

1 AN ACT concerning public 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 adding Section 2310-76 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-76 new)

8 Sec. 2310-76. Chronic Disease Prevention and Health  
9 Promotion Task Force.

10 (a) In Illinois, as well as in other parts of the United  
11 States, chronic diseases are a significant health and economic  
12 problem for our citizens and State government. Chronic diseases  
13 such as cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and  
14 arthritis are largely preventable non-communicable conditions  
15 associated with risk factors such as poor nutrition, physical  
16 inactivity, tobacco or alcohol abuse, as well as other social  
17 determinants of chronic illness.

18 Chronic diseases can take away a person's quality of life  
19 or his or her ability to work. The Centers for Disease Control  
20 and Prevention reports that 7 out of 10 Americans who die each  
21 year, or more than 1.7 million people, die of a chronic  
22 disease. In Illinois, studies have indicated that during the  
23 study period the State has spent more than \$12.5 billion in

1 health care dollars to treat chronic diseases in our State. The  
2 financial burden for Illinois from the impact of lost work days  
3 and lower employee productivity during the same time period  
4 related to chronic diseases resulted in an annual economic loss  
5 of \$43.6 billion. These same studies have concluded that  
6 improvements in preventing and managing chronic diseases could  
7 drastically reduce future costs associated with chronic  
8 disease in Illinois and that the most effective way to trim  
9 healthcare spending in Illinois and across the U.S. is to take  
10 measures aimed at preventing diseases before we have to treat  
11 them. Health promotion and prevention programs and activities  
12 are scattered throughout a number of State agencies with  
13 various streams of funding and little coordination. While the  
14 State has been looking at making significant changes to  
15 healthcare coverage for a portion of the population, in order  
16 to have the most effective impact, any changes to the  
17 healthcare delivery system in Illinois should take into  
18 consideration and integrate the role of prevention and health  
19 promotion in that system.

20 (b) Within 90 days after the effective date of this  
21 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, a Task Force on  
22 Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion shall be  
23 convened to study and make recommendations regarding the  
24 structure of the chronic disease prevention and health  
25 promotion system in Illinois, as well as changes that should be  
26 made to the system in order to integrate and coordinate efforts

1 in the State and ensure continuity and consistency of purpose  
2 in the delivery of this care in Illinois.

3 (c) The Department of Public Health shall have primary  
4 responsibility for, and shall provide staffing and technical  
5 and administrative support for the Task Force in its efforts.  
6 The other State agencies represented on the Task Force shall  
7 work cooperatively with the Department of Public Health to  
8 provide administrative and technical support to the Task Force  
9 in its efforts. Membership of the Task Force shall consist of  
10 18 members as follows: the Director of Public Health or his or  
11 her designee; the Secretary of Human Services or his or her  
12 designee; the Director of Aging or his or her designee; the  
13 Director of Healthcare and Family Services or his designee; 4  
14 members of the General Assembly, one from the State Senate  
15 appointed by the President of the Senate, one from the State  
16 Senate appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, one from  
17 the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the  
18 House, and one from the House of Representatives appointed by  
19 the Minority Leader of the House; and 10 members appointed by  
20 the Director of Public Health and who shall be representative  
21 of State associations and advocacy organizations with a primary  
22 focus that includes chronic disease prevention, public health  
23 delivery, medicine, health care and disease management, or  
24 community health.

25 (d) The Task Force shall seek input from interested parties  
26 and shall hold a minimum of 3 public hearings across the State,

1 including one in northern Illinois, one in central Illinois,  
2 and one in southern Illinois.

3 (e) On or before July 1, 2010, the Task Force shall, at a  
4 minimum, make recommendations to the Governor and the General  
5 Assembly on the following: reforming the delivery system for  
6 chronic disease prevention and health promotion in Illinois;  
7 ensuring adequate funding for infrastructure and delivery of  
8 programs; and the role of health promotion and chronic disease  
9 prevention in support of State spending on health care.

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
11 becoming law.