

1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 1-10 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/1-10)

7 Sec. 1-10. Drug convictions.

8 (a) Persons convicted of an offense under the Illinois  
9 Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, or the  
10 Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act which is  
11 a Class X felony, or a Class 1 felony, or comparable federal  
12 criminal law which has as an element the possession, use, or  
13 distribution of a controlled substance, as defined in Section  
14 102(6) of the federal Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C.  
15 802(c)), shall not be eligible for cash assistance provided  
16 under this Code.

17 (b) Persons convicted of any other felony under the  
18 Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act,  
19 or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act  
20 which is not a Class X or Class 1 felony, or comparable federal  
21 criminal law which has as an element the possession, use, or  
22 distribution of a controlled substance, as defined in Section  
23 102(6) of the federal Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C.

1 802(c)), shall not be eligible for cash assistance provided  
2 under this Code for 2 years from the date of conviction. This  
3 prohibition shall not apply if the person is in a drug  
4 treatment program, aftercare program, or similar program as  
5 defined by rule.

6 (c) Persons shall not be determined ineligible for food  
7 stamps provided under this Code based upon a conviction of any  
8 felony or comparable federal or State criminal law which has  
9 an element the possession, use or distribution of a controlled  
10 substance, as defined in Section 102(6) of the federal  
11 Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802(c)).

12 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section to  
13 the contrary, persons shall not be determined ineligible for  
14 cash assistance provided under Article IV of this Code based  
15 upon a conviction for any drug-related felony under State or  
16 federal law.

17 (Source: P.A. 98-756, eff. 7-16-14.)

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect 3 months  
19 after becoming law.