

1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
5 adding Section 5-2.4 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-2.4 new)

7 Sec. 5-2.4. Pilot project; certain persons with
8 disabilities.

9 (a) The Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall
10 operate a pilot project to determine the effect of raising the
11 income and non-exempt asset eligibility thresholds for certain
12 persons with disabilities on those persons' ability to maintain
13 their homes in the community and avoid institutionalization.
14 Enrollment under the pilot project shall be limited to 50
15 persons per year. Persons who become eligible under this
16 project shall remain eligible for medical assistance unless
17 they no longer meet the standards under which they were
18 determined eligible under the project. Eligibility for medical
19 assistance under this Section shall cease once a person obtains
20 other health coverage considered adequate to meet his or her
21 health care needs.

22 (b) Persons who meet all of the following criteria may be
23 enrolled under the pilot project:

1 (1) they initially enrolled for medical assistance
2 under paragraph 2(a)(ii) of Section 5-2;

3 (2) subsequent to initial enrollment, they are
4 otherwise qualified under paragraph 2(a)(i) of Section
5 5-2, except that their income, as determined by the
6 Department, exceeds 100% of the poverty guidelines updated
7 periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department
8 of Health and Human Services under authority of 42 U.S.C.
9 9902(2) ("the federal poverty income guidelines");

10 (3) they were at least 60 years of age but less than 65
11 years of age upon initial enrollment for medical
12 assistance;

13 (4) they have income no greater than 200% of the
14 federal poverty income guidelines; and

15 (5) they have non-exempt assets no greater than
16 \$10,000.

17 (c) In order to provide for the expeditious and timely
18 implementation of this Section, the Department of Healthcare
19 and Family Services may adopt rules necessary to implement this
20 Section through the use of emergency rulemaking in accordance
21 with Section 5-45 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act.
22 The General Assembly finds that the adoption of rules to
23 implement this Section is deemed an emergency and necessary for
24 the public interest, safety, and welfare.

25 (d) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2012.

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.