

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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 adding Section 2310-252 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-252 new)

8 Sec. 2310-252. Guidelines for needle disposal; education.

9 (a) The Illinois Department of Public Health, in
10 cooperation with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency,
11 must create guidelines for the proper disposal of hypodermic
12 syringes, needles, and other sharps used for
13 self-administration purposes that are consistent with the
14 available guidelines regarding disposal for home health care
15 products provided by the United States Environmental
16 Protection Agency. In establishing these guidelines, the
17 Department shall promote flexible and convenient disposal
18 methods appropriate to the area and level of services available
19 to the person disposing of the hypodermic syringe, needle, or
20 other sharps. The Department guidelines shall encourage the use
21 of safe disposal programs that include, but are not limited to,
22 the following:

23 (1) drop box or supervised collection sites;

24 (2) sharps mail-back programs;

25 (3) syringe exchange programs; and

26 (4) at-home needle destruction devices.

27 (b) The Illinois Department of Public Health must develop
28 educational materials regarding the safe disposal of
29 hypodermic syringes, needles, and other sharps and distribute
30 copies of these educational materials to pharmacies and the
31 public. The educational materials must include information
32 regarding safer injection, HIV prevention, proper methods for

1 the disposal of hypodermic syringes, needles, and other sharps,
2 and contact information for obtaining treatment for drug abuse
3 and addiction.