

## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2011 and 2012 SB3931

Introduced 11/14/2012, by Sen. Chris Lauzen

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act by reinstituting the pharmaceutical assistance program that was eliminated by Public Act 97-689 and changing the short title of the Act to the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act. Makes corresponding changes in other Acts.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY 1 AN ACT concerning pharmaceutical assistance.

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

- Section 1. The Illinois Administrative Procedure Act is amended by changing Section 5-45 as follows:
- 6 (5 ILCS 100/5-45) (from Ch. 127, par. 1005-45)
- 7 Sec. 5-45. Emergency rulemaking.
- 8 (a) "Emergency" means the existence of any situation that
  9 any agency finds reasonably constitutes a threat to the public
  10 interest, safety, or welfare.
- (b) If any agency finds that an emergency exists that 11 requires adoption of a rule upon fewer days than is required by 12 Section 5-40 and states in writing its reasons for that 13 14 finding, the agency may adopt an emergency rule without prior notice or hearing upon filing a notice of emergency rulemaking 15 16 with the Secretary of State under Section 5-70. The notice 17 shall include the text of the emergency rule and shall be published in the Illinois Register. Consent orders or other 18 19 court orders adopting settlements negotiated by an agency may 20 under this Section. Subject to applicable 21 constitutional or statutory provisions, an emergency rule 22 becomes effective immediately upon filing under Section 5-65 or at a stated date less than 10 days thereafter. The agency's 23

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finding and a statement of the specific reasons for the finding shall be filed with the rule. The agency shall take reasonable and appropriate measures to make emergency rules known to the persons who may be affected by them.

(c) An emergency rule may be effective for a period of not longer than 150 days, but the agency's authority to adopt an identical rule under Section 5-40 is not precluded. No emergency rule may be adopted more than once in any 24 month period, except that this limitation on the number of emergency rules that may be adopted in a 24 month period does not apply to (i) emergency rules that make additions to and deletions from the Drug Manual under Section 5-5.16 of the Illinois Public Aid Code or the generic drug formulary under Section 3.14 of the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, (ii) emergency rules adopted by the Pollution Control Board before July 1, 1997 to implement portions of the Livestock Management Facilities Act, (iii) emergency rules adopted by the Illinois Department of Public Health under subsections (a) through (i) of Section 2 of the Department of Public Health Act when necessary to protect the public's health, (iv) emergency rules adopted pursuant to subsection (n) of this Section, (v) emergency rules adopted pursuant to subsection (o) of this Section, or (vi) emergency rules adopted pursuant to subsection (c-5) of this Section. Two or more emergency rules having substantially the same purpose and effect shall be deemed to be a single rule for purposes of this Section.

- (c-5) To facilitate the maintenance of the program of group health benefits provided to annuitants, survivors, and retired employees under the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971, rules to alter the contributions to be paid by the State, annuitants, survivors, retired employees, or any combination of those entities, for that program of group health benefits, shall be adopted as emergency rules. The adoption of those rules shall be considered an emergency and necessary for the public interest, safety, and welfare.
- (d) In order to provide for the expeditious and timely implementation of the State's fiscal year 1999 budget, emergency rules to implement any provision of Public Act 90-587 or 90-588 or any other budget initiative for fiscal year 1999 may be adopted in accordance with this Section by the agency charged with administering that provision or initiative, except that the 24-month limitation on the adoption of emergency rules and the provisions of Sections 5-115 and 5-125 do not apply to rules adopted under this subsection (d). The adoption of emergency rules authorized by this subsection (d) shall be deemed to be necessary for the public interest, safety, and welfare.
- (e) In order to provide for the expeditious and timely implementation of the State's fiscal year 2000 budget, emergency rules to implement any provision of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly or any other budget initiative for fiscal year 2000 may be adopted in accordance with this

- Section by the agency charged with administering that provision or initiative, except that the 24-month limitation on the adoption of emergency rules and the provisions of Sections 5-115 and 5-125 do not apply to rules adopted under this subsection (e). The adoption of emergency rules authorized by this subsection (e) shall be deemed to be necessary for the public interest, safety, and welfare.
  - (f) In order to provide for the expeditious and timely implementation of the State's fiscal year 2001 budget, emergency rules to implement any provision of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly or any other budget initiative for fiscal year 2001 may be adopted in accordance with this Section by the agency charged with administering that provision or initiative, except that the 24-month limitation on the adoption of emergency rules and the provisions of Sections 5-115 and 5-125 do not apply to rules adopted under this subsection (f). The adoption of emergency rules authorized by this subsection (f) shall be deemed to be necessary for the public interest, safety, and welfare.
  - (g) In order to provide for the expeditious and timely implementation of the State's fiscal year 2002 budget, emergency rules to implement any provision of this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly or any other budget initiative for fiscal year 2002 may be adopted in accordance with this Section by the agency charged with administering that provision or initiative, except that the 24-month limitation on the

- adoption of emergency rules and the provisions of Sections
  5-115 and 5-125 do not apply to rules adopted under this
  subsection (g). The adoption of emergency rules authorized by
  this subsection (g) shall be deemed to be necessary for the
  public interest, safety, and welfare.
  - (h) In order to provide for the expeditious and timely implementation of the State's fiscal year 2003 budget, emergency rules to implement any provision of this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly or any other budget initiative for fiscal year 2003 may be adopted in accordance with this Section by the agency charged with administering that provision or initiative, except that the 24-month limitation on the adoption of emergency rules and the provisions of Sections 5-115 and 5-125 do not apply to rules adopted under this subsection (h). The adoption of emergency rules authorized by this subsection (h) shall be deemed to be necessary for the public interest, safety, and welfare.
    - (i) In order to provide for the expeditious and timely implementation of the State's fiscal year 2004 budget, emergency rules to implement any provision of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly or any other budget initiative for fiscal year 2004 may be adopted in accordance with this Section by the agency charged with administering that provision or initiative, except that the 24-month limitation on the adoption of emergency rules and the provisions of Sections 5-115 and 5-125 do not apply to rules adopted under this

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- subsection (i). The adoption of emergency rules authorized by this subsection (i) shall be deemed to be necessary for the public interest, safety, and welfare.
  - (j) In order to provide for the expeditious and timely implementation of the provisions of the State's fiscal year 2005 budget as provided under the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget Implementation (Human Services) Act, emergency rules implement any provision of the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget Implementation (Human Services) Act may be adopted in accordance with this Section by the agency charged with administering that provision, except that the 24-month limitation on the adoption of emergency rules and the provisions of Sections 5-115 and 5-125 do not apply to rules adopted under this subsection (j). The Department of Public Aid may also adopt rules under this subsection (j) necessary to administer the Illinois Public Aid Code and the Children's Health Insurance Program Act. The adoption of emergency rules authorized by this subsection (j) shall be deemed to be necessary for the public interest, safety, and welfare.
  - (k) In order to provide for the expeditious and timely implementation of the provisions of the State's fiscal year 2006 budget, emergency rules to implement any provision of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly or any other budget initiative for fiscal year 2006 may be adopted in accordance with this Section by the agency charged with administering that provision or initiative, except that the 24-month limitation on

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the adoption of emergency rules and the provisions of Sections 5-115 and 5-125 do not apply to rules adopted under this subsection (k). The Department of Healthcare and Family Services may also adopt rules under this subsection (k) necessary to administer the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Prescription Drug Discount Program Act (now the Illinois Prescription Drug Discount Program Act), and the Children's Health Insurance Program Act. The adoption of emergency rules authorized by this subsection (k) shall be deemed to be necessary for the public interest, safety, and welfare.

(1) In order to provide for the expeditious and timely implementation of the provisions of the State's fiscal year 2007 budget, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services may adopt emergency rules during fiscal year 2007, including rules effective July 1, 2007, in accordance with this subsection to the extent necessary to administer the Department's responsibilities with respect to amendments to the State plans and Illinois waivers approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services necessitated by the requirements of Title XIX and Title XXI of the federal Social Security Act. The adoption of emergency rules authorized by this subsection (1) shall be deemed to be necessary for the public interest, safety, and welfare.

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- (m) In order to provide for the expeditious and timely implementation of the provisions of the State's fiscal year 2008 budget, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services may adopt emergency rules during fiscal year 2008, including rules effective July 1, 2008, in accordance with this subsection to the extent necessary to administer the Department's responsibilities with respect to amendments to the State plans and Illinois waivers approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services necessitated by the requirements of Title XIX and Title XXI of the federal Social Security Act. The adoption of emergency rules authorized by this subsection (m) shall be deemed to be necessary for the public interest, safety, and welfare.
- (n) In order to provide for the expeditious and timely implementation of the provisions of the State's fiscal year 2010 budget, emergency rules to implement any provision of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly or any other budget initiative authorized by the 96th General Assembly for fiscal year 2010 may be adopted in accordance with this Section by the agency charged with administering that provision initiative. The adoption of emergency rules authorized by this subsection (n) shall be deemed to be necessary for the public safety, and welfare. The rulemaking authority interest, granted in this subsection (n) shall apply only to rules promulgated during Fiscal Year 2010.
  - (o) In order to provide for the expeditious and timely

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implementation of the provisions of the State's fiscal year 2011 budget, emergency rules to implement any provision of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly or any other budget initiative authorized by the 96th General Assembly for fiscal year 2011 may be adopted in accordance with this Section by the administering charged with that provision initiative. The adoption of emergency rules authorized by this subsection (o) is deemed to be necessary for the public interest, safety, and welfare. The rulemaking authority granted in this subsection (o) applies only to promulgated on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly through June 30, 2011.

(p) In order to provide for the expeditious and timely implementation of the provisions of Public Act 97-689 this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, emergency rules to implement any provision of Public Act 97-689 this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly may be adopted in accordance subsection (p) by the agency charged with this administering that provision or initiative. The 150-dav limitation of the effective period of emergency rules does not apply to rules adopted under this subsection (p), and the effective period may continue through June 30, 2013. The 24-month limitation on the adoption of emergency rules does not apply to rules adopted under this subsection (p). The adoption of emergency rules authorized by this subsection (p) is deemed to be necessary for the public interest, safety, and welfare.

- 1 (Source: P.A. 96-45, eff. 7-15-09; 96-958, eff. 7-1-10;
- 2 96-1500, eff. 1-18-11; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12; 97-695, eff.
- 3 7-1-12; revised 7-10-12.)
- 4 Section 5. The State Comptroller Act is amended by changing
- 5 Section 10.05 as follows:
- 6 (15 ILCS 405/10.05) (from Ch. 15, par. 210.05)

7 Sec. 10.05. Deductions from warrants; statement of reason 8 for deduction. Whenever any person shall be entitled to a 9 warrant or other payment from the treasury or other funds held 10 by the State Treasurer, on any account, against whom there 11 shall be any then due and payable account or claim in favor of the State, the United States upon certification by the 12 13 Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, or his or her 14 delegate, pursuant to a reciprocal offset agreement under 15 subsection (i-1) of Section 10 of the Illinois State Collection Act of 1986, or a unit of local government, a school district, 16 or a public institution of higher education, as defined in 17 Section 1 of the Board of Higher Education Act, 18 19 certification by that entity, the Comptroller, 20 notification thereof, shall ascertain the amount due and 21 payable to the State, the United States, the unit of local 22 government, the school district, or the public institution of 23 higher education, as aforesaid, and draw a warrant on the 24 treasury or on other funds held by the State Treasurer, stating

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the amount for which the party was entitled to a warrant or other payment, the amount deducted therefrom, and on what account, and directing the payment of the balance; which warrant or payment as so drawn shall be entered on the books of the Treasurer, and such balance only shall be paid. The Comptroller may deduct any one or more of the following: (i) the entire amount due and payable to the State or a portion of the amount due and payable to the State in accordance with the request of the notifying agency; (ii) the entire amount due and payable to the United States or a portion of the amount due and payable to the United States in accordance with a reciprocal offset agreement under subsection (i-1) of Section 10 of the Illinois State Collection Act of 1986; or (iii) the entire amount due and payable to the unit of local government, school district, or public institution of higher education or a portion of the amount due and payable to that entity in accordance with an intergovernmental agreement authorized under this Section and Section 10.05d. No request from a notifying agency, the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, a unit of local government, a school district, or a public institution of higher education for an amount to be deducted under this Section from a wage or salary payment, or from a contractual payment to an individual for personal services, shall exceed 25% of the net amount of such payment. "Net amount" means that part of the earnings of an individual remaining after deduction of any amounts required by law to be

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withheld. For purposes of this provision, wage, salary or other payments for personal services shall not include final compensation payments for the value of accrued vacation, overtime or sick leave. Whenever the Comptroller draws a warrant or makes a payment involving a deduction ordered under this Section, the Comptroller shall notify the payee and the State agency that submitted the voucher of the reason for the deduction and he or she shall retain a record of such statement in his or her records. As used in this Section, an "account or claim in favor of the State" includes all amounts owing to "State agencies" as defined in Section 7 of this Act. However, the Comptroller shall not be required to accept accounts or claims owing to funds not held by the State Treasurer, where such accounts or claims do not exceed \$50, nor shall the Comptroller deduct from funds held by the State Treasurer under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act or for payments institutions from the Illinois Prepaid Tuition Trust Fund (unless the Trust Fund moneys are used for child support). The Comptroller and the Department of Revenue shall enter into an interagency agreement to establish responsibilities, duties, and procedures relating to deductions from lottery prizes awarded under Section 20.1 of the Illinois Lottery Law. The Comptroller may enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Department of Revenue and the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, or his or her delegate, to establish

- 1 responsibilities, duties, and procedures relating to
- 2 reciprocal offset of delinquent State and federal obligations
- 3 pursuant to subsection (i-1) of Section 10 of the Illinois
- 4 State Collection Act of 1986. The Comptroller may enter into
- 5 intergovernmental agreements with any unit of local
- 6 government, school district, or public institution of higher
- 7 education to establish responsibilities, duties, and
- 8 procedures to provide for the offset, by the Comptroller, of
- 9 obligations owed to those entities.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 97-269, eff. 12-16-11 (see Section 15 of P.A.
- 11 97-632 for the effective date of changes made by P.A. 97-269);
- 12 97-632, eff. 12-16-11; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 13 Section 7. The State Finance Act is amended by changing
- 14 Sections 6z-52 and 6z-81 as follows:
- 15 (30 ILCS 105/6z-52)
- 16 Sec. 6z-52. Drug Rebate Fund.
- 17 (a) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund
- to be known as the Drug Rebate Fund.
- 19 (b) The Fund is created for the purpose of receiving and
- 20 disbursing moneys in accordance with this Section.
- 21 Disbursements from the Fund shall be made, subject to
- 22 appropriation, only as follows:
- 23 (1) For payments for reimbursement or coverage for
- 24 prescription drugs and other pharmacy products provided to

a recipient of medical assistance under the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Children's Health Insurance Program Act, the Covering ALL KIDS Health Insurance Act, and the Veterans' Health Insurance Program Act of 2008, and the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act.

- (2) For reimbursement of moneys collected by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (formerly Illinois Department of Public Aid) through error or mistake.
- (3) For payments of any amounts that are reimbursable to the federal government resulting from a payment into this Fund.
- (4) For payments of operational and administrative expenses related to providing and managing coverage for prescription drugs and other pharmacy products provided to a recipient of medical assistance under the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Children's Health Insurance Program Act, the Covering ALL KIDS Health Insurance Act, the Veterans' Health Insurance Program Act of 2008, and the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act.
- (c) The Fund shall consist of the following:
- (1) Upon notification from the Director of Healthcare and Family Services, the Comptroller shall direct and the Treasurer shall transfer the net State share (disregarding

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the reduction in net State share attributable to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 or any other federal economic stimulus program) of all moneys received by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (formerly Illinois Department of Public Aid) from drug rebate agreements with pharmaceutical manufacturers pursuant to Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, including any portion of the balance in the Public Aid Recoveries Trust Fund on July 1, 2001 that is attributable to such receipts.

- (2) All federal matching funds received by the Illinois

  Department as a result of expenditures made by the

  Department that are attributable to moneys deposited in the

  Fund.
- 15 (3) Any premium collected by the Illinois Department 16 from participants under a waiver approved by the federal 17 government relating to provision of pharmaceutical 18 services.
- 19 (4) All other moneys received for the Fund from any other source, including interest earned thereon.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 96-8, eff. 4-28-09; 96-1100, eff. 1-1-11; 97-689,
- 22 eff. 7-1-12.)
- 23 (30 ILCS 105/6z-81)
- Sec. 6z-81. Healthcare Provider Relief Fund.
- 25 (a) There is created in the State treasury a special fund

- 1 to be known as the Healthcare Provider Relief Fund.
  - (b) The Fund is created for the purpose of receiving and disbursing moneys in accordance with this Section.

    Disbursements from the Fund shall be made only as follows:
    - (1) Subject to appropriation, for payment by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services or by the Department of Human Services of medical bills and related expenses, including administrative expenses, for which the State is responsible under Titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act, the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Children's Health Insurance Program Act, the Covering ALL KIDS Health Insurance Act, the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, and the Long Term Acute Care Hospital Quality Improvement Transfer Program Act.
    - (2) For repayment of funds borrowed from other State funds or from outside sources, including interest thereon.
    - (c) The Fund shall consist of the following:
    - (1) Moneys received by the State from short-term borrowing pursuant to the Short Term Borrowing Act on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly.
    - (2) All federal matching funds received by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services as a result of expenditures made by the Department that are attributable to moneys deposited in the Fund.

- (3) All federal matching funds received by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services as a result of federal approval of Title XIX State plan amendment transmittal number 07-09.
  - (4) All other moneys received for the Fund from any other source, including interest earned thereon.
  - (d) In addition to any other transfers that may be provided for by law, on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, or as soon thereafter as practical, the State Comptroller shall direct and the State Treasurer shall transfer the sum of \$365,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund into the Healthcare Provider Relief Fund.
  - (e) In addition to any other transfers that may be provided for by law, on July 1, 2011, or as soon thereafter as practical, the State Comptroller shall direct and the State Treasurer shall transfer the sum of \$160,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Healthcare Provider Relief Fund.
  - (f) Notwithstanding any other State law to the contrary, and in addition to any other transfers that may be provided for by law, the State Comptroller shall order transferred and the State Treasurer shall transfer \$500,000,000 to the Healthcare Provider Relief Fund from the General Revenue Fund in equal monthly installments of \$100,000,000, with the first transfer to be made on July 1, 2012, or as soon thereafter as practical, and with each of the remaining transfers to be made on August 1, 2012, September 1, 2012, October 1, 2012, and November 1,

- 1 2012, or as soon thereafter as practical. This transfer may
- 2 assist the Department of Healthcare and Family Services in
- 3 improving Medical Assistance bill processing timeframes or in
- 4 meeting the possible requirements of Senate Bill 3397, or other
- 5 similar legislation, of the 97th General Assembly should it
- 6 become law.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 96-820, eff. 11-18-09; 96-1100, eff. 1-1-11;
- 8 97-44, eff. 6-28-11; 97-641, eff. 12-19-11; 97-689, eff.
- 9 6-14-12; 97-732, eff. 6-30-12; revised 7-10-12.)
- 10 Section 10. The Downstate Public Transportation Act is
- amended by changing Sections 2-15.2 and 2-15.3 as follows:
- 12 (30 ILCS 740/2-15.2)
- 13 Sec. 2-15.2. Free services; eligibility.
- 14 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
- 15 60 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of
- 16 the 95th General Assembly and until subsection (b) is
- 17 implemented, any fixed route public transportation services
- 18 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts
- of, every participant, as defined in Section 2-2.02 (1)(a),
- 20 shall be provided without charge to all senior citizen
- 21 residents of the participant aged 65 and older, under such
- 22 conditions as shall be prescribed by the participant.
- 23 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
- 24 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of

1 the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase 2 of service contracts of, every participant, as defined in 3 Section 2-2.02 (1)(a), shall be provided without charge to 4 5 senior citizens aged 65 and older who meet the income eligibility limitation set forth in subsection (a-5) of Section 6 7 4 of the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax 8 Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, under 9 conditions as shall be prescribed by the participant. The 10 Department on Aging shall furnish all information reasonably 11 necessary to determine eligibility, including updated lists of 12 individuals who are eligible for services without charge under this Section. Nothing in this Section shall relieve the 13 14 participant from providing reduced fares as may be required by 15 federal law.

16 (Source: P.A. 96-1527, eff. 2-14-11; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)

## 17 (30 ILCS 740/2-15.3)

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Sec. 2-15.3. Transit services for disabled individuals. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than 60 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, all fixed route public transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contract of, any participant shall be provided without charge to all disabled persons who meet the income eligibility limitation set forth in subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the

- 1 Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and
- 2 Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, under such procedures as shall
- 3 be prescribed by the participant. The Department on Aging shall
- 4 furnish all information reasonably necessary to determine
- 5 eligibility, including updated lists of individuals who are
- 6 eligible for services without charge under this Section.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 8 Section 15. The Property Tax Code is amended by changing
- 9 Sections 15-172, 15-175, 20-15, and 21-27 as follows:
- 10 (35 ILCS 200/15-172)
- 11 Sec. 15-172. Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead
- 12 Exemption.
- 13 (a) This Section may be cited as the Senior Citizens
- 14 Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption.
- 15 (b) As used in this Section:
- 16 "Applicant" means an individual who has filed an
- 17 application under this Section.
- "Base amount" means the base year equalized assessed value
- of the residence plus the first year's equalized assessed value
- of any added improvements which increased the assessed value of
- 21 the residence after the base year.
- "Base year" means the taxable year prior to the taxable
- year for which the applicant first qualifies and applies for
- 24 the exemption provided that in the prior taxable year the

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property was improved with a permanent structure that was occupied as a residence by the applicant who was liable for paying real property taxes on the property and who was either (i) an owner of record of the property or had legal or equitable interest in the property as evidenced by a written instrument or (ii) had a legal or equitable interest as a lessee in the parcel of property that was single family residence. If in any subsequent taxable year for which the applicant applies and qualifies for the exemption the equalized assessed value of the residence is less than the equalized assessed value in the existing base year (provided that such equalized assessed value is not based on an assessed value that results from a temporary irregularity in the property that reduces the assessed value for one or more taxable years), then that subsequent taxable year shall become the base year until a new base year is established under the terms of this paragraph. For taxable year 1999 only, the Chief County Assessment Officer shall review (i) all taxable years for which the applicant applied and qualified for the exemption and (ii) the existing base year. The assessment officer shall select as the new base year the year with the lowest equalized assessed value. An equalized assessed value that is based on an assessed value that results from a temporary irregularity in the property that reduces the assessed value for one or more taxable years shall not be considered the lowest equalized assessed value. The selected year shall be the base year for taxable year 1999 and

- 1 thereafter until a new base year is established under the terms
- 2 of this paragraph.
- 3 "Chief County Assessment Officer" means the County
- 4 Assessor or Supervisor of Assessments of the county in which
- 5 the property is located.
- 6 "Equalized assessed value" means the assessed value as
- 7 equalized by the Illinois Department of Revenue.
- 8 "Household" means the applicant, the spouse of the
- 9 applicant, and all persons using the residence of the applicant
- 10 as their principal place of residence.
- "Household income" means the combined income of the members
- of a household for the calendar year preceding the taxable
- 13 year.
- "Income" has the same meaning as provided in Section 3.07
- of the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief
- and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, except that, beginning in
- 17 assessment year 2001, "income" does not include veteran's
- 18 benefits.
- "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" means the United States
- 20 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any successor law or laws
- 21 relating to federal income taxes in effect for the year
- 22 preceding the taxable year.
- "Life care facility that qualifies as a cooperative" means
- 24 a facility as defined in Section 2 of the Life Care Facilities
- 25 Act.
- 26 "Maximum income limitation" means:

- 1 (1) \$35,000 prior to taxable year 1999;
- 2 (2) \$40,000 in taxable years 1999 through 2003;
- 3 (3) \$45,000 in taxable years 2004 through 2005;
  - (4) \$50,000 in taxable years 2006 and 2007; and
    - (5) \$55,000 in taxable year 2008 and thereafter.

"Residence" means the principal dwelling place and appurtenant structures used for residential purposes in this State occupied on January 1 of the taxable year by a household and so much of the surrounding land, constituting the parcel upon which the dwelling place is situated, as is used for residential purposes. If the Chief County Assessment Officer has established a specific legal description for a portion of property constituting the residence, then that portion of property shall be deemed the residence for the purposes of this Section.

"Taxable year" means the calendar year during which ad valorem property taxes payable in the next succeeding year are levied.

(c) Beginning in taxable year 1994, a senior citizens assessment freeze homestead exemption is granted for real property that is improved with a permanent structure that is occupied as a residence by an applicant who (i) is 65 years of age or older during the taxable year, (ii) has a household income that does not exceed the maximum income limitation, (iii) is liable for paying real property taxes on the property, and (iv) is an owner of record of the property or has a legal or

equitable interest in the property as evidenced by a written instrument. This homestead exemption shall also apply to a leasehold interest in a parcel of property improved with a permanent structure that is a single family residence that is occupied as a residence by a person who (i) is 65 years of age or older during the taxable year, (ii) has a household income that does not exceed the maximum income limitation, (iii) has a legal or equitable ownership interest in the property as lessee, and (iv) is liable for the payment of real property taxes on that property.

In counties of 3,000,000 or more inhabitants, the amount of the exemption for all taxable years is the equalized assessed value of the residence in the taxable year for which application is made minus the base amount. In all other counties, the amount of the exemption is as follows: (i) through taxable year 2005 and for taxable year 2007 and thereafter, the amount of this exemption shall be the equalized assessed value of the residence in the taxable year for which application is made minus the base amount; and (ii) for taxable year 2006, the amount of the exemption is as follows:

- (1) For an applicant who has a household income of \$45,000 or less, the amount of the exemption is the equalized assessed value of the residence in the taxable year for which application is made minus the base amount.
- (2) For an applicant who has a household income exceeding \$45,000 but not exceeding \$46,250, the amount of

the exemption is (i) the equalized assessed value of the residence in the taxable year for which application is made minus the base amount (ii) multiplied by 0.8.

- (3) For an applicant who has a household income exceeding \$46,250 but not exceeding \$47,500, the amount of the exemption is (i) the equalized assessed value of the residence in the taxable year for which application is made minus the base amount (ii) multiplied by 0.6.
- (4) For an applicant who has a household income exceeding \$47,500 but not exceeding \$48,750, the amount of the exemption is (i) the equalized assessed value of the residence in the taxable year for which application is made minus the base amount (ii) multiplied by 0.4.
- (5) For an applicant who has a household income exceeding \$48,750 but not exceeding \$50,000, the amount of the exemption is (i) the equalized assessed value of the residence in the taxable year for which application is made minus the base amount (ii) multiplied by 0.2.

When the applicant is a surviving spouse of an applicant for a prior year for the same residence for which an exemption under this Section has been granted, the base year and base amount for that residence are the same as for the applicant for the prior year.

Each year at the time the assessment books are certified to the County Clerk, the Board of Review or Board of Appeals shall give to the County Clerk a list of the assessed values of

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improvements on each parcel qualifying for this exemption that
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increased the assessed value of the property.

In the case of land improved with an apartment building owned and operated as a cooperative or a building that is a life care facility that qualifies as a cooperative, the maximum reduction from the equalized assessed value of the property is limited to the sum of the reductions calculated for each unit occupied as a residence by a person or persons (i) 65 years of age or older, (ii) with a household income that does not exceed the maximum income limitation, (iii) who is liable, by contract with the owner or owners of record, for paying real property taxes on the property, and (iv) who is an owner of record of a legal or equitable interest in the cooperative apartment building, other than a leasehold interest. In the instance of a cooperative where a homestead exemption has been granted under this Section, the cooperative association or its management firm shall credit the savings resulting from that exemption only to the apportioned tax liability of the owner who qualified for the exemption. Any person who willfully refuses to credit that savings to an owner who qualifies for the exemption is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

When a homestead exemption has been granted under this Section and an applicant then becomes a resident of a facility licensed under the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act, the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health

Rehabilitation Act, or the ID/DD Community Care Act, the exemption shall be granted in subsequent years so long as the residence (i) continues to be occupied by the qualified applicant's spouse or (ii) if remaining unoccupied, is still owned by the qualified applicant for the homestead exemption.

Beginning January 1, 1997, when an individual dies who would have qualified for an exemption under this Section, and the surviving spouse does not independently qualify for this exemption because of age, the exemption under this Section shall be granted to the surviving spouse for the taxable year preceding and the taxable year of the death, provided that, except for age, the surviving spouse meets all other qualifications for the granting of this exemption for those years.

When married persons maintain separate residences, the exemption provided for in this Section may be claimed by only one of such persons and for only one residence.

For taxable year 1994 only, in counties having less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, to receive the exemption, a person shall submit an application by February 15, 1995 to the Chief County Assessment Officer of the county in which the property is located. In counties having 3,000,000 or more inhabitants, for taxable year 1994 and all subsequent taxable years, to receive the exemption, a person may submit an application to the Chief County Assessment Officer of the county in which the property is located during such period as may be specified by the Chief

County Assessment Officer. The Chief County Assessment Officer 1 2 in counties of 3,000,000 or more inhabitants shall annually 3 give notice of the application period by mail or counties having less than 3,000,000 4 publication. In 5 inhabitants, beginning with taxable year 1995 and thereafter, to receive the exemption, a person shall submit an application 6 7 by July 1 of each taxable year to the Chief County Assessment 8 Officer of the county in which the property is located. A 9 county may, by ordinance, establish a date for submission of 10 applications that is different than July 1. The applicant shall 11 submit with the application an affidavit of the applicant's 12 total household income, age, marital status (and if married the 13 name and address of the applicant's spouse, if known), and 14 principal dwelling place of members of the household on January 15 1 of the taxable year. The Department shall establish, by rule, 16 a method for verifying the accuracy of affidavits filed by applicants under this Section, and the Chief County Assessment 17 Officer may conduct audits of any taxpayer claiming an 18 exemption under this Section to verify that the taxpayer is 19 20 eligible to receive the exemption. Each application shall contain or be verified by a written declaration that it is made 21 22 under the penalties of perjury. A taxpayer's signing a 23 fraudulent application under this Act is perjury, as defined in Section 32-2 of the Criminal Code of 1961. The applications 24 25 shall be clearly marked as applications for the Senior Citizens 26 Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption and must contain a notice

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that any taxpayer who receives the exemption is subject to an audit by the Chief County Assessment Officer.

Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, in counties having fewer than 3,000,000 inhabitants, if applicant fails to file the application required by this Section in a timely manner and this failure to file is due to a mental or physical condition sufficiently severe so as to render the applicant incapable of filing the application in a timely manner, the Chief County Assessment Officer may extend the filing deadline for a period of 30 days after the applicant regains the capability to file the application, but in no case may the filing deadline be extended beyond 3 months of the original filing deadline. In order to receive the extension provided in this paragraph, the applicant shall provide the Chief County Assessment Officer with a signed statement from the applicant's physician stating the nature and extent of the condition, that, in the physician's opinion, the condition was so severe that it rendered the applicant incapable of filing the application in a timely manner, and the date on which the applicant regained the capability to file the application.

Beginning January 1, 1998, notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, in counties having fewer than 3,000,000 inhabitants, if an applicant fails to file the application required by this Section in a timely manner and this failure to file is due to a mental or physical condition sufficiently severe so as to render the applicant incapable of

Assessment Officer may extend the filing deadline for a period of 3 months. In order to receive the extension provided in this paragraph, the applicant shall provide the Chief County Assessment Officer with a signed statement from the applicant's physician stating the nature and extent of the condition, and that, in the physician's opinion, the condition was so severe that it rendered the applicant incapable of filing the application in a timely manner.

In counties having less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, if an applicant was denied an exemption in taxable year 1994 and the denial occurred due to an error on the part of an assessment official, or his or her agent or employee, then beginning in taxable year 1997 the applicant's base year, for purposes of determining the amount of the exemption, shall be 1993 rather than 1994. In addition, in taxable year 1997, the applicant's exemption shall also include an amount equal to (i) the amount of any exemption denied to the applicant in taxable year 1995 as a result of using 1994, rather than 1993, as the base year, (ii) the amount of any exemption denied to the applicant in taxable year 1996 as a result of using 1994, rather than 1993, as the base year, and (iii) the amount of the exemption erroneously denied for taxable year 1994.

For purposes of this Section, a person who will be 65 years of age during the current taxable year shall be eligible to apply for the homestead exemption during that taxable year.

Application shall be made during the application period in effect for the county of his or her residence.

The Chief County Assessment Officer may determine the eligibility of a life care facility that qualifies as a cooperative to receive the benefits provided by this Section by use of an affidavit, application, visual inspection, questionnaire, or other reasonable method in order to insure that the tax savings resulting from the exemption are credited by the management firm to the apportioned tax liability of each qualifying resident. The Chief County Assessment Officer may request reasonable proof that the management firm has so credited that exemption.

Except as provided in this Section, all information received by the chief county assessment officer or the Department from applications filed under this Section, or from any investigation conducted under the provisions of this Section, shall be confidential, except for official purposes or pursuant to official procedures for collection of any State or local tax or enforcement of any civil or criminal penalty or sanction imposed by this Act or by any statute or ordinance imposing a State or local tax. Any person who divulges any such information in any manner, except in accordance with a proper judicial order, is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

Nothing contained in this Section shall prevent the Director or chief county assessment officer from publishing or making available reasonable statistics concerning the

- 1 operation of the exemption contained in this Section in which
- 2 the contents of claims are grouped into aggregates in such a
- 3 way that information contained in any individual claim shall
- 4 not be disclosed.
- 5 (d) Each Chief County Assessment Officer shall annually
- 6 publish a notice of availability of the exemption provided
- 7 under this Section. The notice shall be published at least 60
- 8 days but no more than 75 days prior to the date on which the
- 9 application must be submitted to the Chief County Assessment
- 10 Officer of the county in which the property is located. The
- 11 notice shall appear in a newspaper of general circulation in
- 12 the county.
- Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8 of the State Mandates Act,
- 14 no reimbursement by the State is required for the
- implementation of any mandate created by this Section.
- 16 (Source: P.A. 96-339, eff. 7-1-10; 96-355, eff. 1-1-10;
- 96-1000, eff. 7-2-10; 97-38, eff. 6-28-11; 97-227, eff. 1-1-12;
- 18 97-689, eff. 6-14-12; 97-813, eff. 7-13-12.)
- 19 (35 ILCS 200/15-175)
- Sec. 15-175. General homestead exemption. Except as
- 21 provided in Sections 15-176 and 15-177, homestead property is
- 22 entitled to an annual homestead exemption limited, except as
- described here with relation to cooperatives, to a reduction in
- the equalized assessed value of homestead property equal to the
- 25 increase in equalized assessed value for the current assessment

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year above the equalized assessed value of the property for 1977, up to the maximum reduction set forth below. If however, the 1977 equalized assessed value upon which taxes were paid is subsequently determined by local assessing officials, the Property Tax Appeal Board, or a court to have been excessive, the equalized assessed value which should have been placed on the property for 1977 shall be used to determine the amount of

Except as provided in Section 15-176, the maximum reduction before taxable year 2004 shall be \$4,500 in counties with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants and \$3,500 in all other counties. Except as provided in Sections 15-176 and 15-177, for taxable years 2004 through 2007, the maximum reduction shall be \$5,000, for taxable year 2008, the maximum reduction is \$5,500, and, for taxable years 2009 and thereafter, the maximum reduction is \$6,000 in all counties. If a county has elected to subject itself to the provisions of Section 15-176 as provided in subsection (k) of that Section, then, for the first taxable year only after the provisions of Section 15-176 no longer apply, for owners who, for the taxable year, have not been granted a senior citizens assessment freeze homestead exemption under Section 15-172 or a long-time occupant homestead exemption under Section 15-177, there shall be an additional exemption of \$5,000 for owners with a household income of \$30,000 or less.

In counties with fewer than 3,000,000 inhabitants, if,

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based on the most recent assessment, the equalized assessed 1 value of the homestead property for the current assessment year is greater than the equalized assessed value of the property for 1977, the owner of the property shall automatically receive the exemption granted under this Section in an amount equal to the increase over the 1977 assessment up to the maximum 7 reduction set forth in this Section.

If in any assessment year beginning with the assessment year, homestead property has a pro-rata valuation under Section 9-180 resulting in an increase in the assessed valuation, a reduction in equalized assessed valuation equal to the increase in equalized assessed value of the property for the year of the pro-rata valuation above the equalized assessed value of the property for 1977 shall be applied to the property on a proportionate basis for the period the property qualified as homestead property during the assessment year. The maximum proportionate homestead exemption shall not exceed the maximum homestead exemption allowed in the county under this Section divided by 365 and multiplied by the number of days the property qualified as homestead property.

"Homestead property" under this Section includes residential property that is occupied by its owner or owners as his or their principal dwelling place, or that is a leasehold interest on which a single family residence is situated, which is occupied as a residence by a person who has an ownership interest therein, legal or equitable or as a lessee, and on

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which the person is liable for the payment of property taxes.

2 For land improved with an apartment building owned and operated

3 as a cooperative or a building which is a life care facility as

defined in Section 15-170 and considered to be a cooperative

under Section 15-170, the maximum reduction from the equalized

6 assessed value shall be limited to the increase in the value

above the equalized assessed value of the property for 1977, up

to the maximum reduction set forth above, multiplied by the

number of apartments or units occupied by a person or persons

who is liable, by contract with the owner or owners of record,

for paying property taxes on the property and is an owner of

record of a legal or equitable interest in the cooperative

apartment building, other than a leasehold interest. For

purposes of this Section, the term "life care facility" has the

meaning stated in Section 15-170.

"Household", as used in this Section, means the owner, the spouse of the owner, and all persons using the residence of the owner as their principal place of residence.

"Household income", as used in this Section, means the combined income of the members of a household for the calendar year preceding the taxable year.

"Income", as used in this Section, has the same meaning as provided in Section 3.07 of the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, except that "income" does not include veteran's benefits.

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granted, the cooperative association or its management firm shall credit the savings resulting from that exemption only to the apportioned tax liability of the owner who qualified for the exemption. Any person who willfully refuses to so credit the savings shall be quilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

Where married persons maintain and reside in separate residences qualifying as homestead property, each residence shall receive 50% of the total reduction in equalized assessed valuation provided by this Section.

In all counties, the assessor or chief county assessment officer may determine the eligibility of residential property to receive the homestead exemption and the amount of the exemption by application, visual inspection, questionnaire or other reasonable methods. The determination shall be made in accordance with guidelines established by the Department, provided that the taxpayer applying for an additional general exemption under this Section shall submit to the chief county assessment officer an application with an affidavit of the applicant's total household income, age, marital status (and, if married, the name and address of the applicant's spouse, if known), and principal dwelling place of members of the household on January 1 of the taxable year. The Department shall issue guidelines establishing a method for verifying the accuracy of the affidavits filed by applicants under this paragraph. The applications shall be clearly marked as applications for the Additional General Homestead Exemption.

In counties with fewer than 3,000,000 inhabitants, in the event of a sale of homestead property the homestead exemption shall remain in effect for the remainder of the assessment year of the sale. The assessor or chief county assessment officer may require the new owner of the property to apply for the

6 homestead exemption for the following assessment year.

Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8 of the State Mandates Act, 8 no reimbursement by the State is required for the 9 implementation of any mandate created by this Section.

10 (Source: P.A. 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)

11 (35 ILCS 200/20-15)

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Sec. 20-15. Information on bill or separate statement.

There shall be printed on each bill, or on a separate slip

which shall be mailed with the bill:

- (a) a statement itemizing the rate at which taxes have been extended for each of the taxing districts in the county in whose district the property is located, and in those counties utilizing electronic data processing equipment the dollar amount of tax due from the person assessed allocable to each of those taxing districts, including a separate statement of the dollar amount of tax due which is allocable to a tax levied under the Illinois Local Library Act or to any other tax levied by a municipality or township for public library purposes,
  - (b) a separate statement for each of the taxing

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- (c) the total tax rate,
- (d) the total amount of tax due, and
- 7 (e) the amount by which the total tax and the tax
  8 allocable to each taxing district differs from the
  9 taxpayer's last prior tax bill.
- The county treasurer shall ensure that only those taxing districts in which a parcel of property is located shall be listed on the bill for that property.
- In all counties the statement shall also provide:
- 14 (1) the property index number or other suitable description,
  - (2) the assessment of the property,
  - (3) the equalization factors imposed by the county and by the Department, and
- 19 (4) the equalized assessment resulting from the 20 application of the equalization factors to the basic 21 assessment.
  - In all counties which do not classify property for purposes of taxation, for property on which a single family residence is situated the statement shall also include a statement to reflect the fair cash value determined for the property. In all counties which classify property for purposes of taxation in

1 accordance with Section 4 of Article IX of the Illinois

2 Constitution, for parcels of residential property in the lowest

assessment classification the statement shall also include a

statement to reflect the fair cash value determined for the

5 property.

In all counties, the statement must include information that certain taxpayers may be eligible for tax exemptions, abatements, and other assistance programs and that, for more information, taxpayers should consult with the office of their township or county assessor and with the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In all counties, the statement shall include information that certain taxpayers may be eligible for the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act and that applications are available from the Illinois Department on Aging.

In counties which use the estimated or accelerated billing methods, these statements shall only be provided with the final installment of taxes due. The provisions of this Section create a mandatory statutory duty. They are not merely directory or discretionary. The failure or neglect of the collector to mail the bill, or the failure of the taxpayer to receive the bill, shall not affect the validity of any tax, or the liability for the payment of any tax.

25 (Source: P.A. 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)

- 1 (35 ILCS 200/21-27)
- 2 Sec. 21-27. Waiver of interest penalty.
  - (a) On the recommendation of the county treasurer, the county board may adopt a resolution under which an interest penalty for the delinquent payment of taxes for any year that otherwise would be imposed under Section 21-15, 21-20, or 21-25 shall be waived in the case of any person who meets all of the following criteria:
    - (1) The person is determined eligible for a grant under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act with respect to the taxes for that year.
    - (2) The person requests, in writing, on a form approved by the county treasurer, a waiver of the interest penalty, and the request is filed with the county treasurer on or before the first day of the month that an installment of taxes is due.
    - (3) The person pays the installment of taxes due, in full, on or before the third day of the month that the installment is due.
    - (4) The county treasurer approves the request for a waiver.
  - (b) With respect to property that qualifies as a brownfield site under Section 58.2 of the Environmental Protection Act, the county board, upon the recommendation of the county treasurer, may adopt a resolution to waive an interest penalty

- for the delinquent payment of taxes for any year that otherwise would be imposed under Section 21-15, 21-20, or 21-25 if all of the following criteria are met:
  - (1) the property has delinquent taxes and an outstanding interest penalty and the amount of that interest penalty is so large as to, possibly, result in all of the taxes becoming uncollectible;
  - (2) the property is part of a redevelopment plan of a unit of local government and that unit of local government does not oppose the waiver of the interest penalty;
  - (3) the redevelopment of the property will benefit the public interest by remediating the brownfield contamination;
  - (4) the taxpayer delivers to the county treasurer (i) a written request for a waiver of the interest penalty, on a form approved by the county treasurer, and (ii) a copy of the redevelopment plan for the property;
  - (5) the taxpayer pays, in full, the amount of up to the amount of the first 2 installments of taxes due, to be held in escrow pending the approval of the waiver, and enters into an agreement with the county treasurer setting forth a schedule for the payment of any remaining taxes due; and
  - (6) the county treasurer approves the request for a waiver.
- 25 (Source: P.A. 97-655, eff. 1-13-12; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)

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Section 20. The Mobile Home Local Services Tax Act is amended by changing Section 7 as follows:

3 (35 ILCS 515/7) (from Ch. 120, par. 1207)

Sec. 7. The local services tax for owners of mobile homes who (a) are actually residing in such mobile homes, (b) hold title to such mobile home as provided in the Illinois Vehicle Code, and (c) are 65 years of age or older or are disabled persons within the meaning of Section 3.14 of the "Senior and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act" on the annual billing date shall be reduced to 80 percent of the tax provided for in Section 3 of this Act. Proof that a claimant has been issued an Illinois Disabled Person Identification Card stating that the claimant is under a Class 2 disability, as provided in Section 4A of the Illinois Identification Card Act, shall constitute proof that the person thereon named is a disabled person within the meaning of this Act. An application for reduction of the tax shall be filed with the county clerk by the individuals who are entitled to the reduction. If the application is filed after May 1, the reduction in tax shall begin with the next annual bill. Application for the reduction in tax shall be done by submitting proof that the applicant has been issued an Illinois Person Identification Card designating applicant's disability as a Class 2 disability, or by affidavit in substantially the following form:

1	APPLICATION FOR REDUCTION OF MOBILE HOME LOCAL SERVICES TAX
2	I hereby make application for a reduction to 80% of the
3	total tax imposed under "An Act to provide for a local services
4	tax on mobile homes".
5	(1) Senior Citizens
6	(a) I actually reside in the mobile home
7	(b) I hold title to the mobile home as provided in the
8	Illinois Vehicle Code
9	(c) I reached the age of 65 on or before either January 1
10	(or July 1) of the year in which this statement is filed. My
11	date of birth is:
12	(2) Disabled Persons
13	(a) I actually reside in the mobile home
14	(b) I hold title to the mobile home as provided in the
15	Illinois Vehicle Code
16	(c) I was totally disabled on and have remained
17	disabled until the date of this application. My Social
18	Security, Veterans, Railroad or Civil Service Total Disability
19	Claim Number is The undersigned declares under the penalty
20	of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.
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23	Signature of owner
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- 1 (City) (State) (Zip)
- 2 Approved by:
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- 4 (Assessor)
- 5 This application shall be accompanied by a copy of the
- 6 applicant's most recent application filed with the Illinois
- 7 Department on Aging under the Senior Citizens and Disabled
- 8 Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 96-804, eff. 1-1-10; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 10 Section 25. The Metropolitan Transit Authority Act is
- amended by changing Sections 51 and 52 as follows:
- 12 (70 ILCS 3605/51)
- 13 Sec. 51. Free services; eligibility.
- 14 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
- 15 60 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of
- 16 the 95th General Assembly and until subsection (b) is
- 17 implemented, any fixed route public transportation services
- 18 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts
- 19 of, the Board shall be provided without charge to all senior
- 20 citizens of the Metropolitan Region (as such term is defined in
- 70 ILCS 3615/1.03) aged 65 and older, under such conditions as
- shall be prescribed by the Board.
- 23 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than

180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1 2 the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route public transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase 3 of service contracts of, the Board shall be provided without 4 5 charge to senior citizens aged 65 and older who meet the income 6 eligibility limitation set forth in subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax 7 8 and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, under Relief 9 conditions as shall be prescribed by the Board. The Department 10 on Aging shall furnish all information reasonably necessary to 11 determine eligibility, including updated lists of individuals 12 who are eligible for services without charge under this Section. Nothing in this Section shall relieve the Board from 13 providing reduced fares as may be required by federal law. 14

(Source: P.A. 96-1527, eff. 2-14-11; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)

16 (70 ILCS 3605/52)

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Sec. 52. Transit services for disabled individuals. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than 60 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, all fixed route public transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contract of, the Board shall be provided without charge to all disabled persons who meet the income eligibility limitation set forth in subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical

- 1 Assistance Act, under such procedures as shall be prescribed by
- 2 the Board. The Department on Aging shall furnish all
- 3 information reasonably necessary to determine eligibility,
- 4 including updated lists of individuals who are eligible for
- 5 services without charge under this Section.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 7 Section 30. The Local Mass Transit District Act is amended
- 8 by changing Sections 8.6 and 8.7 as follows:
- 9 (70 ILCS 3610/8.6)
- 10 Sec. 8.6. Free services; eligibility.
- 11 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
- 12 60 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of
- the 95th General Assembly and until subsection (b) is
- implemented, any fixed route public transportation services
- provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts
- of, every District shall be provided without charge to all
- senior citizens of the District aged 65 and older, under such
- 18 conditions as shall be prescribed by the District.
- 19 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
- 20 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of
- 21 the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route public
- transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase
- of service contracts of, every District shall be provided
- 24 without charge to senior citizens aged 65 and older who meet

- the income eligibility limitation set forth in subsection (a-5)1 2 of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, under 3 such conditions as shall be prescribed by the District. The 4 5 Department on Aging shall furnish all information reasonably 6 necessary to determine eligibility, including updated lists of individuals who are eligible for services without charge under 7 8 this Section. Nothing in this Section shall relieve the 9 District from providing reduced fares as may be required by 10 federal law.
- 11 (Source: P.A. 96-1527, eff. 2-14-11; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 12 (70 ILCS 3610/8.7)

Sec. 8.7. Transit services for disabled individuals. 1.3 14 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than 60 days 15 following the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th 16 General Assembly, all fixed route public transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase of service 17 contract of, any District shall be provided without charge to 18 19 all disabled persons who meet the income eligibility limitation 20 set forth in subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the Senior 21 Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, under such procedures as shall 22 be prescribed by the District. The Department on Aging shall 23 furnish all information reasonably necessary to determine 24 25 eligibility, including updated lists of individuals who are

- 1 eligible for services without charge under this Section.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 3 Section 31. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is
- 4 amended by changing Sections 3A.15, 3A.16, 3B.14, and 3B.15 as
- 5 follows:

6 (70 ILCS 3615/3A.15)

Suburban Bus Board.

- 7 Sec. 3A.15. Free services; eligibility.
- 8 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than 9 60 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of 10 the 95th General Assembly and until subsection (b) implemented, any fixed route public transportation services 11 12 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts 13 of, the Suburban Bus Board shall be provided without charge to 14 all senior citizens of the Metropolitan Region aged 65 and 15 older, under such conditions as shall be prescribed by the
- 17 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than 18 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of 19 the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route 20 transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase 21 of service contracts of, the Suburban Bus Board shall be provided without charge to senior citizens aged 65 and older 22 23 who meet the income eligibility limitation set forth in subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and 24

- 1 Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical
- 2 Assistance Act, under such conditions as shall be prescribed by
- 3 the Suburban Bus Board. The Department on Aging shall furnish
- 4 all information reasonably necessary to determine eligibility,
- 5 including updated lists of individuals who are eligible for
- 6 services without charge under this Section. Nothing in this
- 7 Section shall relieve the Suburban Bus Board from providing
- 8 reduced fares as may be required by federal law.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 96-1527, eff. 2-14-11; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 10 (70 ILCS 3615/3A.16)
- 11 Sec. 3A.16. Transit services for disabled individuals.
- Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than 60 days
- following the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th
- 14 General Assembly, all fixed route public transportation
- services provided by, or under grant or purchase of service
- 16 contract of, the Suburban Bus Board shall be provided without
- 17 charge to all disabled persons who meet the income eligibility
- 18 limitation set forth in subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the
- 19 Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and
- 20 Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, under such procedures as shall
- 21 be prescribed by the Board. The Department on Aging shall
- 22 furnish all information reasonably necessary to determine
- 23 eligibility, including updated lists of individuals who are
- 24 eligible for services without charge under this Section.
- 25 (Source: P.A. 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)

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- (70 ILCS 3615/3B.14)
- 2 Sec. 3B.14. Free services; eligibility.
- 3 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than 4 60 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of 5 95th General Assembly and until subsection 6 implemented, any fixed route public transportation services 7 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts 8 of, the Commuter Rail Board shall be provided without charge to 9 all senior citizens of the Metropolitan Region aged 65 and 10 older, under such conditions as shall be prescribed by the 11 Commuter Rail Board.
  - (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of 96th General Assembly, any fixed route transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts of, the Commuter Rail Board shall be provided without charge to senior citizens aged 65 and older who meet the income eligibility limitation set forth in subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, under such conditions as shall be prescribed by the Commuter Rail Board. The Department on Aging shall furnish all information reasonably necessary to determine eligibility, including updated lists of individuals who are eligible for services without charge under this Section. Nothing in this

- 1 Section shall relieve the Commuter Rail Board from providing
- 2 reduced fares as may be required by federal law.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 96-1527, eff. 2-14-11; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 4 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.15)
- 5 Sec. 3B.15. Transit services for disabled individuals.
- 6 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than 60 days
- 7 following the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th
- 8 General Assembly, all fixed route public transportation
- 9 services provided by, or under grant or purchase of service
- 10 contract of, the Commuter Rail Board shall be provided without
- 11 charge to all disabled persons who meet the income eligibility
- 12 limitation set forth in subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the
- 13 Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and
- 14 Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, under such procedures as shall
- 15 be prescribed by the Board. The Department on Aging shall
- 16 furnish all information reasonably necessary to determine
- 17 eligibility, including updated lists of individuals who are
- 18 eligible for services without charge under this Section.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- Section 32. The Senior Citizen Courses Act is amended by
- 21 changing Section 1 as follows:
- 22 (110 ILCS 990/1) (from Ch. 144, par. 1801)
- 23 Sec. 1. Definitions. For the purposes of this Act:

- 1 (a) "Public institutions of higher education" means the
- 2 University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Chicago
- 3 State University, Eastern Illinois University, Governors State
- 4 University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois
- 5 University, Northern Illinois University, Western Illinois
- 6 University, and the public community colleges subject to the
- 7 "Public Community College Act".
- 8 (b) "Credit Course" means any program of study for which
- 9 public institutions of higher education award credit hours.
- 10 (c) "Senior citizen" means any person 65 years or older
- 11 whose annual household income is less than the threshold amount
- 12 provided in Section 4 of the "Senior Citizens and Disabled
- 13 Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance
- 14 Act", approved July 17, 1972, as amended.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- Section 33. The Citizens Utility Board Act is amended by
- 17 changing Section 9 as follows:
- 18 (220 ILCS 10/9) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 909)
- 19 Sec. 9. Mailing procedure.
- 20 (1) As used in this Section:
- 21 (a) "Enclosure" means a card, leaflet, envelope or
- 22 combination thereof furnished by the corporation under
- this Section.
- 24 (b) "Mailing" means any communication by a State

agency, other than a mailing made under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief <u>and Pharmaceutical Assistance</u> Act, that is sent through the United States Postal Service to more than 50,000 persons within a 12-month period.

- (c) "State agency" means any officer, department, board, commission, institution or entity of the executive or legislative branches of State government.
- (2) To accomplish its powers and duties under Section 5 this Act, the corporation, subject to the following limitations, may prepare and furnish to any State agency an enclosure to be included with a mailing by that agency.
  - (a) A State agency furnished with an enclosure shall include the enclosure within the mailing designated by the corporation.
  - (b) An enclosure furnished by the corporation under this Section shall be provided to the State agency a reasonable period of time in advance of the mailing.
  - (c) An enclosure furnished by the corporation under this Section shall be limited to informing the reader of the purpose, nature and activities of the corporation as set forth in this Act and informing the reader that it may become a member in the corporation, maintain membership in the corporation and contribute money to the corporation directly.
    - (d) Prior to furnishing an enclosure to the State

- agency, the corporation shall seek and obtain approval of the content of the enclosure from the Illinois Commerce Commission. The Commission shall approve the enclosure if it determines that the enclosure (i) is not false or misleading and (ii) satisfies the requirements of this Act. The Commission shall be deemed to have approved the enclosure unless it disapproves the enclosure within 14 days from the date of receipt.
- (3) The corporation shall reimburse each State agency for all reasonable incremental costs incurred by the State agency in complying with this Section above the agency's normal mailing and handling costs, provided that:
  - (a) The State agency shall first furnish the corporation with an itemized accounting of such additional cost; and
  - (b) The corporation shall not be required to reimburse the State agency for postage costs if the weight of the corporation's enclosure does not exceed .35 ounce avoirdupois. If the corporation's enclosure exceeds that weight, then it shall only be required to reimburse the State agency for postage cost over and above what the agency's postage cost would have been had the enclosure weighed only .35 ounce avoirdupois.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 96-804, eff. 1-1-10; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
  - Section 35. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by

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- 1 changing Sections 3-1.2, 3-5, 4-1.6, 4-2, 5-2, 5-4, 5A-8,
- 2 6-1.2, 6-2, and 12-9 as follows:
- 3 (305 ILCS 5/3-1.2) (from Ch. 23, par. 3-1.2)

Sec. 3-1.2. Need. Income available to the person, when added to contributions in money, substance, or services from other sources, including contributions from legally responsible relatives, must be insufficient to equal the grant amount established by Department regulation for such person.

In determining earned income to be taken into account, consideration shall be given to any expenses reasonably attributable to the earning of such income. If federal law or regulations permit or require exemption of earned or other income and resources, the Illinois Department shall provide by rule and regulation that the amount of income to be disregarded be increased (1) to the maximum extent so required and (2) to the maximum extent permitted by federal law or regulation in effect as of the date this Amendatory Act becomes law. The Illinois Department may also provide by rule and regulation that the amount of resources to be disregarded be increased to the maximum extent so permitted or required. Subject to federal approval, resources (for example, land, buildings, equipment, supplies, or tools), including farmland property and personal property used in the income-producing operations related to the farmland (for example, equipment and supplies, motor vehicles, or tools), necessary for self-support, up to \$6,000 of the

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person's equity in the income-producing property, provided that the property produces a net annual income of at least 6% of the excluded equity value of the property, are exempt. Equity value in excess of \$6,000 shall not be excluded if the activity produces income that is less than 6% of the exempt equity due to reasons beyond the person's control (for example, the person's illness or crop failure) and there is a reasonable expectation that the property will again produce income equal to or greater than 6% of the equity value (for example, a medical prognosis that the person is expected to respond to treatment or that drought-resistant corn will be planted). If the person owns more than one piece of property and each produces income, each piece of property shall be looked at to determine whether the 6% rule is met, and then the amounts of the person's equity in all of those properties shall be totaled to determine whether the total equity is \$6,000 or less. The total equity value of all properties that is exempt shall be limited to \$6,000.

In determining the resources of an individual or any dependents, the Department shall exclude from consideration the value of funeral and burial spaces, funeral and burial insurance the proceeds of which can only be used to pay the funeral and burial expenses of the insured and funds specifically set aside for the funeral and burial arrangements of the individual or his or her dependents, including prepaid funeral and burial plans, to the same extent that such items

are excluded from consideration under the federal Supplemental Security Income program (SSI).

Prepaid funeral or burial contracts are exempt to the following extent:

- (1) Funds in a revocable prepaid funeral or burial contract are exempt up to \$1,500, except that any portion of a contract that clearly represents the purchase of burial space, as that term is defined for purposes of the Supplemental Security Income program, is exempt regardless of value.
- (2) Funds in an irrevocable prepaid funeral or burial contract are exempt up to \$5,874, except that any portion of a contract that clearly represents the purchase of burial space, as that term is defined for purposes of the Supplemental Security Income program, is exempt regardless of value. This amount shall be adjusted annually for any increase in the Consumer Price Index. The amount exempted shall be limited to the price of the funeral goods and services to be provided upon death. The contract must provide a complete description of the funeral goods and services to be provided and the price thereof. Any amount in the contract not so specified shall be treated as a transfer of assets for less than fair market value.
- (3) A prepaid, guaranteed-price funeral or burial contract, funded by an irrevocable assignment of a person's life insurance policy to a trust, is exempt. The amount

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exempted shall be limited to the amount of the insurance benefit designated for the cost of the funeral goods and services to be provided upon the person's death. contract must provide a complete description of the funeral goods and services to be provided and the price thereof. Any amount in the contract not so specified shall be treated as a transfer of assets for less than fair market value. The trust must include a statement that, upon the death of the person, the State will receive all amounts remaining in the trust, including any remaining payable proceeds under the insurance policy up to an amount equal to the total medical assistance paid on behalf of the person. The trust is responsible for ensuring that the provider of funeral services under the contract receives the proceeds of the policy when it provides the funeral goods and services specified under the contract. irrevocable assignment of ownership of the insurance policy must be acknowledged by the insurance company.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code to the contrary, an irrevocable trust containing the resources of a person who is determined to have a disability shall be considered exempt from consideration. Such trust must be established and managed by a non-profit association that pools funds but maintains a separate account for each beneficiary. The trust may be established by the person, a parent, grandparent, legal guardian, or court. It must be established

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for the sole benefit of the person and language contained in the trust shall stipulate that any amount remaining in the trust (up to the amount expended by the Department on medical assistance) that is not retained by the trust for reasonable administrative costs related to wrapping up the affairs of the subaccount shall be paid to the Department upon the death of the person. After a person reaches age 65, any funding by or on behalf of the person to the trust shall be treated as a transfer of assets for less than fair market value unless the person is a ward of a county public quardian or the State guardian pursuant to Section 13-5 of the Probate Act of 1975 or Section 30 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act and lives in the community, or the person is a ward of a county public quardian or the State quardian pursuant to Section 13-5 of the Probate Act of 1975 or Section 30 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act and a court has found that any expenditures from the trust will maintain or enhance the person's quality of life. If the trust contains proceeds from a personal injury settlement, any Department charge must be satisfied in order for the transfer to the trust to be treated as a transfer for fair market value.

The homestead shall be exempt from consideration except to the extent that it meets the income and shelter needs of the person. "Homestead" means the dwelling house and contiguous real estate owned and occupied by the person, regardless of its value. Subject to federal approval, a person shall not be

eligible for long-term care services, however, if the person's equity interest in his or her homestead exceeds the minimum home equity as allowed and increased annually under federal law. Subject to federal approval, on and after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, homestead property transferred to a trust shall no longer be considered homestead property.

Occasional or irregular gifts in cash, goods or services from persons who are not legally responsible relatives which are of nominal value or which do not have significant effect in meeting essential requirements shall be disregarded. The eligibility of any applicant for or recipient of public aid under this Article is not affected by the payment of any grant under the "Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act" or any distributions or items of income described under subparagraph (X) of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Section 203 of the Illinois Income Tax Act.

The Illinois Department may, after appropriate investigation, establish and implement a consolidated standard to determine need and eligibility for and amount of benefits under this Article or a uniform cash supplement to the federal Supplemental Security Income program for all or any part of the then current recipients under this Article; provided, however, that the establishment or implementation of such a standard or supplement shall not result in reductions in benefits under

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- 1 this Article for the then current recipients of such benefits.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 3 (305 ILCS 5/3-5) (from Ch. 23, par. 3-5)

Sec. 3-5. Amount of aid. The amount and nature of financial aid granted to or in behalf of aged, blind, or disabled persons shall be determined in accordance with the standards, grant amounts, rules and regulations of the Illinois Department. Due regard shall be given to the requirements and conditions existing in each case, and to the amount of property owned and the income, money contributions, and other support, and resources received or obtainable by the person, from whatever source. However, the amount and nature of any financial aid is not affected by the payment of any grant under the "Senior and Disabled Persons Property Tax Pharmaceutical Assistance Act" or any distributions or items of income described under subparagraph (X) of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Section 203 of the Illinois Income Tax Act. The aid shall be sufficient, when added to all other income, money contributions and support, to provide the person with a grant in the amount established by Department regulation for such a person, based upon standards providing a livelihood compatible with health and well-being. Financial aid under this Article granted to persons who have been found ineligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) due to expiration of the period of eliqibility for refugees and asylees pursuant to 8

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- 1 U.S.C. 1612(a)(2) shall not exceed \$500 per month.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 3 (305 ILCS 5/4-1.6) (from Ch. 23, par. 4-1.6)

Sec. 4-1.6. Need. Income available to the family as defined by the Illinois Department by rule, or to the child in the case of a child removed from his or her home, when added to contributions in money, substance or services from other sources, including income available from parents absent from the home or from a stepparent, contributions made for the benefit of the parent or other persons necessary to provide care and supervision to the child, and contributions from legally responsible relatives, must be equal to or less than the grant amount established by Department regulation for such a person. For purposes of eligibility for aid under this Article, the Department shall disregard all earned income between the grant amount and 50% of the Federal Poverty Level.

In considering income to be taken into account, consideration shall be given to any expenses reasonably attributable to the earning of such income. Three-fourths of the earned income of a household eligible for aid under this Article shall be disregarded when determining the level of assistance for which a household is eligible. The Illinois Department may also permit all or any portion of earned or other income to be set aside for the future identifiable needs of a child. The Illinois Department may provide by rule and

eligibility of any applicant for or recipient of public aid under this Article is not affected by the payment of any grant under the "Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax

regulation for the exemptions thus permitted or required. The

- 5 Relief <u>and Pharmaceutical Assistance</u> Act" or any distributions
- 6 or items of income described under subparagraph (X) of
- 7 paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Section 203 of the Illinois
- 8 Income Tax Act.
- 9 The Illinois Department may, by rule, set forth criteria
- 10 under which an assistance unit is ineligible for cash
- 11 assistance under this Article for a specified number of months
- due to the receipt of a lump sum payment.
- 13 (Source: P.A. 96-866, eff. 7-1-10; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 14 (305 ILCS 5/4-2) (from Ch. 23, par. 4-2)
- 15 Sec. 4-2. Amount of aid.
- 16 (a) The amount and nature of financial aid shall be
  17 determined in accordance with the grant amounts, rules and
  18 regulations of the Illinois Department. Due regard shall be
- 19 given to the self-sufficiency requirements of the family and to
- the income, money contributions and other support and resources
- 21 available, from whatever source. However, the amount and nature
- of any financial aid is not affected by the payment of any
- grant under the "Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property
- 24 Tax Relief <u>and Pharmaceutical Assistance</u> Act" or any
- 25 distributions or items of income described under subparagraph

Department regulation.

1 (X) of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Section 203 of the 2 Illinois Income Tax Act. The aid shall be sufficient, when 3 added to all other income, money contributions and support to 4 provide the family with a grant in the amount established by

Subject to appropriation, beginning on July 1, 2008, the Department of Human Services shall increase TANF grant amounts in effect on June 30, 2008 by 15%. The Department is authorized to administer this increase but may not otherwise adopt any rule to implement this increase.

- (b) The Illinois Department may conduct special projects, which may be known as Grant Diversion Projects, under which recipients of financial aid under this Article are placed in jobs and their grants are diverted to the employer who in turn makes payments to the recipients in the form of salary or other employment benefits. The Illinois Department shall by rule specify the terms and conditions of such Grant Diversion Projects. Such projects shall take into consideration and be coordinated with the programs administered under the Illinois Emergency Employment Development Act.
- (c) The amount and nature of the financial aid for a child requiring care outside his own home shall be determined in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Illinois Department, with due regard to the needs and requirements of the child in the foster home or institution in which he has been placed.

(d) If the Department establishes grants for family units consisting exclusively of a pregnant woman with no dependent child or including her husband if living with her, the grant amount for such a unit shall be equal to the grant amount for an assistance unit consisting of one adult, or 2 persons if the husband is included. Other than as herein described, an unborn child shall not be counted in determining the size of an assistance unit or for calculating grants.

Payments for basic maintenance requirements of a child or children and the relative with whom the child or children are living shall be prescribed, by rule, by the Illinois Department.

Grants under this Article shall not be supplemented by General Assistance provided under Article VI.

- (e) Grants shall be paid to the parent or other person with whom the child or children are living, except for such amount as is paid in behalf of the child or his parent or other relative to other persons or agencies pursuant to this Code or the rules and regulations of the Illinois Department.
- (f) Subject to subsection (f-5), an assistance unit, receiving financial aid under this Article or temporarily ineligible to receive aid under this Article under a penalty imposed by the Illinois Department for failure to comply with the eligibility requirements or that voluntarily requests termination of financial assistance under this Article and becomes subsequently eligible for assistance within 9 months,

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shall not receive any increase in the amount of aid solely on account of the birth of a child; except that an increase is not prohibited when the birth is (i) of a child of a pregnant woman who became eligible for aid under this Article during the pregnancy, or (ii) of a child born within 10 months after the date of implementation of this subsection, or (iii) of a child conceived after a family became ineligible for assistance due to income or marriage and at least 3 months of ineligibility expired before any reapplication for assistance. This subsection does not, however, prevent a unit from receiving a general increase in the amount of aid that is provided to all recipients of aid under this Article.

The Illinois Department is authorized to transfer funds, and shall use any budgetary savings attributable to not increasing the grants due to the births of additional children, to supplement existing funding for employment and training services for recipients of aid under this Article IV. The shall Illinois Department target, to the extent the supplemental funding allows, employment and training services to the families who do not receive a grant increase after the birth of a child. In addition, the Illinois Department shall provide, to the extent the supplemental funding allows, such families with up to 24 months of transitional child care pursuant to Illinois Department rules. All supplemental funds shall be used for employment and training services or transitional child care support.

In making the transfers authorized by this subsection, the Illinois Department shall first determine, pursuant to regulations adopted by the Illinois Department for this purpose, the amount of savings attributable to not increasing the grants due to the births of additional children. Transfers may be made from General Revenue Fund appropriations for distributive purposes authorized by Article IV of this Code only to General Revenue Fund appropriations for employability development services including operating and administrative costs and related distributive purposes under Article IXA of this Code. The Director, with the approval of the Governor, shall certify the amount and affected line item appropriations to the State Comptroller.

Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit the Illinois Department from using funds under this Article IV to provide assistance in the form of vouchers that may be used to pay for goods and services deemed by the Illinois Department, by rule, as suitable for the care of the child such as diapers, clothing, school supplies, and cribs.

(f-5) Subsection (f) shall not apply to affect the monthly assistance amount of any family as a result of the birth of a child on or after January 1, 2004. As resources permit after January 1, 2004, the Department may cease applying subsection (f) to limit assistance to families receiving assistance under this Article on January 1, 2004, with respect to children born prior to that date. In any event, subsection (f) shall be

- 1 completely inoperative on and after July 1, 2007.
- 2 (g) (Blank).
- (h) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, the 3 Illinois Department is authorized to reduce payment levels used 5 to determine cash grants under this Article after December 31 of any fiscal year if the Illinois Department determines that 6 7 the caseload upon which the appropriations for the current fiscal year are based have increased by more than 5% and the 8 9 appropriation is not sufficient to ensure that cash benefits 10 under this Article do not exceed the amounts appropriated for 11 those cash benefits. Reductions in payment levels may be 12 accomplished by emergency rule under Section 5-45 of the 13 Administrative Procedure Illinois Act, except 14 limitation on the number of emergency rules that may be adopted 15 in a 24-month period shall not apply and the provisions of 16 Sections 5-115 and 5-125 of the Illinois Administrative 17 Procedure Act shall not apply. Increases in payment levels shall be accomplished only in accordance with Section 5-40 of 18 the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. Before any rule to 19 20 increase payment levels promulgated under this Section shall become effective, a joint resolution approving the rule must be 21 22 adopted by a roll call vote by a majority of the members 23 elected to each chamber of the General Assembly.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 96-1000, eff. 7-2-10; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 25 (305 ILCS 5/5-2) (from Ch. 23, par. 5-2)

- Sec. 5-2. Classes of Persons Eligible. Medical assistance under this Article shall be available to any of the following classes of persons in respect to whom a plan for coverage has been submitted to the Governor by the Illinois Department and approved by him:
  - 1. Recipients of basic maintenance grants under Articles III and IV.
    - 2. Persons otherwise eligible for basic maintenance under Articles III and IV, excluding any eligibility requirements that are inconsistent with any federal law or federal regulation, as interpreted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, but who fail to qualify thereunder on the basis of need or who qualify but are not receiving basic maintenance under Article IV, and who have insufficient income and resources to meet the costs of necessary medical care, including but not limited to the following:
      - (a) All persons otherwise eligible for basic maintenance under Article III but who fail to qualify under that Article on the basis of need and who meet either of the following requirements:
        - (i) their income, as determined by the Illinois Department in accordance with any federal requirements, is equal to or less than 70% in fiscal year 2001, equal to or less than 85% in fiscal year 2002 and until a date to be determined

by the Department by rule, and equal to or less than 100% beginning on the date determined by the Department by rule, of the nonfarm income official poverty line, as defined by the federal Office of Management and Budget and revised annually in accordance with Section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, applicable to families of the same size; or

- (ii) their income, after the deduction of costs incurred for medical care and for other types of remedial care, is equal to or less than 70% in fiscal year 2001, equal to or less than 85% in fiscal year 2002 and until a date to be determined by the Department by rule, and equal to or less than 100% beginning on the date determined by the Department by rule, of the nonfarm income official poverty line, as defined in item (i) of this subparagraph (a).
- (b) All persons who, excluding any eligibility requirements that are inconsistent with any federal law or federal regulation, as interpreted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, would be determined eligible for such basic maintenance under Article IV by disregarding the maximum earned income permitted by federal law.
- 3. Persons who would otherwise qualify for Aid to the

Medically Indigent under Article VII.

- 4. Persons not eligible under any of the preceding paragraphs who fall sick, are injured, or die, not having sufficient money, property or other resources to meet the costs of necessary medical care or funeral and burial expenses.
- 5.(a) Women during pregnancy, after the fact of pregnancy has been determined by medical diagnosis, and during the 60-day period beginning on the last day of the pregnancy, together with their infants and children born after September 30, 1983, whose income and resources are insufficient to meet the costs of necessary medical care to the maximum extent possible under Title XIX of the Federal Social Security Act.
- (b) The Illinois Department and the Governor shall provide a plan for coverage of the persons eligible under paragraph 5(a) by April 1, 1990. Such plan shall provide ambulatory prenatal care to pregnant women during a presumptive eligibility period and establish an income eligibility standard that is equal to 133% of the nonfarm income official poverty line, as defined by the federal Office of Management and Budget and revised annually in accordance with Section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, applicable to families of the same size, provided that costs incurred for medical care are not taken into account in determining such income

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- The Illinois Department may conduct demonstration in at least one county that will provide medical assistance to pregnant women, together with their infants and children up to one year of age, where the income eligibility standard is set up to 185% of nonfarm income official poverty line, as defined by the federal Office of Management and Budget. The Illinois Department shall seek and obtain necessary authorization provided under federal law t.o implement such demonstration. Such demonstration may establish resource standards that are not more restrictive than those established under Article IV of this Code.
- 6. Persons under the age of 18 who fail to qualify as dependent under Article IV and who have insufficient income and resources to meet the costs of necessary medical care to the maximum extent permitted under Title XIX of the Federal Social Security Act.
  - 7. (Blank).
- 8. Persons who become ineligible for basic maintenance assistance under Article IV of this Code in programs administered by the Illinois Department due to employment earnings and persons in assistance units comprised of adults and children who become ineligible for basic maintenance assistance under Article VI of this Code due to employment earnings. The plan for coverage for this class

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- (b) offer persons who have initially received 6 months of the coverage provided in paragraph (a) above, the option of receiving an additional 6 months of coverage, subject to the following:
  - (i) such coverage shall be pursuant to provisions of the federal Social Security Act;
  - (ii) such coverage shall include all services
    covered while the person was eligible for basic
    maintenance assistance;
  - (iii) no premium shall be charged for such coverage; and
  - (iv) such coverage shall be suspended in the event of a person's failure without good cause to file in a timely fashion reports required for this coverage under the Social Security Act and coverage shall be reinstated upon the filing of such reports if the person remains otherwise eligible.
- 9. Persons with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) or with AIDS-related conditions with respect to whom there has been a determination that but for home or community-based services such individuals would require

the level of care provided in an inpatient hospital, skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility the cost of which is reimbursed under this Article. Assistance shall be provided to such persons to the maximum extent permitted under Title XIX of the Federal Social Security Act.

- 10. Participants in the long-term care insurance partnership program established under the Illinois Long-Term Care Partnership Program Act who meet the qualifications for protection of resources described in Section 15 of that Act.
- 11. Persons with disabilities who are employed and eligible for Medicaid, pursuant to Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(xv) of the Social Security Act, and, subject to federal approval, persons with a medically improved disability who are employed and eligible for Medicaid pursuant to Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(xvi) of the Social Security Act, as provided by the Illinois Department by rule. In establishing eligibility standards under this paragraph 11, the Department shall, subject to federal approval:
  - (a) set the income eligibility standard at not lower than 350% of the federal poverty level;
  - (b) exempt retirement accounts that the person cannot access without penalty before the age of 59 1/2, and medical savings accounts established pursuant to

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- (c) allow non-exempt assets up to \$25,000 as to those assets accumulated during periods of eligibility under this paragraph 11; and
- (d) continue to apply subparagraphs (b) and (c) in determining the eligibility of the person under this Article even if the person loses eligibility under this paragraph 11.
- 12. Subject to federal approval, persons who are eligible for medical assistance coverage under applicable provisions of the federal Social Security Act and the federal Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000. Those eligible persons are defined to include, but not be limited to, the following persons:
  - (1) persons who have been screened for breast or cervical cancer under the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Breast and Cervical Cancer Program established under Title XV of the federal Public Health Services Act in accordance with the requirements of Section 1504 of that Act as administered by the Illinois Department of Public Health; and
  - (2) persons whose screenings under the above program were funded in whole or in part by funds appropriated to the Illinois Department of Public Health for breast or cervical cancer screening.

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"Medical assistance" under this paragraph 12 shall be identical to the benefits provided under the State's approved plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act. The Department must request federal approval of the coverage under this paragraph 12 within 30 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly.

In addition to the persons who are eligible for medical assistance pursuant to subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph 12, and to be paid from funds appropriated to the Department for its medical programs, any uninsured person as defined by the Department in rules residing in Illinois who is younger than 65 years of age, who has been screened for breast and cervical cancer in accordance with standards and procedures adopted by the Department of Public Health for screening, and who is referred to the Department by the Department of Public Health as being in need of treatment for breast or cervical cancer is eligible for medical assistance benefits that are consistent with the benefits provided to those persons described in subparagraphs (1) and (2). Medical assistance coverage for the persons who are eligible under the preceding sentence is not dependent on federal approval, but federal moneys may be used to pay for services provided under that coverage upon federal approval.

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persons living with HIV/AIDS who are not otherwise eligible under this Article and who qualify for services covered under Section 5-5.04 as provided by the Illinois Department by rule.

14. Subject to the availability of funds for this purpose, the Department may provide coverage under this Article to persons who reside in Illinois who are not eligible under any of the preceding paragraphs and who meet the income guidelines of paragraph 2(a) of this Section and (i) have an application for asylum pending before the federal Department of Homeland Security or on appeal before a court of competent jurisdiction and are represented either by counsel or by an advocate accredited by the federal Department of Homeland Security and employed by a not-for-profit organization in regard to that application appeal, or (ii) are receiving services through a federally funded torture treatment center. Medical coverage under this paragraph 14 may be provided for up to 24 continuous months from the initial eligibility date so long as an individual continues to satisfy the criteria of this paragraph 14. If an individual has an appeal pending regarding an application for asylum before the Department of Homeland Security, eligibility under this paragraph 14 may be extended until a final decision is rendered on the appeal. The Department may adopt rules governing the implementation of this paragraph 14.

1 15.	Family Care	Eligibility.
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- (a) On and after July 1, 2012, a caretaker relative who is 19 years of age or older when countable income is at or below 133% of the Federal Poverty Level Guidelines, as published annually in the Federal Register, for the appropriate family size. A person may not spend down to become eligible under this paragraph 15.
  - (b) Eligibility shall be reviewed annually.
  - (c) (Blank).
    - (d) (Blank).
    - (e) (Blank).
    - (f) (Blank).
  - (g) (Blank).
- 15 (h) (Blank).
- (i) Following termination of an individual's coverage under this paragraph 15, the individual must be determined eligible before the person can be re-enrolled.
  - 16. Subject to appropriation, uninsured persons who are not otherwise eligible under this Section who have been certified and referred by the Department of Public Health as having been screened and found to need diagnostic evaluation or treatment, or both diagnostic evaluation and treatment, for prostate or testicular cancer. For the purposes of this paragraph 16, uninsured persons are those

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who do not have creditable coverage, as defined under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, or have otherwise exhausted any insurance benefits they may have had, for prostate or testicular cancer diagnostic evaluation or treatment, or both diagnostic evaluation and treatment. To be eligible, a person must furnish a Social Security number. A person's assets are exempt consideration in determining eligibility under this paragraph 16. Such persons shall be eligible for medical assistance under this paragraph 16 for so long as they need treatment for the cancer. A person shall be considered to need treatment if, in the opinion of the person's treating physician, the person requires therapy directed toward cure or palliation of prostate or testicular cancer, including recurrent metastatic cancer that is a known or presumed complication of prostate or testicular cancer and complications resulting from the treatment modalities themselves. Persons who require only routine monitoring services are not considered to need treatment. "Medical assistance" under this paragraph 16 shall be identical to the benefits provided under the State's approved plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department (i) does not have a claim against the estate of a deceased recipient of services under this paragraph 16 and (ii) does not have a lien against any homestead property or other legal or

equitable real property interest owned by a recipient of services under this paragraph 16.

In implementing the provisions of Public Act 96-20, the Department is authorized to adopt only those rules necessary, including emergency rules. Nothing in Public Act 96-20 permits the Department to adopt rules or issue a decision that expands eligibility for the FamilyCare Program to a person whose income exceeds 185% of the Federal Poverty Level as determined from time to time by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, unless the Department is provided with express statutory authority.

The Illinois Department and the Governor shall provide a plan for coverage of the persons eligible under paragraph 7 as soon as possible after July 1, 1984.

The eligibility of any such person for medical assistance under this Article is not affected by the payment of any grant under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act or any distributions or items of income described under subparagraph (X) of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Section 203 of the Illinois Income Tax Act. The Department shall by rule establish the amounts of assets to be disregarded in determining eligibility for medical assistance, which shall at a minimum equal the amounts to be disregarded under the Federal Supplemental Security Income Program. The amount of assets of a single person to be disregarded shall not be less than \$2,000, and the

- 1 amount of assets of a married couple to be disregarded shall
- 2 not be less than \$3,000.
- 3 To the extent permitted under federal law, any person found
- 4 quilty of a second violation of Article VIIIA shall be
- 5 ineligible for medical assistance under this Article, as
- 6 provided in Section 8A-8.
- 7 The eligibility of any person for medical assistance under
- 8 this Article shall not be affected by the receipt by the person
- 9 of donations or benefits from fundraisers held for the person
- in cases of serious illness, as long as neither the person nor
- 11 members of the person's family have actual control over the
- donations or benefits or the disbursement of the donations or
- 13 benefits.
- 14 (Source: P.A. 96-20, eff. 6-30-09; 96-181, eff. 8-10-09;
- 15 96-328, eff. 8-11-09; 96-567, eff. 1-1-10; 96-1000, eff.
- 7-2-10; 96-1123, eff. 1-1-11; 96-1270, eff. 7-26-10; 97-48,
- 17 eff. 6-28-11; 97-74, eff. 6-30-11; 97-333, eff. 8-12-11;
- 18 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 19 (305 ILCS 5/5-4) (from Ch. 23, par. 5-4)
- Sec. 5-4. Amount and nature of medical assistance.
- 21 (a) The amount and nature of medical assistance shall be
- 22 determined in accordance with the standards, rules, and
- 23 regulations of the Department of Healthcare and Family
- Services, with due regard to the requirements and conditions in
- 25 each case, including contributions available from legally

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responsible relatives. However, the amount and nature of such medical assistance shall not be affected by the payment of any grant under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act distributions or items of income described under subparagraph (X) of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Section 203 of the Illinois Income Tax Act. The amount and nature of medical assistance shall not be affected by the receipt of donations or benefits from fundraisers in cases of serious illness, as long as neither the person nor members of the person's family have actual control over the donations or benefits or the disbursement of the donations or benefits.

In determining the income and resources available to the institutionalized spouse and to the community spouse, Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall follow the procedures established by federal law. If an institutionalized spouse or community spouse refuses to comply with the requirements of Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act and the regulations duly promulgated thereunder by failing to provide the total value of assets, including income and resources, to the extent either the institutionalized spouse or community spouse has an ownership interest in them pursuant to U.S.C. 1396r-5, such refusal result may the institutionalized spouse being denied eligibility continuing to remain ineligible for the medical assistance program based on failure to cooperate.

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Subject to federal approval, the community spouse resource allowance shall be established and maintained at the higher of \$109,560 or the minimum level permitted pursuant to Section 1924(f)(2) of the Social Security Act, as now or hereafter amended, or an amount set after a fair hearing, whichever is greater. The monthly maintenance allowance for the community spouse shall be established and maintained at the higher of \$2,739 per month or the minimum level permitted pursuant to Section 1924(d)(3)(C) of the Social Security Act, as now or hereafter amended, or an amount set after a fair hearing, whichever is greater. Subject to the approval of the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the provisions of this Section shall be extended to persons who but for the provision of home or community-based services under Section 4.02 of the Illinois Act on the Aging, would require the level of care provided in an institution, as is provided for in federal law.

- (b) Spousal support for institutionalized spouses receiving medical assistance.
  - (i) The Department may seek support for an institutionalized spouse, who has assigned his or her right of support from his or her spouse to the State, from the resources and income available to the community spouse.
  - (ii) The Department may bring an action in the circuit court to establish support orders or itself establish administrative support orders by any means and procedures

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authorized in this Code, as applicable, except that the standard and regulations for determining ability to support in Section 10-3 shall not limit the amount of support that may be ordered.

- (iii) Proceedings may be initiated to obtain support, or for the recovery of aid granted during the period such support was not provided, or both, for the obtainment of support and the recovery of the aid provided. Proceedings for the recovery of aid may be taken separately or they may be consolidated with actions to obtain support. Such proceedings may be brought in the name of the person or persons requiring support or may be brought in the name of the Department, as the case requires.
- (iv) The orders for the payment of moneys for the support of the person shall be just and equitable and may direct payment thereof for such period or periods of time the circumstances require, including support for a period before the date the order for support is entered. In no event shall the orders reduce the community spouse resource allowance below the level established in subsection (a) of this Section or an amount set after a fair hearing, whichever is greater, or reduce the monthly maintenance allowance for the community spouse below the level permitted pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section.

(Source: P.A. 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)

- 1 (305 ILCS 5/5A-8) (from Ch. 23, par. 5A-8)
- 2 Sec. 5A-8. Hospital Provider Fund.
  - (a) There is created in the State Treasury the Hospital Provider Fund. Interest earned by the Fund shall be credited to the Fund. The Fund shall not be used to replace any moneys appropriated to the Medicaid program by the General Assembly.
  - (b) The Fund is created for the purpose of receiving moneys in accordance with Section 5A-6 and disbursing moneys only for the following purposes, notwithstanding any other provision of law:
    - (1) For making payments to hospitals as required under Articles V, V-A, VI, and XIV of this Code, under the Children's Health Insurance Program Act, under the Covering ALL KIDS Health Insurance Act, under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, and under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act.
    - (2) For the reimbursement of moneys collected by the Illinois Department from hospitals or hospital providers through error or mistake in performing the activities authorized under this Article and Article V of this Code.
    - (3) For payment of administrative expenses incurred by the Illinois Department or its agent in performing the activities authorized by this Article.
      - (4) For payments of any amounts which are reimbursable

to the federal government for payments from this Fund which are required to be paid by State warrant.

- (5) For making transfers, as those transfers are authorized in the proceedings authorizing debt under the Short Term Borrowing Act, but transfers made under this paragraph (5) shall not exceed the principal amount of debt issued in anticipation of the receipt by the State of moneys to be deposited into the Fund.
- (6) For making transfers to any other fund in the State treasury, but transfers made under this paragraph (6) shall not exceed the amount transferred previously from that other fund into the Hospital Provider Fund.
- (6.5) For making transfers to the Healthcare Provider Relief Fund, except that transfers made under this paragraph (6.5) shall not exceed \$60,000,000 in the aggregate.
- (7) For State fiscal years 2004 and 2005 for making transfers to the Health and Human Services Medicaid Trust Fund, including 20% of the moneys received from hospital providers under Section 5A-4 and transferred into the Hospital Provider Fund under Section 5A-6. For State fiscal year 2006 for making transfers to the Health and Human Services Medicaid Trust Fund of up to \$130,000,000 per year of the moneys received from hospital providers under Section 5A-4 and transferred into the Hospital Provider Fund under Section 5A-6. Transfers under this paragraph

1	shall be made within 7 days after the payments have been
2	received pursuant to the schedule of payments provided in
3	subsection (a) of Section 5A-4.
4	(7.5) For State fiscal year 2007 for making transfers
5	of the moneys received from hospital providers under
6	Section 5A-4 and transferred into the Hospital Provider
7	Fund under Section 5A-6 to the designated funds not
8	exceeding the following amounts in that State fiscal year:
9	Health and Human Services
10	Medicaid Trust Fund \$20,000,000
11	Long-Term Care Provider Fund \$30,000,000
12	General Revenue Fund \$80,000,000.
13	Transfers under this paragraph shall be made within 7
14	days after the payments have been received pursuant to the
15	schedule of payments provided in subsection (a) of Section
16	5A-4.
17	(7.8) For State fiscal year 2008, for making transfers
18	of the moneys received from hospital providers under
19	Section 5A-4 and transferred into the Hospital Provider
20	Fund under Section 5A-6 to the designated funds not
21	exceeding the following amounts in that State fiscal year:
22	Health and Human Services
23	Medicaid Trust Fund \$40,000,000
24	Long-Term Care Provider Fund \$60,000,000
25	General Revenue Fund \$160,000,000.
26	Transfers under this paragraph shall be made within 7

days after the payments have been received pursuant to the schedule of payments provided in subsection (a) of Section 5A-4.

(7.9) For State fiscal years 2009 through 2014, for making transfers of the moneys received from hospital providers under Section 5A-4 and transferred into the Hospital Provider Fund under Section 5A-6 to the designated funds not exceeding the following amounts in that State fiscal year:

Health and Human Services

Except as provided under this paragraph, transfers under this paragraph shall be made within 7 business days after the payments have been received pursuant to the schedule of payments provided in subsection (a) of Section 5A-4. For State fiscal year 2009, transfers to the General Revenue Fund under this paragraph shall be made on or before June 30, 2009, as sufficient funds become available in the Hospital Provider Fund to both make the transfers and continue hospital payments.

(8) For making refunds to hospital providers pursuant to Section 5A-10.

Disbursements from the Fund, other than transfers authorized under paragraphs (5) and (6) of this subsection,

- 1 shall be by warrants drawn by the State Comptroller upon
- 2 receipt of vouchers duly executed and certified by the Illinois
- 3 Department.
- 4 (c) The Fund shall consist of the following:
- 5 (1) All moneys collected or received by the Illinois 6 Department from the hospital provider assessment imposed
- 7 by this Article.
- 8 (2) All federal matching funds received by the Illinois
- 9 Department as a result of expenditures made by the Illinois
- Department that are attributable to moneys deposited in the
- 11 Fund.
- 12 (3) Any interest or penalty levied in conjunction with
- the administration of this Article.
- 14 (4) Moneys transferred from another fund in the State
- 15 treasury.
- 16 (5) All other moneys received for the Fund from any
- other source, including interest earned thereon.
- 18 (d) (Blank).
- 19 (Source: P.A. 95-707, eff. 1-11-08; 95-859, eff. 8-19-08; 96-3,
- 20 eff. 2-27-09; 96-45, eff. 7-15-09; 96-821, eff. 11-20-09;
- 21 96-1530, eff. 2-16-11.)
- 22 (305 ILCS 5/6-1.2) (from Ch. 23, par. 6-1.2)
- Sec. 6-1.2. Need. Income available to the person, when
- 24 added to contributions in money, substance, or services from
- 25 other sources, including contributions from legally

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responsible relatives, must be insufficient to equal the grant amount established by Department regulation (or by local governmental unit in units which do not receive State funds) for such a person.

In determining income to be taken into account:

- (1) The first \$75 of earned income in income assistance units comprised exclusively of one adult person shall be disregarded, and for not more than 3 months in any 12 consecutive months that portion of earned income beyond the first \$75 that is the difference between the standard of assistance and the grant amount, shall be disregarded.
- (2) For income assistance units not comprised exclusively of one adult person, when authorized by rules and regulations of the Illinois Department, a portion of earned income, not to exceed the first \$25 a month plus 50% of the next \$75, may be disregarded for the purpose of and aiding rehabilitative effort stimulating and self-support activity.

"Earned income" means money earned in self-employment or wages, salary, or commission for personal services performed as an employee. The eligibility of any applicant for or recipient of public aid under this Article is not affected by the payment of any grant under the "Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act", any refund or payment of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit, or any distributions or items of income described under

- 1 subparagraph (X) of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Section
- 2 203 of the Illinois Income Tax Act.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 4 (305 ILCS 5/6-2) (from Ch. 23, par. 6-2)

5 Sec. 6-2. Amount of aid. The amount and nature of General Assistance for basic maintenance requirements 6 shall 7 determined in accordance with local budget standards for local 8 governmental units which do not receive State funds. For local 9 governmental units which do receive State funds, the amount and 10 nature of General Assistance for basic maintenance 11 requirements shall be determined in accordance with the 12 standards, rules and regulations of the Illinois Department. However, the amount and nature of any financial aid is not 1.3 14 affected by the payment of any grant under the Senior Citizens 15 and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical 16 Assistance Act or any distributions or items of described under subparagraph (X) of paragraph (2) of subsection 17 (a) of Section 203 of the Illinois Income Tax Act. Due regard 18 19 shall be given to the requirements and the conditions existing 20 in each case, and to the income, money contributions and other 21 support and resources available, from whatever source. In local 22 governmental units which do not receive State funds, the grant shall be sufficient when added to all other income, money 23 24 contributions and support in excess of any excluded income or 25 resources, to provide the person with a grant in the amount

established for such a person by the local governmental unit based upon standards meeting basic maintenance requirements. In local governmental units which do receive State funds, the grant shall be sufficient when added to all other income, money contributions and support in excess of any excluded income or resources, to provide the person with a grant in the amount established for such a person by Department regulation based upon standards providing a livelihood compatible with health and well-being, as directed by Section 12-4.11 of this Code.

The Illinois Department may conduct special projects, which may be known as Grant Diversion Projects, under which recipients of financial aid under this Article are placed in jobs and their grants are diverted to the employer who in turn makes payments to the recipients in the form of salary or other employment benefits. The Illinois Department shall by rule specify the terms and conditions of such Grant Diversion Projects. Such projects shall take into consideration and be coordinated with the programs administered under the Illinois Emergency Employment Development Act.

The allowances provided under Article IX for recipients participating in the training and rehabilitation programs shall be in addition to such maximum payment.

Payments may also be made to provide persons receiving basic maintenance support with necessary treatment, care and supplies required because of illness or disability or with acute medical treatment, care, and supplies. Payments for

- 1 necessary or acute medical care under this paragraph may be
- 2 made to or in behalf of the person. Obligations incurred for
- 3 such services but not paid for at the time of a recipient's
- 4 death may be paid, subject to the rules and regulations of the
- 5 Illinois Department, after the death of the recipient.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 7 (305 ILCS 5/12-9) (from Ch. 23, par. 12-9)
- 8 Sec. 12-9. Public Aid Recoveries Trust Fund; uses. The
- 9 Public Aid Recoveries Trust Fund shall consist of (1)
- 10 recoveries by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services
- 11 (formerly Illinois Department of Public Aid) authorized by this
- 12 Code in respect to applicants or recipients under Articles III,
- 13 IV, V, and VI, including recoveries made by the Department of
- 14 Healthcare and Family Services (formerly Illinois Department
- of Public Aid) from the estates of deceased recipients, (2)
- 16 recoveries made by the Department of Healthcare and Family
- 17 Services (formerly Illinois Department of Public Aid) ir
- 18 respect to applicants and recipients under the Children's
- 19 Health Insurance Program Act, and the Covering ALL KIDS Health
- 20 Insurance Act, and the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons
- 21 Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, (3)
- 22 federal funds received on behalf of and earned by State
- 23 universities and local governmental entities for services
- 24 provided to applicants or recipients covered under this Code,
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ALL KIDS Health Insurance Act, and the Senior Citizens and 1 2 Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical 3 Assistance Act, (3.5) federal financial participation revenue related to eligible disbursements made by the Department of 4 5 Healthcare and Family Services from appropriations required by 6 this Section, and (4) all other moneys received to the Fund, 7 including interest thereon. The Fund shall be held as a special 8 fund in the State Treasury.

Disbursements from this Fund shall be only (1) for the reimbursement of claims collected by the Department Healthcare and Family Services (formerly Illinois Department of Public Aid) through error or mistake, (2) for payment to persons or agencies designated as payees or co-payees on any instrument, whether or not negotiable, delivered to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (formerly Illinois Department of Public Aid) as a recovery under this Section, such payment to be in proportion to the respective interests of the payees in the amount so collected, (3) for payments to the Department of Human Services for collections made by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (formerly Illinois Department of Public Aid) on behalf of the Department of Human Services under this Code, the Children's Health Insurance Program Act, and the Covering ALL KIDS Health Insurance Act, (4) for payment of administrative expenses incurred in performing the activities authorized under this Code, the Children's Health Insurance Program Act, and the

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Covering ALL KIDS Health Insurance Act, and the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, (5) for payment of fees to persons or agencies in the performance of activities pursuant to the collection of monies owed the State that are collected under this Code, the Children's Health Insurance Program Act, and the Covering ALL KIDS Health Insurance Act, and the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, (6) for payments of any amounts which are reimbursable to the federal government which are required to be paid by State warrant by either the State or federal government, and (7) for payments to State universities and local governmental entities of federal funds for services provided to applicants or recipients covered under this Code, the Children's Health Insurance Program Act, and the Covering ALL KIDS Health Insurance Act, and the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act. Disbursements from this Fund for purposes of items (4) and (5) of this paragraph shall be subject to appropriations from the Fund to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (formerly Illinois Department of Public Aid). The balance in this Fund on the first day of each calendar

quarter, after payment therefrom of any amounts reimbursable to the federal government, and minus the amount reasonably anticipated to be needed to make the disbursements during that quarter authorized by this Section, shall be certified by the

- 1 Director of Healthcare and Family Services and transferred by
- the State Comptroller to the Drug Rebate Fund or the Healthcare
- 3 Provider Relief Fund in the State Treasury, as appropriate,
- 4 within 30 days of the first day of each calendar quarter. The
- 5 Director of Healthcare and Family Services may certify and the
- 6 State Comptroller shall transfer to the Drug Rebate Fund
- 7 amounts on a more frequent basis.
- 8 On July 1, 1999, the State Comptroller shall transfer the
- 9 sum of \$5,000,000 from the Public Aid Recoveries Trust Fund
- 10 (formerly the Public Assistance Recoveries Trust Fund) into the
- 11 DHS Recoveries Trust Fund.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 96-1100, eff. 1-1-11; 97-647, eff. 1-1-12;
- 13 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 14 Section 40. The Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons
- 15 Property Tax Relief Act is amended by changing the title of the
- 16 Act and Sections 1, 1.5, 2, 3.05a, 3.10, 4, 4.05, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,
- 17 12, and 13 and by adding Section 4.2 as follows:
- 18 (320 ILCS 25/Act title)
- An Act in relation to the payment of grants to enable the
- 20 elderly and the disabled to acquire or retain private housing
- 21 and to acquire prescription drugs.
- 22 (320 ILCS 25/1) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 401)
- 23 Sec. 1. Short title; common name. This Article shall be

- 1 known and may be cited as the Senior Citizens and Disabled
- 2 Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act.
- 3 Common references to the "Circuit Breaker Act" mean this
- 4 Article. As used in this Article, "this Act" means this
- 5 Article.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 96-804, eff. 1-1-10; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 7 (320 ILCS 25/1.5)
- 8 Sec. 1.5. Implementation of Executive Order No. 3 of 2004+
- 9 termination of the Illinois Senior Citizens and Disabled
- 10 Persons Pharmaceutical Assistance Program. Executive Order No.
- 3 of 2004, in part, provided for the transfer of the programs
- 12 under this Act from the Department of Revenue to the Department
- on Aging and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services.
- 14 It is the purpose of this amendatory Act of the 96th General
- 15 Assembly to conform this Act and certain related provisions of
- other statutes to that Executive Order. This amendatory Act of
- 17 the 96th General Assembly also makes other substantive changes
- 18 to this Act.
- 19 It is the purpose of this amendatory Act of the 97th
- 20 General Assembly to terminate the Illinois Senior Citizens and
- 21 Disabled Persons Pharmaceutical Assistance Program on July 1,
- 22 <del>2012</del>
- 23 (Source: P.A. 96-804, eff. 1-1-10; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 24 (320 ILCS 25/2) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 402)

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- Sec. 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to provide incentives to the senior citizens and disabled persons of this State to acquire and retain private housing of their choice and at the same time to relieve those citizens from the burdens of extraordinary property taxes and rising drug costs against their increasingly restricted earning power, and thereby to reduce the requirements for public housing in this State.
- 8 (Source: P.A. 96-804, eff. 1-1-10; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 9 (320 ILCS 25/3.05a)
- 10 Sec. 3.05a. Additional resident. "Additional resident" 11 means a person who (i) is living in the same residence with a 12 claimant for the claim year and at the time of filing the 13 claim, (ii) is not the spouse of the claimant, (iii) does not 14 file a separate claim under this Act for the same period, and 15 (iv) receives more than half of his or her total financial 16 support for that claim year from the household. An Prior to July 1, 2012, an additional resident who meets qualifications 17 18 may receive pharmaceutical assistance based on a claimant's 19 application.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 96-804, eff. 1-1-10; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 21 (320 ILCS 25/3.10) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 403.10)
- Sec. 3.10. Regulations. "Regulations" includes both rules promulgated and forms prescribed by the applicable Department.
- In this Act, references to the rules of the Department on Aging

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- or the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, in effect
- 2 prior to July 1, 2012, shall be deemed to include, in
- 3 appropriate cases, the corresponding rules adopted by the
- 4 Department of Revenue, to the extent that those rules continue
- 5 in force under Executive Order No. 3 of 2004.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 96-804, eff. 1-1-10; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 7 (320 ILCS 25/4) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 404)
- 8 Sec. 4. Amount of Grant.
  - (a) In general. Any individual 65 years or older or any individual who will become 65 years old during the calendar year in which a claim is filed, and any surviving spouse of such a claimant, who at the time of death received or was entitled to receive a grant pursuant to this Section, which surviving spouse will become 65 years of age within the 24 months immediately following the death of such claimant and which surviving spouse but for his or her age is otherwise qualified to receive a grant pursuant to this Section, and any disabled person whose annual household income is less than the income eligibility limitation, as defined in subsection (a-5) and whose household is liable for payment of property taxes accrued or has paid rent constituting property taxes accrued and is domiciled in this State at the time he or she files his or her claim is entitled to claim a grant under this Act. With respect to claims filed by individuals who will become 65 years old during the calendar year in which a claim is filed, the

- 1 amount of any grant to which that household is entitled shall
- 2 be an amount equal to 1/12 of the amount to which the claimant
- 3 would otherwise be entitled as provided in this Section,
- 4 multiplied by the number of months in which the claimant was 65
- 5 in the calendar year in which the claim is filed.
- 6 (a-5) Income eligibility limitation. For purposes of this
- 7 Section, "income eligibility limitation" means an amount for
- 8 grant years 2008 and thereafter:
- 9 (1) less than \$22,218 for a household containing one
- 10 person;
- 11 (2) less than \$29,480 for a household containing 2
- 12 persons; or
- 13 (3) less than \$36,740 for a household containing 3 or
- more persons.
- 15 For 2009 claim year applications submitted during calendar
- 16 year 2010, a household must have annual household income of
- less than \$27,610 for a household containing one person; less
- than \$36,635 for a household containing 2 persons; or less than
- 19 \$45,657 for a household containing 3 or more persons.
- The Department on Aging may adopt rules such that on
- January 1, 2011, and thereafter, the foregoing household income
- 22 eligibility limits may be changed to reflect the annual cost of
- 23 living adjustment in Social Security and Supplemental Security
- Income benefits that are applicable to the year for which those
- benefits are being reported as income on an application.
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- her income shall be counted in determining his or her household
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  - Limitation. Except as otherwise provided (b) in subsections (a) and (f) of this Section, the maximum amount of grant which a claimant is entitled to claim is the amount by which the property taxes accrued which were paid or payable during the last preceding tax year or rent constituting property taxes accrued upon the claimant's residence for the last preceding taxable year exceeds 3 1/2% of the claimant's household income for that year but in no event is the grant to exceed (i) \$700 less 4.5% of household income for that year for those with a household income of \$14,000 or less or (ii) \$70 if household income for that year is more than \$14,000.
  - (c) Public aid recipients. If household income in one or more months during a year includes cash assistance in excess of \$55 per month from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services or the Department of Human Services (acting as successor to the Department of Public Aid under the Department of Human Services Act) which was determined under regulations of that Department on a measure of need that included an allowance for actual rent or property taxes paid by the recipient of that assistance, the amount of grant to which that household is entitled, except as otherwise provided in subsection (a), shall be the product of (1) the maximum amount computed as specified in subsection (b) of this Section and (2) the ratio of the number of months in which household income did

- 1 not include such cash assistance over \$55 to the number twelve.
- 2 If household income did not include such cash assistance over
- 3 \$55 for any months during the year, the amount of the grant to
- 4 which the household is entitled shall be the maximum amount
- 5 computed as specified in subsection (b) of this Section. For
- 6 purposes of this paragraph (c), "cash assistance" does not
- 7 include any amount received under the federal Supplemental
- 8 Security Income (SSI) program.
- 9 (d) Joint ownership. If title to the residence is held
- jointly by the claimant with a person who is not a member of
- 11 his or her household, the amount of property taxes accrued used
- in computing the amount of grant to which he or she is entitled
- shall be the same percentage of property taxes accrued as is
- 14 the percentage of ownership held by the claimant in the
- 15 residence.
- 16 (e) More than one residence. If a claimant has occupied
- more than one residence in the taxable year, he or she may
- 18 claim only one residence for any part of a month. In the case
- of property taxes accrued, he or she shall prorate 1/12 of the
- 20 total property taxes accrued on his or her residence to each
- 21 month that he or she owned and occupied that residence; and, in
- the case of rent constituting property taxes accrued, shall
- 23 prorate each month's rent payments to the residence actually
- 24 occupied during that month.
- 25 (f) (Blank).
- 26 (g) <u>There</u> <u>Effective January 1, 2006, there</u> is hereby

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established a program of pharmaceutical assistance to the aged and disabled, entitled the Illinois Seniors and Disabled Drug Coverage Program, which shall be administered by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the Department on Aging in accordance with this subsection, to consist of coverage of specified prescription drugs on behalf of beneficiaries of the program as set forth in this subsection. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Act to the contrary, on and after July 2012, pharmaceutical assistance under this Act shall no longer be provided, and on July 1, 2012 the Illinois Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Pharmaceutical Assistance Program shall terminate. The following provisions that concern the Illinois Citizens and Disabled Persons Pharmaceutical Assistance Program shall continue to apply on and after July 1, 2012 to the extent necessary to pursue any actions authorized by subsection (d) of Section 9 of this Act with respect to acts which took place prior to July 1, 2012.

To become a beneficiary under the program established under this subsection, a person must:

- (1) be (i) 65 years of age or older or (ii) disabled; and
  - (2) be domiciled in this State; and
  - (3) enroll with a qualified Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan if eligible and apply for all available subsidies under Medicare Part D; and
  - (4) for the 2006 and 2007 claim years, have a maximum

household income of (i) less than \$21,218 for a household containing one person, (ii) less than \$28,480 for a household containing 2 persons, or (iii) less than \$35,740 for a household containing 3 or more persons; and

(5) for the 2008 claim year, have a maximum household income of (i) less than \$22,218 for a household containing one person, (ii) \$29,480 for a household containing 2 persons, or (iii) \$36,740 for a household containing 3 or more persons; and

(6) for 2009 claim year applications submitted during calendar year 2010, have annual household income of less than (i) \$27,610 for a household containing one person; (ii) less than \$36,635 for a household containing 2 persons; or (iii) less than \$45,657 for a household containing 3 or more persons; and

 $\underline{(4)}$  (7) as of September 1, 2011, have a maximum household income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

All individuals enrolled as of December 31, 2005, in the pharmaceutical assistance program operated pursuant to subsection (f) of this Section and all individuals enrolled as of December 31, 2005, in the SeniorCare Medicaid waiver program operated pursuant to Section 5-5.12a of the Illinois Public Aid Code shall be automatically enrolled in the program established by this subsection for the first year of operation without the need for further application, except that they must apply for

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1	Medicare Part D and the Low Income Subsidy under Medicare Part
2	D. A person enrolled in the pharmaceutical assistance program
3	operated pursuant to subsection (f) of this Section as of
4	December 31, 2005, shall not lose eligibility in future years
5	due only to the fact that $\underline{\text{the person has}}$ $\underline{\text{they have}}$ not reached
6	the age of 65.
7	To the extent permitted by federal law, the Department may
8	act as an authorized representative of a beneficiary in order
9	to enroll the beneficiary in a Medicare Part D Prescription
10	Drug Plan if the beneficiary has failed to choose a plan and,
11	where possible, to enroll beneficiaries in the low-income
12	subsidy program under Medicare Part D or assist them in
13	enrolling in that program.
14	Beneficiaries under the program established under this
15	subsection shall be divided into the following 4 eligibility
16	groups:
17	(A) Eligibility Group 1 shall consist of beneficiaries
18	who are not eligible for Medicare Part D coverage and who
19	are:
20	(i) disabled and under age 65; or
21	(ii) age 65 or older, with incomes over 200% of the
22	Federal Poverty Level; or
23	(iii) age 65 or older, with incomes at or below

200% of the Federal Poverty Level and not eligible for

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immigration status.

- (B) Eligibility Group 2 shall consist of beneficiaries who are eligible for Medicare Part D coverage.
  - (C) Eligibility Group 3 shall consist of beneficiaries age 65 or older, with incomes at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, who are not barred from receiving federally funded means-tested benefits due to immigration status and are not eligible for Medicare Part D coverage.

If the State applies and receives federal approval for a waiver under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, persons in Eligibility Group 3 shall continue to receive benefits through the approved waiver, and Eligibility Group 3 may be expanded to include disabled persons under age 65 with incomes under 200% of the Federal Poverty Level who are not eligible for Medicare and who are not barred from receiving federally funded means-tested benefits due to immigration status.

(D) Eligibility Group 4 shall consist of beneficiaries who are otherwise described in Eligibility Group 2 who have a diagnosis of HIV or AIDS.

The program established under this subsection shall cover the cost of covered prescription drugs in excess of the beneficiary cost-sharing amounts set forth in this paragraph that are not covered by Medicare. The Department of Healthcare and Family Services may establish by emergency rule changes in cost-sharing necessary to conform the cost of the program to the amounts appropriated for State fiscal year 2012 and future

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fiscal years except that the 24-month limitation on the
adoption of emergency rules and the provisions of Sections

5-115 and 5-125 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act
shall not apply to rules adopted under this subsection (g). The
adoption of emergency rules authorized by this subsection (g)
shall be deemed to be necessary for the public interest,
safety, and welfare.

For purposes of the program established under this subsection, the term "covered prescription drug" has the following meanings:

For Eligibility Group 1, "covered prescription drug" means: (1) any cardiovascular agent or drug; (2) any insulin or other prescription drug used in the treatment of diabetes, including syringe and needles used to administer insulin; (3) any prescription drug used in the treatment of arthritis; (4) any prescription drug used in the treatment of cancer; (5) any prescription drug used in the treatment of Alzheimer's disease; (6) any prescription drug used in the treatment of Parkinson's disease; (7) any prescription drug used in the treatment of glaucoma; (8) any prescription drug used in the treatment of lung disease and smoking-related illnesses; (9) any prescription drug used in the treatment of osteoporosis; and (10) prescription drug used in the treatment of multiple sclerosis. The Department may add additional therapeutic classes by rule. The Department may adopt a preferred drug

list within any of the classes of drugs described in items

(1) through (10) of this paragraph. The specific drugs or

therapeutic classes of covered prescription drugs shall be

indicated by rule.

For Eligibility Group 2, "covered prescription drug" means those drugs covered by the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan in which the beneficiary is enrolled.

For Eligibility Group 3, "covered prescription drug" means those drugs covered by the Medical Assistance Program under Article V of the Illinois Public Aid Code.

For Eligibility Group 4, "covered prescription drug" means those drugs covered by the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan in which the beneficiary is enrolled.

Any person otherwise eligible for pharmaceutical assistance under this subsection whose covered drugs are covered by any public program is ineligible for assistance under this subsection to the extent that the cost of those drugs is covered by the other program.

The Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall establish by rule the methods by which it will provide for the coverage called for in this subsection. Those methods may include direct reimbursement to pharmacies or the payment of a capitated amount to Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plans.

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- established under this subsection, it must comply with rules 1 2 adopted by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services regarding coordination of benefits with Medicare Part 3 Prescription Drug Plans. A pharmacy may not charge 4 5 Medicare-enrolled beneficiary of the program established under 6 this subsection more for a covered prescription drug than the 7 appropriate Medicare cost-sharing less any payment from or on 8 behalf of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services.
  - The Department of Healthcare and Family Services or the Department on Aging, as appropriate, may adopt rules regarding applications, counting of income, proof of Medicare status, mandatory generic policies, and pharmacy reimbursement rates and any other rules necessary for the cost-efficient operation of the program established under this subsection.
- 15 (h) A qualified individual is not entitled to duplicate 16 benefits in a coverage period as a result of the changes made 17 by this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 96-804, eff. 1-1-10; 97-74, eff. 6-30-11; 97-333,
- 19 eff. 8-12-11; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 20 (320 ILCS 25/4.05)
- Sec. 4.05. Application.
- 22 (a) The Department on Aging shall establish the content, 23 required eligibility and identification information, use of 24 social security numbers, and manner of applying for benefits in 25 a simplified format under this Act, including claims filed for

- 1 new or renewed prescription drug benefits.
- 2 (b) An application may be filed on paper or over the
- 3 Internet to enable persons to apply separately or for both a
- 4 property tax relief grant and pharmaceutical assistance on the
- 5 same application. An application may also enable persons to
- 6 apply for other State or federal programs that provide medical
- 7 or pharmaceutical assistance or other benefits, as determined
- 8 by the Department on Aging in conjunction with the Department
- 9 of Healthcare and Family Services.
- 10 (c) Applications must be filed during the time period
- 11 prescribed by the Department.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 96-804, eff. 1-1-10; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 13 (320 ILCS 25/4.2 new)
- 14 Sec. 4.2. Information to the Department. Notwithstanding
- any other law to the contrary, entities subject to the Illinois
- 16 Insurance Code, Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan Act,
- 17 Dental Service Plan Act, Children's Health Insurance Program
- 18 Act, Health Care Purchasing Group Act, Health Maintenance
- 19 Organization Act, Limited Health Service Organization Act,
- 20 Voluntary Health Services Plans Act, and the Workers'
- 21 Compensation Act, including, but not limited to, insurers,
- 22 health maintenance organizations, pharmacy benefit managers,
- 23 third party administrators, fraternal benefit societies,
- 24 group-funded workers' compensation pools, municipal
- 25 group-funded pools, self-funded or self-insured welfare or

benefit plans or programs, and any other entities that provide 1 2 health coverage through an employer, union, trade association or other organization or source, or any other entities, must 3 provide information to the Department, or its designee, that is 4 5 necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, including, but not limited to, the name, social security number, address, date 6 7 of birth, and coverage of their policyholders, their subscribers, or the beneficiaries of their plans, benefits, or 8 9 services who participate in the programs under this Act. The 10 provision of this information to the Department or its designee 11 is subject to the confidentiality provisions in Section 8a of 12 this Act.

- 13 (320 ILCS 25/5) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 405)
- Sec. 5. Procedure.

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- (a) In general. Claims must be filed after January 1, on forms prescribed by the Department. No claim may be filed more than one year after December 31 of the year for which the claim is filed.
- (b) Claim is Personal. The right to file a claim under this Act shall be personal to the claimant and shall not survive his death, but such right may be exercised on behalf of a claimant by his legal guardian or attorney-in-fact. If a claimant dies after having filed a timely claim, the amount thereof shall be disbursed to his surviving spouse or, if no spouse survives, to his surviving dependent minor children in equal parts, provided

- 1 the spouse or child, as the case may be, resided with the
- 2 claimant at the time he filed his claim. If at the time of
- disbursement neither the claimant nor his spouse is surviving,
- 4 and no dependent minor children of the claimant are surviving
- 5 the amount of the claim shall escheat to the State.
- 6 (c) One claim per household. Only one member of a household
- 7 may file a claim under this Act in any calendar year; where
- 8 both members of a household are otherwise entitled to claim a
- 9 grant under this Act, they must agree as to which of them will
- 10 file a claim for that year.
- 11 (d) (Blank).
- 12 (e) Pharmaceutical Assistance Procedures. The Prior to
- 13 July 1, 2012, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services
- 14 shall determine eligibility for pharmaceutical assistance
- 15 using the applicant's current income. The Department shall
- determine a person's current income in the manner provided by
- 17 the Department by rule.
- 18 (f) A person may not under any circumstances charge a fee
- 19 to a claimant under this Act for assistance in completing an
- 20 application form for a property tax relief grant or
- 21 pharmaceutical assistance under this Act.
- 22 (Source: P.A. 96-491, eff. 8-14-09; 96-804, eff. 1-1-10;
- 23 96-1000, eff. 7-2-10; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 24 (320 ILCS 25/6) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 406)
- 25 Sec. 6. Administration.

- (a) In general. Upon receipt of a timely filed claim, the Department shall determine whether the claimant is a person entitled to a grant under this Act and the amount of grant to which he is entitled under this Act. The Department may require the claimant to furnish reasonable proof of the statements of domicile, household income, rent paid, property taxes accrued and other matters on which entitlement is based, and may withhold payment of a grant until such additional proof is furnished.
  - (b) Rental determination. If the Department finds that the gross rent used in the computation by a claimant of rent constituting property taxes accrued exceeds the fair rental value for the right to occupy that residence, the Department may determine the fair rental value for that residence and recompute rent constituting property taxes accrued accordingly.
  - (c) Fraudulent claims. The Department shall deny claims which have been fraudulently prepared or when it finds that the claimant has acquired title to his residence or has paid rent for his residence primarily for the purpose of receiving a grant under this Act.
- (d) (Blank).
  - (e) Pharmaceutical Assistance. The Department shall allow all pharmacies licensed under the Pharmacy Practice Act to participate as authorized pharmacies unless they have been removed from that status for cause pursuant to the terms of

written contract with any State agency, instrumentality or political subdivision, or a fiscal intermediary for the purpose of making payments to authorized pharmacies for covered prescription drugs and coordinating the program of pharmaceutical assistance established by this Act with other programs that provide payment for covered prescription drugs. Such agreement shall establish procedures for properly contracting for pharmacy services, validating reimbursement claims, validating compliance of dispensing pharmacists with the contracts for participation required under this Section, validating the reasonable costs of covered prescription drugs, and otherwise providing for the effective administration of this Act.

The Department shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement and administer the program of pharmaceutical assistance required by this Act, which shall include the following:

(1) Execution of contracts with pharmacies to dispense covered prescription drugs. Such contracts shall stipulate terms and conditions for authorized pharmacies participation and the rights of the State to terminate such participation for breach of such contract or for violation of this Act or related rules and regulations of the Department;

(2) Establishment of maximum limits on the size of

1	prescriptions, new or refilled, which shall be in amounts
2	sufficient for 34 days, except as otherwise specified by
3	rule for medical or utilization control reasons;
4	(3) Establishment of liens upon any and all causes of
5	action which accrue to a beneficiary as a result of
6	injuries for which covered prescription drugs are directly
7	or indirectly required and for which the Director made
8	payment or became liable for under this Act;
9	(4) Charge or collection of payments from third parties
10	or private plans of assistance, or from other programs of
11	public assistance for any claim that is properly chargeable
12	under the assignment of benefits executed by beneficiaries
13	as a requirement of eligibility for the pharmaceutical
14	assistance identification card under this Act;
15	(4.5) Provision for automatic enrollment of
16	beneficiaries into a Medicare Discount Card program
17	authorized under the federal Medicare Modernization Act of
18	2003 (P.L. 108-391) to coordinate coverage including
19	Medicare Transitional Assistance;
20	(5) Inspection of appropriate records and audit of
21	participating authorized pharmacies to ensure contract
22	compliance, and to determine any fraudulent transactions
23	or practices under this Act;
24	(6) Annual determination of the reasonable costs of
25	covered prescription drugs for which payments are made

under this Act, as provided in Section 3.16 (now repealed);

- 1 (7) Payment to pharmacies under this Act in accordance
  2 with the State Prompt Payment Act.
- 3 The Department shall annually report to the Governor and
- 4 the General Assembly by March 1st of each year on the
- 5 administration of pharmaceutical assistance under this Act. By
- 6 the effective date of this Act the Department shall determine
- 7 the reasonable costs of covered prescription drugs in
- 8 accordance with Section 3.16 of this Act (now repealed).
- 9 (Source: P.A. 96-328, eff. 8-11-09; 97-333, eff. 8-12-11;
- 10 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 11 (320 ILCS 25/7) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 407)
- 12 Sec. 7. Payment and denial of claims.
- 13 (a) In general. The Director shall order the payment from
- 14 appropriations made for that purpose of grants to claimants
- 15 under this Act in the amounts to which the Department has
- determined they are entitled, respectively. If a claim is
- 17 denied, the Director shall cause written notice of that denial
- and the reasons for that denial to be sent to the claimant.
- 19 (b) Payment of claims one dollar and under. Where the
- amount of the grant computed under Section 4 is less than one
- 21 dollar, the Department shall pay to the claimant one dollar.
- (c) Right to appeal. Any person aggrieved by an action or
- 23 determination of the Department on Aging arising under any of
- 24 its powers or duties under this Act may request in writing that
- 25 the Department on Aging reconsider its action or determination,

- 1 setting out the facts upon which the request is based. The
- 2 Department on Aging shall consider the request and either
- 3 modify or affirm its prior action or determination. The
- 4 Department on Aging may adopt, by rule, procedures for
- 5 conducting its review under this Section.
- Any person aggrieved by an action or determination of the
- 7 Department of Healthcare and Family Services arising under any
- 8 of its powers or duties under this Act may request in writing
- 9 that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services
- 10 <u>reconsider its action or determination</u>, setting out the facts
- 11 upon which the request is based. The Department of Healthcare
- 12 and Family Services shall consider the request and either
- 13 modify or affirm its prior action or determination. The
- 14 Department of Healthcare and Family Services may adopt, by
- rule, procedures for conducting its review under this Section.
- 16 (d) (Blank).
- 17 (Source: P.A. 96-804, eff. 1-1-10; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 18 (320 ILCS 25/8) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 408)
- 19 Sec. 8. Records. Every claimant of a grant under this Act
- and , prior to July 1, 2012, every applicant for pharmaceutical
- 21 assistance under this Act shall keep such records, render such
- 22 statements, file such forms and comply with such rules and
- 23 regulations as the Department on Aging may from time to time
- 24 prescribe. The Department on Aging may by regulations require
- 25 landlords to furnish to tenants statements as to gross rent or

- 1 rent constituting property taxes accrued.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 96-804, eff. 1-1-10; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 3 (320 ILCS 25/9) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 409)
- 4 Sec. 9. Fraud; error.
  - (a) Any person who files a fraudulent claim for a grant under this Act, or who for compensation prepares a claim for a grant and knowingly enters false information on an application for any claimant under this Act, or who fraudulently files multiple applications, or who fraudulently states that a nondisabled person is disabled, or who prior to July 1, 2012, fraudulently procures pharmaceutical assistance benefits, or who fraudulently uses such assistance to procure covered prescription drugs, or who, on behalf of an authorized pharmacy, files a fraudulent request for payment, is guilty of a Class 4 felony for the first offense and is guilty of a Class 3 felony for each subsequent offense.
- 17 (b) (Blank).
  - (b-5) The Department on Aging and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall immediately suspend the pharmaceutical assistance benefits of any person suspected of fraudulent procurement or fraudulent use of such assistance, and shall revoke such assistance upon a conviction. A person convicted of fraud under subsection (a) shall be permanently barred from all of the programs established under this Act.
    - (c) The Department on Aging may recover from a claimant any

- amount paid to that claimant under this Act on account of an erroneous or fraudulent claim, together with 6% interest per year. Amounts recoverable from a claimant by the Department on Aging under this Act may, but need not, be recovered by offsetting the amount owed against any future grant payable to the person under this Act.
- 7 The Department of Healthcare and Family Services may recover for acts prior to July 1, 2012 from an authorized 8 9 pharmacy any amount paid to that pharmacy under 10 pharmaceutical assistance program on account of an erroneous or 11 fraudulent request for payment under that program, together 12 with 6% interest per year. The Department of Healthcare and 13 Family Services may recover from a person who erroneously or 14 fraudulently obtains benefits under the pharmaceutical 15 assistance program the value of the benefits so obtained, 16 together with 6% interest per year.
- 17 (d) A prosecution for a violation of this Section may be
  18 commenced at any time within 3 years of the commission of that
  19 violation.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 96-804, eff. 1-1-10; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 21 (320 ILCS 25/12) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 412)
- 22 Sec. 12. Regulations Department on Aging.
- 23 (a) Regulations. Notwithstanding any other provision to 24 the contrary, the Department on Aging may adopt rules regarding 25 applications, proof of eligibility, required identification

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- information, use of social security numbers, counting of income, and a method of computing "gross rent" in the case of a claimant living in a nursing or sheltered care home, and any other rules necessary for the cost-efficient operation of the program established under Section 4.
- 6 (b) The Department on Aging shall, to the extent of appropriations made for that purpose:
  - (1) attempt to secure the cooperation of appropriate federal, State and local agencies in securing the names and addresses of persons to whom this Act pertains;
  - (2) prepare a mailing list of persons eligible for grants under this Act;
  - (3) secure the cooperation of the Department of Revenue, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, other State agencies, and local business establishments to facilitate distribution of applications under this Act to those eligible to file claims; and
  - (4) through use of direct mail, newspaper advertisements and radio and television advertisements, and all other appropriate means of communication, conduct an on-going public relations program to increase awareness of eligible citizens of the benefits under this Act and the procedures for applying for them.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 96-804, eff. 1-1-10; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
  - (320 ILCS 25/13) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 413)

- 1 Sec. 13. List of persons who have qualified. The Department
- 2 on Aging shall maintain a list of all persons who have
- 3 qualified under this Act and shall make the list available to
- 4 the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, the
- 5 Department of Public Health, the Secretary of State,
- 6 municipalities, and public transit authorities upon request.
- 7 All information received by a State agency, municipality,
- 8 or public transit authority under this Section shall be
- 9 confidential, except for official purposes, and any person who
- 10 divulges or uses that information in any manner, except in
- 11 accordance with a proper judicial order, shall be guilty of a
- 12 Class B misdemeanor.
- 13 (Source: P.A. 96-804, eff. 1-1-10; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 14 Section 45. The Senior Citizens Real Estate Tax Deferral
- 15 Act is amended by changing Sections 2 and 8 as follows:
- 16 (320 ILCS 30/2) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 452)
- 17 Sec. 2. Definitions. As used in this Act:
- 18 (a) "Taxpayer" means an individual whose household income
- for the year is no greater than: (i) \$40,000 through tax year
- 20 2005; (ii) \$50,000 for tax years 2006 through 2011; and (iii)
- \$55,000 for tax year 2012 and thereafter.
- 22 (b) "Tax deferred property" means the property upon which
- real estate taxes are deferred under this Act.
- 24 (c) "Homestead" means the land and buildings thereon,

- including a condominium or a dwelling unit in a multidwelling building that is owned and operated as a cooperative, occupied by the taxpayer as his residence or which are temporarily unoccupied by the taxpayer because such taxpayer is temporarily residing, for not more than 1 year, in a licensed facility as defined in Section 1-113 of the Nursing Home Care Act.
  - (d) "Real estate taxes" or "taxes" means the taxes on real property for which the taxpayer would be liable under the Property Tax Code, including special service area taxes, and special assessments on benefited real property for which the taxpayer would be liable to a unit of local government.
  - (e) "Department" means the Department of Revenue.
    - (f) "Qualifying property" means a homestead which (a) the taxpayer or the taxpayer and his spouse own in fee simple or are purchasing in fee simple under a recorded instrument of sale, (b) is not income-producing property, (c) is not subject to a lien for unpaid real estate taxes when a claim under this Act is filed, and (d) is not held in trust, other than an Illinois land trust with the taxpayer identified as the sole beneficiary, if the taxpayer is filing for the program for the first time effective as of the January 1, 2011 assessment year or tax year 2012 and thereafter.
    - (g) "Equity interest" means the current assessed valuation of the qualified property times the fraction necessary to convert that figure to full market value minus any outstanding debts or liens on that property. In the case of qualifying

- 1 property not having a separate assessed valuation, the
- 2 appraised value as determined by a qualified real estate
- 3 appraiser shall be used instead of the current assessed
- 4 valuation.
- 5 (h) "Household income" has the meaning ascribed to that
- 6 term in the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax
- 7 Relief <u>and Pharmaceutical Assistance</u> Act.
- 8 (i) "Collector" means the county collector or, if the taxes
- 9 to be deferred are special assessments, an official designated
- 10 by a unit of local government to collect special assessments.
- 11 (Source: P.A. 97-481, eff. 8-22-11; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 12 (320 ILCS 30/8) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 458)
- 13 Sec. 8. Nothing in this Act (a) affects any provision of
- 14 any mortgage or other instrument relating to land requiring a
- person to pay real estate taxes or (b) affects the eligibility
- of any person to receive any grant pursuant to the "Senior
- 17 Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and
- 18 Pharmaceutical Assistance Act".
- 19 (Source: P.A. 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 20 Section 49. Senior Pharmaceutical Assistance Act is
- 21 amended by changing Section 5
- 22 (320 ILCS 50/5)
- 23 Sec. 5. Findings. The General Assembly finds:

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- 1 (1) Senior citizens identify pharmaceutical assistance as 2 the single most critical factor to their health, well-being, 3 and continued independence.
  - pharmaceutical assistance programs that benefit seniors: (i) the program of pharmaceutical assistance under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act and (ii) the Aid to the Aged, Blind, or Disabled program under the Illinois Public Aid Code. The State has been given authority to establish a third program, SeniorRx Care, through a federal Medicaid waiver.
- 12 (3) Each year, numerous pieces of legislation are filed 13 seeking to establish additional pharmaceutical assistance 14 benefits for seniors or to make changes to the existing 15 programs.
  - (4) Establishment of a pharmaceutical assistance review committee will ensure proper coordination of benefits, diminish the likelihood of duplicative benefits, and ensure that the best interests of seniors are served.
  - (5) In addition to the State pharmaceutical assistance programs, several private entities, such as drug manufacturers and pharmacies, also offer prescription drug discount or coverage programs.
- 24 (6) Many seniors are unaware of the myriad of public and 25 private programs available to them.
- 26 (7) Establishing a pharmaceutical clearinghouse with a

- 1 toll-free hot-line and local outreach workers will educate
- 2 seniors about the vast array of options available to them and
- 3 enable seniors to make an educated and informed choice that is
- 4 best for them.
- 5 (8) Estimates indicate that almost one-third of senior
- 6 citizens lack prescription drug coverage. The federal
- 7 government, states, and the pharmaceutical industry each have a
- 8 role in helping these uninsured seniors gain access to
- 9 life-saving medications.
- 10 (9) The State of Illinois has recognized its obligation to
- 11 assist Illinois' neediest seniors in purchasing prescription
- 12 medications, and it is now time for pharmaceutical
- 13 manufacturers to recognize their obligation to make their
- 14 medications affordable to seniors.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- Section 50. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
- 17 changing Sections 3-609, 3-623, 3-626, 3-667, 3-683, 3-806.3,
- 18 and 11-1301.2 as follows:
- 19 (625 ILCS 5/3-609) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-609)
- 20 Sec. 3-609. Disabled Veterans' Plates. Any veteran may make
- 21 application for the registration of one motor vehicle of the
- 22 first division or one motor vehicle of the second division
- 23 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds to the Secretary of State
- 24 without the payment of any registration fee if (i) the veteran

holds proof of a service-connected disability from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and (ii) a licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse has certified in accordance with Section 3-616 that because of the service-connected disability the veteran qualifies for issuance of registration plates or decals to a person with disabilities. The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as vanity or personalized plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. Registration shall be for a multi-year period and may be issued staggered registration.

Renewal of such registration must be accompanied with documentation for eligibility of registration without fee unless the applicant has a permanent qualifying disability, and such registration plates may not be issued to any person not eligible therefor.

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs may assist in providing the documentation of disability.

Commencing with the 2009 registration year, any person eligible to receive license plates under this Section who has been approved for benefits under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, or who has claimed and received a grant under that Act, shall pay a fee of \$24 instead of the fee otherwise provided in this Code for passenger cars displaying standard multi-year registration plates issued under Section 3-414.1,

- 1 for motor vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or less under
- 2 Section 3-815(a), or for recreational vehicles registered at
- 3 8,000 pounds or less under Section 3-815(b), for a second set
- 4 of plates under this Section.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 96-79, eff. 1-1-10; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 6 (625 ILCS 5/3-623) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-623)
- 7 Sec. 3-623. Purple Heart Plates. The Secretary, upon 8 receipt of an application made in the form prescribed by the 9 Secretary of State, may issue to recipients awarded the Purple 10 Heart by a branch of the armed forces of the United States who 11 reside in Illinois, special registration plates. The 12 Secretary, upon receipt of the proper application, may also issue these special registration plates to an Illinois resident 13 14 who is the surviving spouse of a person who was awarded the 15 Purple Heart by a branch of the armed forces of the United 16 States. The special plates issued pursuant to this Section should be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the 1st 17 18 division, including motorcycles, or motor vehicles of the 2nd division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. The Secretary 19 may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as 20 21 vanity or personalized plates in accordance with Section 22 3-405.1 of this Code. The Secretary of State must make a version of the special registration plates authorized under 23 24 this Section in a form appropriate for motorcycles.
- The design and color of such plates shall be wholly within

- 1 the discretion of the Secretary of State. Appropriate
- 2 documentation, as determined by the Secretary, and the
- 3 appropriate registration fee shall accompany the application.
- 4 However, for an individual who has been issued Purple Heart
- 5 plates for a vehicle and who has been approved for benefits
- 6 under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax
- 7 Relief <u>and Pharmaceutical Assistance</u> Act, the annual fee for
- 8 the registration of the vehicle shall be as provided in Section
- 9 3-806.3 of this Code.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 96-1101, eff. 1-1-11; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 11 (625 ILCS 5/3-626)
- 12 Sec. 3-626. Korean War Veteran license plates.
- 13 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
- 14 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and applications
- 15 made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, may
- 16 issue special registration plates designated as Korean War
- 17 Veteran license plates to residents of Illinois who
- 18 participated in the United States Armed Forces during the
- 19 Korean War. The special plate issued under this Section shall
- 20 be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division,
- 21 motorcycles, motor vehicles of the second division weighing not
- 22 more than 8,000 pounds, and recreational vehicles as defined by
- 23 Section 1-169 of this Code. Plates issued under this Section
- 24 shall expire according to the staggered multi-year procedure
- established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

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- (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as vanity plates or personalized in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to designate "Land Of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe the eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion, shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided under Section 3-412.
- 11 (c) (Blank).
  - (d) The Korean War Memorial Construction Fund is created as a special fund in the State treasury. All moneys in the Korean Memorial Construction Fund shall, subject appropriation, be used by the Department of Veteran Affairs to provide grants for construction of the Korean War Memorial to be located at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois. Upon the completion of the Memorial, the Department of Veteran Affairs shall certify to the State Treasurer that construction of the Memorial has been completed. Upon the certification by the Department of Veteran Affairs, the State Treasurer shall transfer all moneys in the Fund and any future deposits into the Fund into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.
- (e) An individual who has been issued Korean War Veteran 26 license plates for a vehicle and who has been approved for

- 1 benefits under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons
- 2 Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act shall pay
- 3 the original issuance and the regular annual fee for the
- 4 registration of the vehicle as provided in Section 3-806.3 of
- 5 this Code in addition to the fees specified in subsection (c)
- 6 of this Section.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 96-1409, eff. 1-1-11; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 8 (625 ILCS 5/3-667)
- 9 Sec. 3-667. Korean Service license plates.
- 10 (a) In addition to any other special license plate, the
- 11 Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and applications
- 12 made in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, may
- issue special registration plates designated as Korean Service
- 14 license plates to residents of Illinois who, on or after July
- 15 27, 1954, participated in the United States Armed Forces in
- 16 Korea. The special plate issued under this Section shall be
- 17 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division,
- 18 motorcycles, motor vehicles of the second division weighing not
- more than 8,000 pounds, and recreational vehicles as defined by
- 20 Section 1-169 of this Code. Plates issued under this Section
- 21 shall expire according to the staggered multi-year procedure
- established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.
- 23 (b) The design, color, and format of the plates shall be
- 24 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. The
- 25 Secretary may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be

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- issued as vanity or personalized plates in accordance with Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to designate "Land of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b) of Section 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary shall prescribe the eligibility requirements and, in his or her discretion, shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided under Section 3-412.
  - (c) An applicant shall be charged a \$2 fee for original issuance in addition to the applicable registration fee. This additional fee shall be deposited into the Korean War Memorial Construction Fund a special fund in the State treasury.
  - (d) An individual who has been issued Korean Service license plates for a vehicle and who has been approved for benefits under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act shall pay the original issuance and the regular annual fee for the registration of the vehicle as provided in Section 3-806.3 of this Code in addition to the fees specified in subsection (c) of this Section.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 97-306, eff. 1-1-12; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 21 (625 ILCS 5/3-683)
- Sec. 3-683. Distinguished Service Cross license plates.

  The Secretary, upon receipt of an application made in the form

  prescribed by the Secretary of State, shall issue special

  registration plates to any Illinois resident who has been

awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by a branch of the armed forces of the United States. The Secretary, upon receipt of the proper application, shall also issue these special registration plates to an Illinois resident who is the surviving spouse of a person who was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by a branch of the armed forces of the United States. The special plates issued under this Section should be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division, including motorcycles, or motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds.

The design and color of the plates shall be wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State. Appropriate documentation, as determined by the Secretary, and the appropriate registration fee shall accompany the application. However, for an individual who has been issued Distinguished Service Cross plates for a vehicle and who has been approved for benefits under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act, the annual fee for the registration of the vehicle shall be as provided in Section 3-806.3 of this Code.

21 (Source: P.A. 96-328, eff. 8-11-09; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)

22 (625 ILCS 5/3-806.3) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-806.3)

Sec. 3-806.3. Senior Citizens. Commencing with the 2009 registration year, the registration fee paid by any vehicle owner who has been approved for benefits under the Senior

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Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Pharmaceutical Assistance Act or who is the spouse of such a person shall be \$24 instead of the fee otherwise provided in this Code for passenger cars displaying standard multi-year registration plates issued under Section 3-414.1, motor vehicles displaying special registration plates issued under Section 3-609, 3-616, 3-621, 3-622, 3-623, 3-624, 3-625, 3-626, 3-628, 3-638, 3-642, 3-645, 3-647, 3-650, 3-651, or 3-663, motor vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or less under Section 3-815(a), and recreational vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or less under Section 3-815(b). Widows and widowers of claimants shall also be entitled to this reduced registration fee for the registration year in which the claimant was eligible.

Commencing with the 2009 registration year, the registration fee paid by any vehicle owner who has claimed and received a grant under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act or who is the spouse of such a person shall be \$24 instead of the fee otherwise provided in this Code for passenger cars displaying standard multi-year registration plates issued under Section 3-414.1, motor vehicles displaying special registration plates issued under Section 3-607, 3-609, 3-616, 3-621, 3-622, 3-623, 3-624, 3-625, 3-626, 3-628, 3-638, 3-642, 3-645, 3-647, 3-650, 3-651, 3-663, or 3-664, motor vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or less under Section 3-815(a), and recreational

- 1 vehicles registered at 8,000 pounds or less under Section
- 2 3-815(b). Widows and widowers of claimants shall also be
- 3 entitled to this reduced registration fee for the registration
- 4 year in which the claimant was eligible.
- 5 No more than one reduced registration fee under this
- 6 Section shall be allowed during any 12 month period based on
- 7 the primary eligibility of any individual, whether such reduced
- 8 registration fee is allowed to the individual or to the spouse,
- 9 widow or widower of such individual. This Section does not
- apply to the fee paid in addition to the registration fee for
- 11 motor vehicles displaying vanity or special license plates.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 96-554, eff. 1-1-10; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- 13 (625 ILCS 5/11-1301.2) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1301.2)
- Sec. 11-1301.2. Special decals for parking; persons with
- 15 disabilities.
- 16 (a) The Secretary of State shall provide for, by
- administrative rules, the design, size, color, and placement of
- 18 a person with disabilities motorist decal or device and shall
- 19 provide for, by administrative rules, the content and form of
- 20 an application for a person with disabilities motorist decal or
- 21 device, which shall be used by local authorities in the
- issuance thereof to a person with temporary disabilities,
- 23 provided that the decal or device is valid for no more than 90
- 24 days, subject to renewal for like periods based upon continued
- 25 disability, and further provided that the decal or device

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1 clearly sets forth the date that the decal or device expires.

2 The application shall include the requirement of an Illinois

Identification Card number or a State of Illinois driver's

license number. This decal or device may be used by the

5 authorized holder to designate and identify a vehicle not owned

or displaying a registration plate as provided in Sections

3-609 and 3-616 of this Act to designate when the vehicle is

being used to transport said person or persons with

disabilities, and thus is entitled to enjoy all the privileges

10 that would be afforded a person with disabilities licensed

vehicle. Person with disabilities decals or devices issued and

displayed pursuant to this Section shall be recognized and

honored by all local authorities regardless of which local

14 authority issued such decal or device.

The decal or device shall be issued only upon a showing by adequate documentation that the person for whose benefit the decal or device is to be used has a temporary disability as defined in Section 1-159.1 of this Code.

- (b) The local governing authorities shall be responsible for the provision of such decal or device, its issuance and designated placement within the vehicle. The cost of such decal or device shall be at the discretion of such local governing authority.
- (c) The Secretary of State may, pursuant to Section 3-616(c), issue a person with disabilities parking decal or device to a person with disabilities as defined by Section

- 1-159.1. Any person with disabilities parking decal or device 1 2 issued by the Secretary of State shall be registered to that 3 person with disabilities in the form to be prescribed by the Secretary of State. The person with disabilities parking decal 4 5 or device shall not display that person's address. One 6 additional decal or device may be issued to an applicant upon 7 his or her written request and with the approval of the 8 Secretary of State. The written request must include a
- (d) Replacement decals or devices may be issued for lost, stolen, or destroyed decals upon application and payment of a \$10 fee. The replacement fee may be waived for individuals that have claimed and received a grant under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act.

justification of the need for the additional decal or device.

- 16 (Source: P.A. 96-72, eff. 1-1-10; 96-79, eff. 1-1-10; 96-1000,
- 17 eff. 7-2-10; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)
- Section 55. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by changing Section 17-6.5 as follows:
- 20 (720 ILCS 5/17-6.5)
- Sec. 17-6.5. Persons under deportation order;
- ineligibility for benefits.
- 23 (a) An individual against whom a United States Immigration 24 Judge has issued an order of deportation which has been

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- affirmed by the Board of Immigration Review, as well as an 1 2 individual who appeals such an order pending appeal, under paragraph 19 of Section 241(a) of the Immigration and 3 Nationality Act relating to persecution of others on account of 4 5 race, religion, national origin or political opinion under the 6 direction of or in association with the Nazi government of 7 Germany or its allies, shall be ineligible for the following 8 benefits authorized by State law:
  - (1) The homestead exemptions and homestead improvement exemption under Sections 15-170, 15-175, 15-176, and 15-180 of the Property Tax Code.
    - (2) Grants under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act.
    - (3) The double income tax exemption conferred upon persons 65 years of age or older by Section 204 of the Illinois Income Tax Act.
      - (4) Grants provided by the Department on Aging.
    - (5) Reductions in vehicle registration fees under Section 3-806.3 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.
    - (6) Free fishing and reduced fishing license fees under Sections 20-5 and 20-40 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code.
    - (7) Tuition free courses for senior citizens under the Senior Citizen Courses Act.
  - (8) Any benefits under the Illinois Public Aid Code.
    - (b) If a person has been found by a court to have knowingly

1 received benefits in violation of subsection (a) and:

- (1) the total monetary value of the benefits received is less than \$150, the person is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor; a second or subsequent violation is a Class 4 felony;
  - (2) the total monetary value of the benefits received is \$150 or more but less than \$1,000, the person is guilty of a Class 4 felony; a second or subsequent violation is a Class 3 felony;
  - (3) the total monetary value of the benefits received is \$1,000 or more but less than \$5,000, the person is guilty of a Class 3 felony; a second or subsequent violation is a Class 2 felony;
  - (4) the total monetary value of the benefits received is \$5,000 or more but less than \$10,000, the person is guilty of a Class 2 felony; a second or subsequent violation is a Class 1 felony; or
  - (5) the total monetary value of the benefits received is \$10,000 or more, the person is guilty of a Class 1 felony.
  - (c) For purposes of determining the classification of an offense under this Section, all of the monetary value of the benefits received as a result of the unlawful act, practice, or course of conduct may be accumulated.
  - (d) Any grants awarded to persons described in subsection

    (a) may be recovered by the State of Illinois in a civil action

- commenced by the Attorney General in the circuit court of Sangamon County or the State's Attorney of the county of residence of the person described in subsection (a).
  - (e) An individual described in subsection (a) who has been deported shall be restored to any benefits which that individual has been denied under State law pursuant to subsection (a) if (i) the Attorney General of the United States has issued an order cancelling deportation and has adjusted the status of the individual to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States or (ii) the country to which the individual has been deported adjudicates or exonerates the individual in a judicial or administrative proceeding as not being guilty of the persecution of others on account of race, religion, national origin, or political opinion under the direction of or in association with the Nazi government of Germany or its allies.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 96-1551, eff. 7-1-11; 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)

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4	625 ILCS 5/3-626	
5	625 ILCS 5/3-667	
6	625 ILCS 5/3-683	
7	625 ILCS 5/3-806.3	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-806.3
8	625 ILCS 5/11-1301.2	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1301.2
9	720 ILCS 5/17-6.5	