

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 687

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 687 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and
5 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
6 amended by adding Sections 2310-376, 2310-377, and 2310-378
7 as follows:

8 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-376 new)

9 Sec. 2310-376. Hepatitis C education and outreach.

10 (a) The Illinois General Assembly finds and declares the
11 following:

12 (1) The World Health Organization characterizes
13 Hepatitis C as a disease of primary concern to humanity.

14 (2) Hepatitis C is considered a silent killer; no
15 recognizable signs or symptoms occur until severe liver
16 damage has occurred.

17 (3) Studies indicate that nearly 4 million
18 Americans (1.8 percent of the population) carry the virus
19 HCV that causes the disease.

20 (4) 30,000 acute new infections occur each year in
21 the United States, and only 25 to 30 percent are
22 diagnosed.

1 (5) 8,000 to 10,000 Americans die from the disease
2 each year.

3 (6) 200,000 Illinois residents may be carriers and
4 could develop the debilitating and potentially deadly
5 liver disease.

6 (7) Inmates of correctional facilities have a
7 higher incidence of Hepatitis C and, upon their release,
8 present a significant health risk to the general
9 population.

10 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall
11 conduct an education and outreach campaign, in addition to
12 its overall effort to prevent infectious disease in Illinois,
13 in order to raise awareness about and promote prevention of
14 Hepatitis C.

15 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-377 new)

16 Sec. 2310-377. Lupus education and outreach.

17 (a) The Illinois General Assembly finds and declares the
18 following:

19 (1) Lupus is a chronic, incurable auto-immune
20 disease of unknown origin that mainly affects women of
21 childbearing age, is difficult to diagnose, and causes
22 severe, potentially life-threatening organ damage.

23 (2) The Lupus Foundation of America estimates that
24 1.4 million people in the U.S. have a form of lupus.

25 (3) Lupus causes the immune system to attack the
26 body's healthy cells and tissues producing skin damage,
27 rheumatoid arthritis, life-threatening inflammation of
28 multiple major organs, and a potentially fatal failure of
29 the renal, circulatory, or central nervous system.

30 (4) Symptoms include joint pain, rash, unusual loss
31 of hair, unexplained fever, low blood counts, sensitivity
32 to the sun, and fingers that turn pale or purple when
33 exposed to cold.

1 (5) According to the Lupus Foundation of America, a
2 survey of its members revealed that more than half of all
3 people with lupus suffered 4 or more years and were
4 examined by 3 or more doctors before obtaining a correct
5 diagnosis.

6 (6) According to the Center for Disease Control and
7 Prevention, the number of lupus-related deaths between
8 1979 and 1988 increased dramatically; African American
9 women, ages 45-64, experienced a 70% increase, the
10 largest increase among all groups in the 20 years
11 studied.

12 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall
13 conduct an education and outreach campaign in order to raise
14 awareness about the symptoms and treatment of lupus, a
15 potentially life-threatening disease.

16 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-378 new)

17 Sec. 2310-378. Wilson's disease.

18 (a) The Illinois General Assembly finds and declares the
19 following:

20 (1) Wilson's disease is an inherited disorder in
21 which excessive amounts of copper accumulate in the body
22 and can cause liver disease and neurological or
23 psychiatric disorders; and

24 (2) successful treatment is available for sufferers
25 of Wilson's disease but, without proper treatment, the
26 disease is generally fatal by the age of 30.

27 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall: (i)
28 conduct a public health information campaign for physicians,
29 hospitals, health facilities, public health departments, and
30 the general public on Wilson's disease, methods of care, and
31 treatment modalities available; (ii) identify and catalog
32 Wilson's disease resources in this State for distribution and
33 referral purposes; and (iii) coordinate services with

1 established programs, including State, federal, and voluntary
2 groups."