

AN ACT concerning employment.

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

Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Substance Abuse Prevention on Public Works Projects Act.

Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

"Accident" means an incident caused, contributed to, or otherwise involving an employee that resulted in death, personal injury, or property damage and that occurred while the employee was performing work on a public works project.

"Alcohol" means any substance containing any form of alcohol including, but not limited to, ethanol, methanol, propanol, and isopropanol.

"Alcohol concentration" means: (1) the number of grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath; or (2) the number of grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood.

"Drug" means a controlled substance as defined in the Illinois Controlled Substances Act or cannabis as defined in the Cannabis Control Act for which testing is required by an employer under its substance abuse prevention program under this Act. The term "drug" includes prescribed medications not used in accordance with a valid prescription.

"Employee" means a laborer, mechanic, or other worker

employed in any public works by anyone under a contract for public works.

"Employer" means a contractor or subcontractor performing a public works project.

"Public works" and "public body" have the meanings ascribed to those terms in the Prevailing Wage Act.

Section 10. Substance abuse prohibited. No employee may use, possess, distribute, deliver, or be under the influence of a drug, or use or be under the influence of alcohol, while performing work on a public works project. An employee is considered to be under the influence of alcohol for purposes of this Act if the alcohol concentration in his or her blood or breath at the time alleged as shown by analysis of the employee's blood or breath is at or above 0.02.

Section 15. Substance abuse prevention programs required.

(1) Before an employer commences work on a public works project, the employer shall have in place a written program which meets or exceeds the program requirements in this Act, to be filed with the public body engaged in the construction of the public works and made available to the general public, for the prevention of substance abuse among its employees. The testing must be performed by a laboratory that is certified for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health

Service Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. At a minimum, the program shall include all of the following:

(A) A minimum requirement of a 9 panel urine drug test plus a test for alcohol. Testing an employee's blood may only be used for post-accident testing, however, blood testing is not mandatory for the employer where a urine test is sufficient.

(B) A prohibition against the actions or conditions specified in Section 10.

(C) A requirement that employees performing the work on a public works project submit to pre-hire, random, reasonable suspicion, and post-accident drug and alcohol testing. Testing of an employee before commencing work on a public works project is not required if the employee has been participating in a random testing program during the 90 days preceding the date on which the employee commenced work on the public works project.

(D) A procedure for notifying an employee who violates Section 10, who tests positive for the presence of a drug in his or her system, or who refuses to submit to drug or alcohol testing as required under the program that the employee may not perform work on a public works project until the employee meets the conditions specified in subdivisions (2) (A) and (2) (B)

of Section 20.

(2) Reasonable suspicion testing. An employee whose supervisor has reasonable suspicion to believe the employee is under the influence of alcohol or a drug is subject to discipline up to and including suspension, and be required to undergo an alcohol or drug test. "Reasonable suspicion" means a belief, based on behavioral observations or other evidence, sufficient to lead a prudent or reasonable person to suspect an employee is under the influence and exhibits slurred speech, erratic behavior, decreased motor skills, or other such traits. Circumstances, both physical and psychological, shall be given consideration. Whenever possible before an employee is required to submit to testing based on reasonable suspicion, the employee shall be observed by more than one supervisory or managerial employee. It is encouraged that observation of an employee should be performed by a supervisory or managerial employee who has successfully completed a certified training program to recognize drug and alcohol abuse. The employer who is requiring an employee to be tested based upon reasonable suspicion shall provide transportation for the employee to the testing facility and may send a representative to accompany the employee to the testing facility. Under no circumstances may an employee thought to be under the influence of alcohol or a drug be allowed to operate a vehicle or other

equipment for any purpose. The employee shall be removed from the job site and placed on inactive status pending the employer's receipt of notice of the test results. The employee shall have the right to request a representative or designee to be present at the time he or she is directed to provide a specimen for testing based upon reasonable suspicion. If the test result is positive for drugs or alcohol, the employee shall be subject to termination. The employer shall pay all costs related to this testing. If the test result is negative, the employee shall be placed on active status and shall be put back to work by the employer. The employee shall be paid for all lost time to include all time needed to complete the drug or alcohol test and any and all overtime according to the employee's contract.

(3) An employer is responsible for the cost of developing, implementing, and enforcing its substance abuse prevention program, including the cost of drug and alcohol testing of its employees under the program, except when these costs are covered under provisions in a collective bargaining agreement. The testing must be performed by a laboratory that is certified for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The contracting agency is not responsible for that cost, for the cost of

any medical review of a test result, or for any rehabilitation provided to an employee.

Section 20. Employee access to project.

(1) An employer may not permit an employee who violates Section 10, who tests positive for the presence of a drug in his or her system, or who refuses to submit to drug or alcohol testing as required under the employer's substance abuse prevention program under Section 15 to perform work on a public works project until the employee meets the conditions specified in subdivisions (2) (A) and (2) (B). An employer shall immediately remove an employee from work on a public works project if any of the following occurs:

(A) The employee violates Section 10, tests positive for the presence of a drug in his or her system, or refuses to submit to drug or alcohol testing as required under the employer's substance abuse prevention program.

(B) An officer or employee of the contracting agency, preferably one trained to recognize drug and alcohol abuse, has a reasonable suspicion that the employee is in violation of Section 10 and requests the employer to immediately remove the employee from work on the public works project for reasonable suspicion testing.

(2) An employee who is barred or removed from work on a

public works project under subsection (1) may commence or return to work on the public works project upon his or her employer providing to the contracting agency documentation showing all of the following:

(A) That the employee has tested negative for the presence of drugs in his or her system and is not under the influence of alcohol as described in Section 10.

(B) That the employee has been approved to commence or return to work on the public works project in accordance with the employer's substance abuse prevention program.

(C) Testing for the presence of drugs or alcohol in an employee's system and the handling of test specimens was conducted in accordance with guidelines for laboratory testing procedures and chain-of-custody procedures established by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

(3) Upon successfully completing a rehabilitation program, an employee shall be reinstated to his or her former employment status if work for which he or she is qualified exists.

Section 25. Applicability. This Act applies to a contract to perform work on a public works project for which bids are opened on or after January 1, 2008, or, if bids are not

solicited for the contract, to a contract to perform such work entered into on or after January 1, 2008. The provisions of this Act apply only to the extent there is no collective bargaining agreement in effect dealing with the subject matter of this Act.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2008.