

1 AN ACT in relation to public health.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and  
5 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is  
6 amended by adding Sections 2310-377 and 2310-378 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-377 new)

8 Sec. 2310-377. Lupus education and outreach.

9 (a) The Illinois General Assembly finds and declares the  
10 following:

11 (1) Lupus is a chronic, incurable auto-immune  
12 disease of unknown origin that mainly affects women of  
13 childbearing age, is difficult to diagnose, and causes  
14 severe, potentially life-threatening organ damage.

15 (2) The Lupus Foundation of America estimates that  
16 1.4 million people in the U.S. have a form of lupus.

17 (3) Lupus causes the immune system to attack the  
18 body's healthy cells and tissues producing skin damage,  
19 rheumatoid arthritis, life-threatening inflammation of  
20 multiple major organs, and a potentially fatal failure of  
21 the renal, circulatory, or central nervous system.

22 (4) Symptoms include joint pain, rash, unusual loss  
23 of hair, unexplained fever, low blood counts, sensitivity  
24 to the sun, and fingers that turn pale or purple when  
25 exposed to cold.

26 (5) According to the Lupus Foundation of America, a  
27 survey of its members revealed that more than half of all  
28 people with lupus suffered 4 or more years and were  
29 examined by 3 or more doctors before obtaining a correct  
30 diagnosis.

31 (6) According to the Center for Disease Control and

1 Prevention, the number of lupus-related deaths between  
 2 1979 and 1988 increased dramatically; African American  
 3 women, ages 45-64, experienced a 70% increase, the  
 4 largest increase among all groups in the 20 years  
 5 studied.

6 (b) The Department shall conduct an education and  
 7 outreach campaign in order to raise awareness about the  
 8 symptoms and treatment of lupus, a potentially  
 9 life-threatening disease.

10 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-378 new)

11 Sec. 2310-378. Wilson's disease.

12 (a) The Illinois General Assembly finds and declares the  
 13 following:

14 (1) Wilson's disease is an inherited disorder in  
 15 which excessive amounts of copper accumulate in the body  
 16 and can cause liver disease and neurological or  
 17 psychiatric disorders; and

18 (2) successful treatment is available for sufferers  
 19 of Wilson's disease but, without proper treatment, the  
 20 disease is generally fatal by the age of 30.

21 (b) The Department shall: (i) conduct a public health  
 22 information campaign for physicians, hospitals, health  
 23 facilities, public health departments, and the general public  
 24 on Wilson's disease, methods of care, and treatment  
 25 modalities available; (ii) identify and catalog Wilson's  
 26 disease resources in this State for distribution and referral  
 27 purposes; and (iii) coordinate services with established  
 28 programs, including State, federal, and voluntary groups.