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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5889

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5889 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
5 changing Sections 3-1 and 3-5 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/3-1) (from Ch. 23, par. 3-1)

7 Sec. 3-1. Eligibility Requirements. Financial aid in
8 meeting basic maintenance requirements for a livelihood
9 compatible with health and well-being shall be given under this
10 Article to or in behalf of aged, blind, or disabled persons who
11 meet the eligibility conditions of Sections 3-1.1 through
12 3-1.7. Financial aid under this Article shall be available only
13 for persons who are receiving Supplemental Security Income
14 (SSI) or who have been found ineligible for SSI (i) on the
15 basis of income or (ii) due to expiration of the period of
16 eligibility for refugees and asylees pursuant to 8 U.S.C.
17 1612(a)(2). Financial aid based on item (ii) of this paragraph
18 shall be available until July 1, 2006.

19 "Aged person" means a person who has attained age 65, as
20 demonstrated by such evidence of age as the Illinois Department
21 may by rule prescribe.

22 "Blind person" means a person who has no vision or whose
23 vision with corrective glasses is so defective as to prevent
24 the performance of ordinary duties or tasks for which eyesight

1 is essential. The Illinois Department shall define blindness in
2 terms of ophthalmic measurements or ocular conditions. For
3 purposes of this Act, an Illinois Disabled Person
4 Identification Card issued pursuant to The Illinois
5 Identification Card Act, indicating that the person thereon
6 named has a Type 3 disability shall be evidence that such
7 person is a blind person within the meaning of this Section;
8 however, such a card shall not qualify such person for aid as a
9 blind person under this Act, and eligibility for aid as a blind
10 person shall be determined as provided in this Act.

11 "Disabled person" means a person age 18 or over who has a
12 physical or mental impairment, disease, or loss which is of a
13 permanent nature and which substantially impairs his ability to
14 perform labor or services or to engage in useful occupations
15 for which he is qualified, as determined by rule and regulation
16 of the Illinois Department. For purposes of this Act, an
17 Illinois Disabled Person Identification Card issued pursuant
18 to The Illinois Identification Card Act, indicating that the
19 person thereon named has a Type 1 or 2, Class 2 disability
20 shall be evidence that such person is a disabled person under
21 this Section; however, such a card shall not qualify such
22 person for aid as a disabled person under this Act, and
23 eligibility for aid as a disabled person shall be determined as
24 provided in this Act. If federal law or regulation permit or
25 require the inclusion of blind or disabled persons whose
26 blindness or disability is not of the degree specified in the
27 foregoing definitions, or permit or require the inclusion of
28 disabled persons under age 18 or aged persons under age 65, the
29 Illinois Department, upon written approval of the Governor, may
30 provide by rule that all aged, blind or disabled persons toward
31 whose aid federal funds are available be eligible for
32 assistance under this Article as is given to those who meet the
33 foregoing definitions of blind person and disabled person or
34 aged person.

1 (Source: P.A. 89-21, eff. 7-1-95.)

2 (305 ILCS 5/3-5) (from Ch. 23, par. 3-5)

3 Sec. 3-5. Amount of aid. The amount and nature of financial
4 aid granted to or in behalf of aged, blind, or disabled persons
5 shall be determined in accordance with the standards, grant
6 amounts, rules and regulations of the Illinois Department. Due
7 regard shall be given to the requirements and conditions
8 existing in each case, and to the amount of property owned and
9 the income, money contributions, and other support, and
10 resources received or obtainable by the person, from whatever
11 source. However, the amount and nature of any financial aid is
12 not affected by the payment of any grant under the "Senior
13 Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and
14 Pharmaceutical Assistance Act" or any distributions or items of
15 income described under subparagraph (X) of paragraph (2) of
16 subsection (a) of Section 203 of the Illinois Income Tax Act.
17 The aid shall be sufficient, when added to all other income,
18 money contributions and support, to provide the person with a
19 grant in the amount established by Department regulation for
20 such a person, based upon standards providing a livelihood
21 compatible with health and well-being. Financial aid under this
22 Article granted to persons who have been found ineligible for
23 Supplemental Security Income (SSI) due to expiration of the
24 period of eligibility for refugees and asylees pursuant to 8
25 U.S.C. 1612(a)(2) shall not exceed \$500 per month.

26 (Source: P.A. 91-676, eff. 12-23-99.)

27 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
28 becoming law."