

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 changing Section 1-10 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/1-10)

7 Sec. 1-10. Drug convictions.

8 (a) Persons convicted of an offense under the Illinois  
9 Controlled Substances Act or the Cannabis Control Act which  
10 is a Class X felony, or a Class 1 felony, or comparable  
11 federal criminal law which has as an element the possession,  
12 use, or distribution of a controlled substance, as defined in  
13 Section 102(6) of the federal Controlled Substances Act (21  
14 U.S.C. 802(c)), shall not be eligible for cash assistance  
15 provided under this Code.

16 (b) A person ~~Persons~~ convicted of any other felony under  
17 the Illinois Controlled Substances Act or the Cannabis  
18 Control Act which is not a Class X or Class 1 felony, or  
19 comparable federal criminal law which has as an element the  
20 possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance,  
21 as defined in Section 102(6) of the federal Controlled  
22 Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802(c)), may, if he or she is  
23 otherwise shall-not-be eligible for cash assistance provided  
24 under this Code, receive cash assistance for a maximum of 3  
25 months in his or her lifetime after ~~for-2-years-from~~ the date  
26 of his or her conviction. This limitation ~~prohibition~~ shall  
27 not apply if the person is in a drug treatment program,  
28 aftercare program, or similar program as defined by rule.

29 (c) Persons shall not be determined ineligible for food  
30 stamps provided under this Code based upon a conviction of  
31 any felony or comparable federal or State criminal law which

1 has an element the possession, use or distribution of a  
2 controlled substance, as defined in Section 102(6) of the  
3 federal Controlled Substance Act (21 U.S.C. 802(c)).

4 (Source: P.A. 90-17, eff. 7-1-97.)