



## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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SB1752

Introduced 2/19/2009, by Sen. Donne E. Trotter - William Delgado - Mattie Hunter

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Parkinson's Disease Public Awareness and Education Act. Provides that the Department of Public Health, subject to appropriation, shall establish a Parkinson's disease public awareness and education program to promote public awareness of Parkinson's disease and the value of early detection and possible treatments, including the benefits and risks of those treatments. Provides that the program shall include the following: (1) development of a public education and outreach campaign to promote Parkinson's disease awareness and education; (2) development of educational materials to be made available to consumers through local health departments, physicians, hospitals, and clinics; and (3) development and maintenance of a list of current providers of specialized services for the diagnosis and treatment of Parkinson's disease.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning health.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Parkinson's Disease Public Awareness and Education Act.

6 Section 5. Findings. The General Assembly finds and  
7 declares that:

8 (1) Parkinson's disease is a debilitating, painful and  
9 incurable neurological disorder of unknown origin that  
10 disrupts and can end the lives of those who suffer from it.

11 (2) Parkinson's disease causes diverse symptoms,  
12 including rigidity, slowness of movement, poor balance and  
13 tremors, which lead to an impaired ability to walk, speak,  
14 swallow and even breathe, so that the end result can be a  
15 clear mind trapped inside a body that has lost its ability  
16 to function.

17 (3) The visible symptoms of Parkinson's disease are  
18 often mistaken to be a normal part of the aging process.

19 (4) In addition, many people with the disease encounter  
20 precarious legal and personal situations in which they are  
21 erroneously thought to be under the influence of illegal or  
22 prescription drugs or alcohol due to their movement and  
23 gait patterns.

1           (5) Parkinson's disease takes an enormous emotional,  
2           psychological and physical toll on caregivers and  
3           families, overwhelming their lives.

4           (6) It has been estimated that 1.5 million Americans  
5           have been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, 50,000 more  
6           are diagnosed nationally each year, and another 1.5 million  
7           persons have the disease but have never seen a neurologist.

8           (7) Parkinson's disease requires the expenditure of  
9           some \$25 billion per year, including medical treatments,  
10          disability payments and lost productivity.

11          (8) Medications can only control some of the symptoms  
12          of the disease and only for uncertain periods of time.

13          (9) Increased public awareness and education are  
14          needed among health care, social services, judicial, law  
15          enforcement and emergency medical services personnel in  
16          order to better respond to the needs of Parkinson's disease  
17          patients, their caregivers and families.

18          Section 10. Definitions. In this Act:

19          "Department" means the Department of Public Health.

20          "Program" means the Parkinson's disease public awareness  
21          and education program established pursuant to this Act.

22          Section 15. Program established. Subject to appropriation,  
23          the Department shall establish a Parkinson's disease public  
24          awareness and education program. The purpose of the program

1 shall be to promote public awareness of Parkinson's disease and  
2 the value of early detection and possible treatments, including  
3 the benefits and risks of those treatments. The Department may  
4 accept, for that purpose, any special grant of moneys,  
5 services, or property from the federal government or any of its  
6 agencies, or from any foundation, organization, or medical  
7 school.

8 Section 20. Program contents. The program shall include the  
9 following:

10 (1) Development of a public education and outreach  
11 campaign to promote Parkinson's disease awareness and  
12 education, including, but not limited to, the following  
13 subjects:

14 (A) The cause and nature of the disease.

15 (B) Diagnostic procedures and appropriate  
16 indications for their use.

17 (C) Lifestyle issues relating to how a person copes  
18 with Parkinson's disease, including, but not limited  
19 to, nutrition, diet, and physical exercise.

20 (D) Environmental safety and injury prevention.

21 (E) Availability of Parkinson's disease diagnostic  
22 and treatment services in the community.

23 (2) Development of educational materials to be made  
24 available to consumers through local health departments,  
25 physicians, hospitals, and clinics.

1           (3) Development and maintenance of a list of current  
2           providers of specialized services for the diagnosis and  
3           treatment of Parkinson's disease.