

AN ACT concerning public aid.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by adding Section 8A-18 as follows:

(305 ILCS 5/8A-18 new)

Sec. 8A-18. Application assistance fraud; SNAP; AABD; TANF. It is a Class C misdemeanor for any person, including an individual, firm, corporation, association, partnership, or joint venture, or any employee or agent of any of those, to assist or represent another person in completing or submitting an application for benefits under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the State's Aid to the Aged, Blind, or Disabled (AABD) program, or the State's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, in exchange for a portion of the applicant's SNAP, AABD, or TANF benefits or cash or any other form of payment from any other source. An applicant who receives such assistance or representation is not in violation of this Section. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as prohibiting an applicant from receiving such assistance or representation when appealing a denial of an application for SNAP, AABD, or TANF benefits.

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