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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 904

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 904 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 changing Section 2310-376 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-376)

8 Sec. 2310-376. Hepatitis C education and outreach.

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

11 (1) The World Health Organization characterizes
12 Hepatitis C as a disease of primary concern to humanity.

13 (2) Hepatitis C is considered a silent killer; no
14 recognizable signs or symptoms occur until severe liver
15 damage has occurred.

16 (3) Studies indicate that nearly 4 million Americans
17 (1.8 percent of the population) carry the virus HCV that
18 causes the disease.

19 (4) 30,000 acute new infections occur each year in the
20 United States, and only 25 to 30 percent are diagnosed.

21 (5) 8,000 to 10,000 Americans die from the disease each
22 year.

23 (6) 200,000 Illinois residents may be carriers and
24 could develop the debilitating and potentially deadly

1 liver disease.

2 (7) Inmates of correctional facilities have a higher
3 incidence of Hepatitis C and, upon their release, present a
4 significant health risk to the general population.

5 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall conduct
6 an education and outreach campaign, in addition to its overall
7 effort to prevent infectious disease in Illinois, in order to
8 raise awareness about and promote prevention of Hepatitis C.

9 (c) The Department shall establish an Advisory Council on
10 Hepatitis C to develop a Hepatitis C prevention plan. The
11 Department shall specify the membership, members' terms,
12 provisions for removal of members, chairmen, and purpose of the
13 Advisory Council. The Advisory Council shall consist of one
14 representative from each of the following State agencies or
15 offices, appointed by the head of each agency or office:

16 (1) The Department of Public Health.

17 (2) The Department of Public Aid.

18 (3) The Department of Corrections.

19 (4) The Department of Veterans' Affairs.

20 (5) The Department on Aging.

21 (6) The Department of Human Services.

22 (7) The Department of State Police.

23 (8) The office of the State Fire Marshal.

24 The Director shall appoint representatives of
25 organizations and advocates in the State of Illinois,
26 including, but not limited to, the American Liver Foundation.
27 The Director shall also appoint interested members of the
28 public, including consumers and providers of health services
29 and representatives of local public health agencies, to provide
30 recommendations and information to the members of the Advisory
31 Council. Members of the Advisory Council shall serve on a
32 voluntary, unpaid basis and are not entitled to reimbursement
33 for mileage or other costs they incur in connection with
34 performing their duties.

1 (Source: P.A. 93-129, eff. 1-1-04.)

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.".