

1 AN ACT in relation to 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 adding Section 12-13.3 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/12-13.3 new)

7 Sec. 12-13.3. Aid for victims of domestic violence or
8 extreme cruelty.

9 (a) Subject to appropriations, the Department of Human
10 Services shall develop and implement a program to provide
11 cash assistance, equivalent to that provided to recipients of
12 aid under Article IV of this Code, to persons (i) who are
13 legal immigrants to the United States, (ii) who would be
14 eligible for aid under Article IV but for the 5-year presence
15 requirement under Section 1-11, and (iii) who are either:

16 (1) children who have been victims of domestic
17 violence or extreme cruelty committed within the United
18 States; or

19 (2) adults who have been victims of domestic
20 violence or extreme cruelty committed within the United
21 States, provided that such an adult has not committed the
22 domestic violence or extreme cruelty against a child
23 described in paragraph (1).

24 The Department shall provide aid under this Section as a
25 means of assisting the recipients to escape the circumstances
26 under which they have been subjected to domestic violence or
27 extreme cruelty.

28 (b) The Department, by rule, may impose a limit on the
29 period of time for which a person may receive aid under this
30 Section, which may not be less than one year. The Department
31 may also adopt rules imposing other reasonable limitations on

1 recipients of aid under this Section comparable to those
2 placed on recipients of aid under Article IV.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on
4 July 1, 2003.