

1 AN ACT concerning health.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Reflex  
5 Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Education Act.

6 Section 5. Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Education  
7 Program.

8 (a) In this Act, "syndrome" means Reflex Sympathetic  
9 Dystrophy Syndrome, a chronic neurologic syndrome of unknown  
10 etiology characterized by severe burning pain, pathological  
11 changes in bone and skin, tissue swelling, and extreme  
12 sensitivity to touch that, if untreated, results in permanent  
13 deformity and chronic pain.

14 (b) The Department of Public Health, subject to  
15 appropriation, shall establish the Reflex Sympathetic  
16 Dystrophy Syndrome Education Program to promote public  
17 awareness of the syndrome and the importance of early  
18 detection, diagnosis, and treatment.

19 (c) The program shall promote public awareness of the  
20 syndrome through written materials and other forms of  
21 communication designed to provide education about the  
22 syndrome. The program shall distribute information that  
23 includes:

- 1           (1) the nature and possible causes of the syndrome;
- 2           (2) risk factors that may contribute to the
- 3           manifestation of the syndrome;
- 4           (3) available treatment options, including the risks
- 5           and benefits of treatment; and
- 6           (4) the availability of diagnostic, treatment, and
- 7           support services in this State.

8           (d) The Department shall work with health care providers,

9           local public health agencies, and other appropriate agencies to

10          coordinate and promote professional education programs that

11          will educate health care professionals about:

- 12           (1) current research about the syndrome;
- 13           (2) the nature of the syndrome;
- 14           (3) diagnostic procedures;
- 15           (4) medical and surgical treatment options; and
- 16           (5) the availability of diagnostic, treatment, and
- 17          support services in Illinois communities.

18          (e) The Department may accept gifts, grants, and donations

19          from any source for the purposes of carrying out its duties

20          under this Act.