

1 AN ACT concerning 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 changing Section 2310-215 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-215) (was 20 ILCS 2310/55.62)

8 Sec. 2310-215. Center for Minority Health Services.

9 (a) The Department shall establish a Center for Minority
10 Health Services to advise the Department on matters pertaining
11 to the health needs of minority populations within the State.

12 (b) The Center shall have the following duties:

13 (1) To assist in the assessment of the health needs of
14 minority populations in the State.

15 (2) To recommend treatment methods and programs that
16 are sensitive and relevant to the unique linguistic,
17 cultural, and ethnic characteristics of minority
18 populations.

19 (3) To provide consultation, technical assistance,
20 training programs, and reference materials to service
21 providers, organizations, and other agencies.

22 (4) To promote awareness of minority health concerns,
23 and encourage, promote, and aid in the establishment of
24 minority services.

25 (5) To disseminate information on available minority
26 services.

27 (6) To provide adequate and effective opportunities
28 for minority populations to express their views on
29 Departmental policy development and program
30 implementation.

31 (7) To coordinate with the Department on Aging and the
32 Department of Public Aid to coordinate services designed to

1 meet the needs of minority senior citizens.

2 (8) To promote awareness of the incidence of
3 Alzheimer's disease and related dementias among minority
4 populations and to encourage, promote, and aid in the
5 establishment of prevention and treatment programs and
6 services relating to this health problem.

7 (c) For the purpose of this Section, "minority" shall mean
8 and include any person or group of persons who are:

9 (1) African-American (a person having origins in any of
10 the black racial groups in Africa);

11 (2) Hispanic (a person of Spanish or Portuguese culture
12 with origins in Mexico, South or Central America, or the
13 Caribbean Islands, regardless of race);

14 (3) Asian American (a person having origins in any of
15 the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the
16 Indian Subcontinent or the Pacific Islands); or

17 (4) American Indian or Alaskan Native (a person having
18 origins in any of the original peoples of North America).

19 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00.)