

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 2310-372 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-372 new)

8 Sec. 2310-372. Stroke Task Force.

9 (a) The Stroke Task Force is created within the
10 Department of Public Health.

11 (b) The task force shall be composed of the following
12 members:

13 (1) Nineteen members appointed by the Director of
14 Public Health from nominations submitted to the Director
15 by the following organizations, one member to represent
16 each organization: the American Stroke Association; the
17 National Stroke Association; the Illinois State Medical
18 Society; the Illinois Neurological Society; the Illinois
19 Academy of Family Physicians; the Illinois Chapter of the
20 American College of Emergency Physicians; the Illinois
21 Chapter of the American College of Cardiology; the
22 Illinois Nurses Association; the Illinois Hospital and
23 Health Systems Association; the Illinois Physical Therapy
24 Association; the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers
25 Association; the Illinois Rural Health Association; the
26 Illinois Chapter of AARP; the Illinois Association of
27 Rehabilitation Facilities; the Illinois Life Insurance
28 Council; the Illinois Public Health Association; the
29 Illinois Speech-Language Hearing Association; the
30 American Association of Neurological Surgeons; and the
31 Illinois Health Care Cost Containment Council.

1 (2) Five members appointed by the Governor as
2 follows: one stroke survivor; one licensed emergency
3 medical technician; one individual who (i) holds the
4 degree of Medical Doctor or Doctor of Philosophy and (ii)
5 is a teacher or researcher at a teaching or research
6 university located in Illinois; one individual who is a
7 minority person as defined in the Business Enterprise for
8 Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act;
9 and one member of the general public.

10 (3) The following ex officio members: the
11 chairperson of the Senate Public Health Committee; the
12 minority spokesperson of the Senate Public Health
13 Committee; the chairperson of the House Health Care
14 Committee; and the minority spokesperson of the House
15 Health Care Committee.

16 The Director of Public Health shall serve as the
17 chairperson of the task force.

18 If a vacancy occurs in the task force membership, the
19 vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the initial
20 appointment.

21 (c) Task force members shall serve without compensation,
22 but nonpublic members shall be reimbursed for their
23 reasonable travel expenses incurred in performing their
24 duties in connection with the task force.

25 (d) The task force shall adopt bylaws; shall meet at
26 least 3 times each calendar year; and may establish
27 committees as it deems necessary. For purposes of task force
28 meetings, a quorum is the number of members present at a
29 meeting. Meetings of the task force are subject to the Open
30 Meetings Act. The task force must afford an opportunity for
31 public comment at its meetings.

32 (e) The task force shall advise the Department of Public
33 Health with regard to setting priorities for improvements in
34 stroke prevention and treatment efforts, including, but not

1 limited to, the following:

2 (1) Developing and implementing a comprehensive
3 statewide public education program on stroke prevention,
4 targeted to high-risk populations and to geographic areas
5 where there is a high incidence of stroke.

6 (2) Identifying the signs and symptoms of stroke
7 and the action to be taken when these signs or symptoms
8 occur.

9 (3) Recommending and disseminating guidelines on
10 the treatment of stroke patients, including emergency
11 stroke care.

12 (4) Ensuring that the public and health care
13 providers and institutions are sufficiently informed
14 regarding the most effective strategies for stroke
15 prevention; and assisting health care providers in using
16 the most effective treatment strategies for stroke.

17 (5) Addressing means by which guidelines may be
18 revised to remain current with developing treatment
19 methodologies.

20 (f) The task force shall advise the Department of Public
21 Health concerning the awarding of grants to providers of
22 emergency medical services and to hospitals for the purpose
23 of improving care to stroke patients.

24 (g) The task force shall submit an annual report to the
25 Governor and the General Assembly by January 1 of each year,
26 beginning in 2003. The report must include, but need not be
27 limited to, the following:

28 (1) The task force's plans, actions, and
29 recommendations.

30 (2) An accounting of moneys spent for grants and
31 for other purposes.

32 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
33 becoming law.