



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2013 and 2014

HB5682

by Rep. Kay Hatcher

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/8A-18 new

Amends the Public Assistance Fraud Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Makes it a Class C misdemeanor for any person, including an individual, firm, corporation, association, partnership, or joint venture, or any employee or agent of any of those, to assist another person in completing or submitting an application for benefits under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or the State's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program in exchange for a portion of the applicant's SNAP or TANF benefits or cash from any other source. Provides that an applicant who receives such assistance is not in violation of the prohibition. Provides that nothing in this provision shall be construed as prohibiting an applicant from using the services of a non-profit organization, a licensed attorney, or any other authorized organization or agency that receives State or federal funding to assist persons in the preparation of an application for SNAP or TANF benefits or in appealing a denial of an application for SNAP or TANF benefits. Effective immediately.

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CORRECTIONAL  
BUDGET AND  
IMPACT NOTE ACT  
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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. Application assistance fraud; SNAP; TANF. It is  
8 a Class C misdemeanor for any person, including an individual,  
9 firm, corporation, association, partnership, or joint venture,  
10 or any employee or agent of any of those, to assist another  
11 person in completing or submitting an application for benefits  
12 under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
13 (SNAP) or the State's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families  
14 (TANF) program in exchange for a portion of the applicant's  
15 SNAP or TANF benefits or cash from any other source. An  
16 applicant who receives such assistance is not in violation of  
17 this Section.

18 Nothing in this Section shall be construed as prohibiting  
19 an applicant from using the services of a non-profit  
20 organization, a licensed attorney, or any other authorized  
21 organization or agency that receives State or federal funding  
22 to assist persons in the preparation of an application for SNAP  
23 or TANF benefits or in appealing a denial of an application for

1 SNAP or TANF benefits.

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
3 becoming law.