



## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

HB5607

Introduced 2/15/2012, by Rep. David Reis

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/8A-18 new

Amends the Public Assistance Fraud Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that the Department of Human Services or the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall provide a monetary award to any person who furnishes information that leads to the recovery of State or federal monies that represent benefits improperly and erroneously paid by the Department as a result of a fraudulent action. Provides that no money shall be awarded to a person who willfully participated in the reported fraudulent action or who knowingly received any amount paid for benefits obtained as a result of the reported fraudulent action. Provides that in determining the award amount, the Department shall assess the value of the information furnished by the person and award between 15% and 25% of the recovered amount.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 8A-18 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/8A-18 new)

7 Sec. 8A-18. Monetary award for reporters of public  
8 assistance fraud. The Department shall provide a monetary award  
9 to any person who furnishes information that leads to the  
10 recovery of State or federal monies that represent benefits  
11 improperly and erroneously paid by the Department as a result  
12 of a fraudulent action. No money shall be awarded to a person  
13 who willfully participated in the reported fraudulent action or  
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15 a result of the reported fraudulent action. In determining the  
16 award amount, the Department shall assess the value of the  
17 information furnished by the person and award between 15% and  
18 25% of the recovered amount.