

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; AABD;  
8 TANF. It is a Class C misdemeanor for any person, including an  
9 individual, firm, corporation, association, partnership, or  
10 joint venture, or any employee or agent of any of those, to  
11 assist or represent another person in completing or submitting  
12 an application for benefits under the federal Supplemental  
13 Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the State's Aid to the  
14 Aged, Blind, or Disabled (AABD) program, or the State's  
15 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, in  
16 exchange for a portion of the applicant's SNAP, AABD, or TANF  
17 benefits or cash or any other form of payment from any other  
18 source. An applicant who receives such assistance or  
19 representation is not in violation of this Section. Nothing in  
20 this Section shall be construed as prohibiting an applicant  
21 from receiving such assistance or representation when  
22 appealing a denial of an application for SNAP, AABD, or TANF  
23 benefits.

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