

1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

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

4 Section 5. The Whistleblower Act is amended by changing
5 Section 5 as follows:

6 (740 ILCS 174/5)

7 Sec. 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

8 "Employer" means: an individual, sole proprietorship,
9 partnership, firm, corporation, association, and any other
10 entity that has one or more employees in this State, including
11 a political subdivision of the State; a unit of local
12 government; a school district, combination of school
13 districts, or governing body of a joint agreement of any type
14 formed by two or more school districts; a community college
15 district, State college or university, or any State agency
16 whose major function is providing educational services; any
17 authority including a department, division, bureau, board,
18 commission, or other agency of these entities; and any person
19 acting within the scope of his or her authority express or
20 implied on behalf of those entities in dealing with its
21 employees.

22 "Employee" means any individual who is employed on a
23 full-time, part-time, or contractual basis by an employer.

1 "Employee" also includes, but is not limited to, a licensed
2 physician who practices his or her profession, in whole or in
3 part, at a hospital, nursing home, clinic, or any medical
4 facility that is a health care facility funded, in whole or in
5 part, by the State.

6 (Source: P.A. 95-128, eff. 1-1-08.)