

1 AN ACT in relation to public health.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and
5 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
6 amended by adding Section 2310-610 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-610 new)

8 Sec. 2310-610. Disease classification; obesity. The
9 Department shall classify obesity as a disease.

10 For the purpose of this Section:

11 "Body mass index" means a mathematical formula used to
12 determine a person's body weight in relation to height as
13 measured by dividing a person's weight in kilograms by the
14 square of the person's height in meters.

15 "Obesity" means:

- 16 (1) having a body mass index of 30 or greater; or
- 17 (2) having a body mass index of 27 or greater and
18 having one or more of the following:

- 19 (i) Type II diabetes mellitus;
- 20 (ii) Impaired glucose tolerance;
- 21 (iii) Hypertension;
- 22 (iv) Cardiovascular disease;
- 23 (v) Gastric reflux disease;
- 24 (vi) Gall bladder disease;
- 25 (vii) Osteoarthritis of the hips or knees;
- 26 (viii) Sleep apnea;
- 27 (ix) Cerebrovascular disease (stroke);
- 28 (x) Coronary heart disease;
- 29 (xi) Dyslipidemia;
- 30 (xii) Gout;
- 31 (xiii) Cancer;

1 (xiv) Infertility; or

2 (xv) Respiratory difficulties

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