

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 12-4.49 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.49 new)

7 Sec. 12-4.49. Medical Card; State identification card. The  
8 Department of Healthcare and Family Services, in cooperation  
9 with the Secretary of State and the Department of Human  
10 Services, shall undertake a study to determine the feasibility  
11 of permitting recipients of medical assistance provided under  
12 Article V of this Code to obtain authorized benefits by  
13 presenting a valid State identification card issued by the  
14 Secretary of State in place of a separate Medical Card. The  
15 study shall include an analysis of any costs or cost savings  
16 associated with:

17 (1) discontinuing the distribution and use of a  
18 separate Medical Card for recipients of medical assistance  
19 provided under Article V of this Code;

20 (2) permitting recipients of medical assistance  
21 provided under Article V of this Code to qualify for a  
22 waiver of any fee prescribed under the Illinois  
23 Identification Card Act and collected by the Secretary of

1       State for the issuance of a State identification card; and  
2       (3) establishing a verification process that would  
3       enable healthcare providers participating in the medical  
4       assistance program under Article V of this Code to use a  
5       person's Social Security number as it appears on a valid  
6       State identification card issued by the Secretary of State  
7       to verify that person's eligibility for medical  
8       assistance.

9       The Department of Healthcare and Family Services, in  
10      cooperation with the Secretary of State and the Department of  
11      Human Services, shall present its findings to the General  
12      Assembly within 6 months after the effective date of this  
13      amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly.