec. 10.** Any person who has been issued a statement of any sum due for maintenance charges for a person with a developmental disability may petition the board of directors for a modification thereof, and the board shall provide for a hearing thereon. The board may, after such hearing, grant relief as seems proper. **(Source: P.A. 88-380; 88-388; 89-585, eff. 1-1-97.)**

**(55 ILCS 105/11)** (from Ch. 91 ½, par. 211)

**Sec. 11.** Upon request of the board of directors, the State's Attorney of the county in which a person who is liable for payment of maintenance charges resides shall file suit in the circuit court to collect the amount due. The court may order the payment of sums due for maintenance for such period or periods as the circumstances require. Such order may be entered against any or all such defendants and may be based upon the proportionate ability of each defendant to contribute to the payment of sums due. Orders for the payment of money may be enforced by attachment as for contempt against the persons of the defendants, and in addition as other judgments at law, and costs may be adjudged against the defendants and apportioned among them, but if the complaint is dismissed the costs shall be borne by the county.

The provisions of the Civil Practice Law, and all amendments thereto, shall apply to and govern all actions instituted under the provisions of this Act. **(Source: P.A. 82-783.)**

**(55 ILCS 105/12)** (from Ch. 91 ½, par. 212)

**Sec. 12.** Upon the death of a person who is liable for maintenance charges imposed by Section 6 of this Act and who is possessed of property, the executor or administrator of his estate shall ascertain from the board of directors the extent of such charges. Such claim shall be allowed and paid as other lawful claims against the estate. **(Source: Laws 1961, p. 3804.)**

**(55 ILCS 105/13)** (from Ch. 91 ½, par. 213)

**Sec. 13.** The Department of Human Services shall adopt general rules for the guidance of any board of directors, prescribing reasonable standards in regard to program, facilities and services for residents with a developmental disability. The provisions of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and hereby expressly adopted and shall apply to all administrative rules and procedures of the Department under this Act, except that in case of conflict between the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and this Act the provisions of this Act shall control, and except that Section 5-35 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act relating to procedures for rulemaking does not apply to the adoption of any rule required by federal law in connection with which the Department is precluded by law from exercising any discretion. The Department of Human Services may conduct such investigation as may be necessary to ascertain compliance with rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

If any such board of directors fails to comply with such rules, the Department of Human Services shall withhold distribution of any State grant in aid until such time as such board complies with such rules.

**(Source: P.A. 89-507, eff. 7-1-97; 89-585, eff. 1-1-97; 90-14, eff. 7-1-97.)**

**Excerpts from (55 ILCS 5/5-25) County and Multi-county Health Departments  
Mental Health Provisions**

**(55 ILCS 5/5-25013)** (from Ch. 34, par. 5-25013)

**Sec. 5-25013. Organization of board; powers and duties.**

(A) The board of health of each county or multiple-county health department shall, immediately after appointment, meet and organize, by the election of one of its number as president and one as secretary, and either from its number or otherwise, a treasurer and such other officers as it may deem necessary. A board of health may make and adopt such rules for its own guidance and for the government of the health department as may be deemed necessary to protect and improve public health not inconsistent with this Division. It shall:

1. Hold a meeting prior to the end of each operating fiscal year, at which meeting officers shall be elected for the ensuing operating fiscal year;
2. Hold meetings at least quarterly;
3. Hold special meetings upon a written request signed by two members and filed with the Secretary or on request of the medical health officer or public health administrator;
4. Provide, equip and maintain suitable offices, facilities and appliances for the health department;
5. Publish annually, within 90 days after the end of the county's operating fiscal year, in pamphlet form, for free distribution, an annual report showing the condition of its trust on the last day of the most recently completed operating fiscal year, the sums of money received from all sources, giving the name of any donor, how all moneys have been expended and for what purpose, and such other statistics and information in regard to the work of the health department as it may deem of general interest;
6. Within its jurisdiction, and professional and technical competence, enforce and observe all State laws pertaining to the preservation of health, and all county and municipal ordinances except as otherwise provided in this Division;
7. Within its jurisdiction, and professional and technical competence, investigate the existence of any contagious or infectious disease and adopt measures, not inconsistent with the regulations of the State Department of Public Health, to arrest the progress of the same;
8. Within its jurisdiction, and professional and technical competence, make all necessary sanitary and health investigations and inspections;
9. Upon request, give professional advice and information to all city, village, incorporated town and school authorities, within its jurisdiction, in all matters pertaining to sanitation and public health;
10. Appoint a medical health officer as the executive officer for the department, who shall be a citizen of the United States and shall possess such qualifications as may be prescribed by the State Department of Public Health; or appoint a public health administrator who shall possess such qualifications as may be prescribed by the State Department of Public Health as the executive officer for the department, provided that the board of health shall make available medical supervision which is considered adequate by the Director of Public Health;
- 10 1/2. Appoint such professional employees as may be approved by the executive officer who meet the qualification requirements of the State Department of Public Health for their respective positions provided, that in those health departments temporarily without a medical

health officer or public health administrator approval by the State Department of Public Health shall suffice;

11. Appoint such other officers and employees as may be necessary;

12. Prescribe the powers and duties of all officers and employees, fix their compensation, and authorize payment of the same and all other department expenses from the County Health Fund of the county or counties concerned;

13. Submit an annual budget to the county board or boards;

14. Submit an annual report to the county board or boards, explaining all of its activities and expenditures;

15. Establish and carry out programs and services in mental health, including mental retardation and alcoholism and substance abuse, not inconsistent with the regulations of the Department of Human Services;

16. Consult with all other private and public health agencies in the county in the development of local plans for the most efficient delivery of health services.

(B) The board of health of each county or multiple-county health department may:

1. Initiate and carry out programs and activities of all kinds, not inconsistent with law, that may be deemed necessary or desirable in the promotion and protection of health and in the control of disease including tuberculosis;

2. Receive contributions of real and personal property;

3. Recommend to the county board or boards the adoption of such ordinances and of such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary or desirable for the promotion and protection of health and control of disease;

4. Appoint a medical and dental advisory committee and a non-medical advisory committee to the health department;

5. Enter into contracts with the State, municipalities, other political subdivisions and non-official agencies for the purchase, sale or exchange of health services;

6. Set fees it deems reasonable and necessary (i) to provide services or perform regulatory activities, (ii) when required by State or federal grant award conditions, (iii) to support activities delegated to the board of health by the Illinois Department of Public Health, or (iv) when required by an agreement between the board of health and other private or governmental organizations, unless the fee has been established as a part of a regulatory ordinance adopted by the county board, in which case the board of health shall make recommendations to the county board concerning those fees. Revenue generated under this Section shall be deposited into the County Health Fund or to the account of the multiple-county health department.

7. Enter into multiple year employment contracts with the medical health officer or public health administrator as may be necessary for the recruitment and retention of personnel and the proper functioning of the health department.

(C) The board of health of a multiple-county health department may hire attorneys to represent and advise the department concerning matters that are not within the exclusive jurisdiction of the State's Attorney of one of the counties that created the department.

**(Source: P.A. 89-272, eff. 8-10-95; 89-507, eff. 7-1-97.)**

**(55 ILCS 5/5-25025)** (from Ch. 34, par. 5-25025)

**Sec. 5-25025. Mental health program.** If the county board of any county having a population of less than 1,000,000 inhabitants and maintaining a county health department under this Division desires the inclusion of a mental health program in that county health department and

the authority to levy the tax provided for in subsection (c) of this Section, the county board shall certify that question to the proper election officials, who shall submit the proposition at an election in accordance with the general election law. The proposition shall be in substantially the following form:

Shall ..... County include a mental health program in the county health department, and levy an annual tax of not to exceed .05% of the value of all taxable property for use for mental health purposes by the county health department?	YES
	NO

If a majority of the electors voting at that election vote in favor of the proposition, the county board may include the mental health program in the county health department and may, annually, levy the additional tax for mental health purposes. All mental health facilities provided shall be available to all citizens of the county, but the county health board may vary any charges for services according to ability to pay.

When the inclusion of a mental health program has been approved:

- (a) To the extent practicable, at least one member of the County Board of Health, under Section 5-25012, shall be a person certified by The American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology professionally engaged in the field of mental health and licensed to practice medicine in the State, unless there is no such qualified person in the county.
- (b) The president or chairman of the county board of health shall appoint a mental health advisory board composed of not less than 9 nor more than 15 members who have special knowledge and interest in the field of mental health. Initially, 1/3 of the board members shall be appointed for terms of one year, 1/3 for 2 years and 1/3 for 3 years. Thereafter, all terms shall be for 3 years. This advisory board shall meet at least twice each year and provide counsel, direction and advice to the county board of health in the field of mental health.
- (c) The county board may levy, in excess of the statutory limit and in addition to the taxes permitted under Sections 5-25003, 5-25004 and 5-25010, an additional annual tax of not more than .05% of the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, of all taxable property within the county which tax shall be levied and collected as provided in Section 5-25010 but held in the County Health Fund of the county treasury for use for mental health purposes. These funds may be used to provide care and treatment in public and private mental health facilities.
- (d) When a mental health program has been included in a county health department pursuant to this Section, the county board may obtain the authority to levy a tax for mental health purposes in addition to the tax authorized by the preceding paragraphs of this Section but not in excess of an additional .05% of the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, of all taxable property in the county by following the procedure set out in Section 5-25003 except that the proposition shall be in substantially the following form:

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Shall ..... County levy, in excess of the statutory limit, an additional annual tax of not to exceed .05% for use for mental health purposes by the county health department?	YES
	NO

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If the majority of all the votes cast on the proposition in the county is in favor thereof, the county board shall levy such tax annually. The levy and collection of this tax shall be as provided in Section 5-25010 but the tax shall be held in the County Health Fund of the county treasury for use, with that levied pursuant to paragraph (c), for mental health purposes.

**(Source: P.A. 86-962; 86-1028.)**