

1 AN ACT concerning 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 2310-376 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-376)

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

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

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

13 (2) Hepatitis E 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  
25 liver disease.

26 (7) Inmates of correctional facilities have a higher  
27 incidence of Hepatitis E and, upon their release, present a  
28 significant health risk to the general population.

29 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall conduct  
30 an education and outreach campaign, in addition to its overall  
31 effort to prevent infectious disease in Illinois, in order to  
32 raise awareness about and promote prevention of Hepatitis E.

1       (c) The Department shall establish an Advisory Council on  
2 Hepatitis to develop a Hepatitis prevention plan. The  
3 Department shall specify the membership, members' terms,  
4 provisions for removal of members, chairmen, and purpose of the  
5 Advisory Council. The Advisory Council shall consist of one  
6 representative from each of the following State agencies or  
7 offices, appointed by the head of each agency or office:

8           (1) The Department of Public Health.

9           (2) The Department of Public Aid.

10          (3) The Department of Corrections.

11          (4) The Department of Veterans' Affairs.

12          (5) The Department on Aging.

13          (6) The Department of Human Services.

14          (7) The Department of State Police.

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

16       The Director shall appoint representatives of  
17 organizations and advocates in the State of Illinois,  
18 including, but not limited to, the American Liver Foundation.  
19 The Director shall also appoint interested members of the  
20 public, including consumers and providers of health services  
21 and representatives of local public health agencies, to provide  
22 recommendations and information to the members of the Advisory  
23 Council. Members of the Advisory Council shall serve on a  
24 voluntary, unpaid basis and are not entitled to reimbursement  
25 for mileage or other costs they incur in connection with  
26 performing their duties.

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

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