

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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 2310-399.5 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-399.5 new)

8 Sec. 2310-399.5. Veterans' cancer program.

9 (a) The Department, subject to appropriation or other
10 available funding, shall conduct a program to promote awareness
11 of cancer in veterans. The program may include, but need not be
12 limited to:

13 (1) Dissemination of information regarding the
14 incidence of cancer in veterans, the risk factors
15 associated with cancer, and the benefits of early detection
16 and treatment.

17 (2) Promotion of information and counseling about
18 treatment options.

19 (3) Establishment and promotion of referral services
20 and screening programs.

21 Beginning January 1, 2018, the program must include the
22 development and dissemination, through print and broadcast
23 media, of public service announcements that publicize the

1 importance of cancer screening for veterans.

2 (b) Subject to appropriation or other available funding,
3 the Veterans' Cancer Screening Program shall be established in
4 the Department of Public Health. The Program shall apply to the
5 following persons and entities:

6 (1) uninsured and underinsured veterans; and

7 (2) non-profit organizations providing assistance to
8 persons described in paragraph (1).

9 An entity funded by the Program shall coordinate with other
10 local providers of cancer screening, diagnostic, follow-up,
11 education, and advocacy services for veterans to avoid
12 duplication of effort. Any entity funded by the Program shall
13 comply with any applicable State and federal standards
14 regarding cancer screening.

15 Administrative costs of the Department shall not exceed 10%
16 of the funds allocated to the Program. Indirect costs of the
17 entities funded by this Program shall not exceed 12%. The
18 Department shall define "indirect costs" in accordance with
19 applicable State and federal law.

20 An entity funded by the Program shall collect data and
21 maintain records that are determined by the Department to be
22 necessary to facilitate the Department's ability to monitor and
23 evaluate the effectiveness of the entities and the Program.
24 Commencing with the Program's second year of operation, by
25 January 1, 2019 and every January 1 thereafter, the Department
26 shall submit an annual report to the General Assembly and the

1 Governor. The report shall describe the activities and
2 effectiveness of the Program and shall include, but not be
3 limited to, the following types of information regarding those
4 served by the Program: (i) the number; and (ii) the ethnic,
5 geographic, and age breakdown.

6 The Department or an entity funded by the Program shall
7 collect personal and medical information necessary to
8 administer the Program from an individual applying for services
9 under the Program. The information shall be confidential and
10 shall not be disclosed other than for purposes directly
11 connected with the administration of the Program or except as
12 otherwise provided by law or pursuant to prior written consent
13 of the subject of the information.

14 The Department or any entity funded by the program may
15 disclose the confidential information to medical personnel and
16 fiscal intermediaries of the State to the extent necessary to
17 administer the Program, and to other State public health
18 agencies or medical researchers if the confidential
19 information is necessary to carry out the duties of those
20 agencies or researchers in the investigation, control, or
21 surveillance of cancer.

22 The Department shall adopt rules to implement the Veterans'
23 Cancer Screening Program in accordance with the Illinois
24 Administrative Procedure Act.