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1	AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 523
2	AMENDMENT NO Amend House Resolution 523 by replacing
3	everything after the heading with the following:
4	"WHEREAS, A large number of diseases and disorders are
5	preventable; and
6	WHEREAS, Identifiable health risk factors are precursors
7	to a large number of diseases and disorders and to premature
8	death; and
9	WHEREAS, Various health risks can be improved through
10	public health promotion and disease prevention programs; and
11	WHEREAS, Health promotion and disease prevention programs
12	can save the State money in health care expenditures and
13	produce a positive return on investment; and

- 1 WHEREAS, According to a 2004 study, tobacco use was the
- leading cause of actual deaths in the U.S., and was responsible 2
- for 435,000 deaths, more than 18% of the total deaths in the 3
- 4 U.S.; and
- 5 WHEREAS, An analysis of 22 peer-reviewed studies showed
- 6 that for every dollar invested in health promotion, there was
- 7 an average savings of \$5.81 million and an average reduction of
- 8 health care cost of 26%; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Based on 2001 data, if Illinois reduced smoking in
- the Medicaid population by 10%, the savings would be \$16 10
- 11 million; a 25% reduction would result in a savings of \$40
- million; and a 50% reduction would save Medicaid \$81 million; 12
- 13 and
- WHEREAS, The State of Illinois announced an initiative to 14
- 15 help residents to quit smoking; the Illinois Department of
- 16 Healthcare and Family Services encourages all health care
- 17 providers to screen patients for tobacco use and to provide
- 18 counseling, intervention, and treatment and to make referrals
- 19 to the toll-free Illinois Tobacco Quitline (1-866-QUIT-YES or
- 20 1-866-784-8937); the Department also provides instructions for
- referral to the Illinois Tobacco Quitline and informs providers 21
- 22 about over-the-counter and prescription smoking cessation
- 23 products covered by State health assistance and insurance

## 1 programs; and

- WHEREAS, Increasing awareness of and participation rates
  in the various elements of the State's smoking cessation
  initiative should improve public health and substantially
  reduce the cost of care; therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED. BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ΟF THE 7 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we 8 urge the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, 9 in consultation with the Illinois Department of Public Health, 10 to prepare and submit a comprehensive report to the House of 11 Representatives and the Governor, by January 1, 2008, on the results and effectiveness of the State's Smoking Cessation 12 13 Initiative, together with recommendations that will increase 14 participation, improve public health outcomes, and evaluate the merits of creating an incentive program for Medicaid 15 16 recipients.".