

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 690

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 690 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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 Section 2310-700 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-700 new)

8 Sec. 2310-700. Minority Health and Medical Careers
9 Program.

10 (a) The purpose of this Section is to establish a
11 program in the Illinois Department of Public Health to study
12 and develop a statewide network of innovative programs
13 conducted in conjunction with professional schools that
14 attempt to increase the number of qualified minority
15 applicants to and graduates of medical and other professional
16 schools.

17 (b) The Department of Public Health, in consultation
18 with the Board of Higher Education, shall undertake a study
19 to identify the existing programs in the State to increase
20 the number of qualified minority health care professionals,
21 any geographic areas not served by these programs, the
22 effectiveness of existing programs, and recommendations for

1 improving the effectiveness of existing programs. The
2 Department of Public Health shall deliver this study to the
3 General Assembly and the Governor on or before December 31,
4 2003. Based upon this study, the Department shall establish a
5 statewide network of existing programs and encourage the
6 development of these programs for both urban and rural areas
7 of the State not served.

8 (c) The Department may provide grants, subject to
9 appropriations, to those programs conducted by professional
10 schools that have at least 500 participants from elementary
11 school to graduate school.

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