

1 AN ACT concerning public safety.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Health and Hazardous Substances
5 Registry Act is amended by changing Section 2 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 525/2) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 6702)

7 Sec. 2. (a) Findings. The General Assembly finds that:

8 (i) the dangers of hazardous substances pose a
9 serious threat to the public health and welfare of the
10 citizens of Illinois;

11 (ii) there exists no unified effort to collect and
12 analyze information on hazardous substances and their
13 potential health effects;

14 (iii) the lack of comprehensive information has
15 caused concern on the part of Illinois citizens and a
16 lack of effective control by the State government;

17 (iv) it is the obligation of the State government
18 to inform and protect the citizens of Illinois by
19 developing a comprehensive and integrated data system on
20 hazardous substances and public health.

21 (b) It is the purpose of this Act to establish a unified
22 Statewide project to collect, compile and correlate
23 information on public health and hazardous substances. Such
24 information is to be used to assist in the determination of
25 public policy and to provide a source of information for the
26 public, except when public disclosure of the information
27 would violate the provisions of subsection (d) of Section 4
28 concerning confidentiality.

29 (c) In particular, the purpose of the collection of
30 cancer incidence information is to:

31 (1) monitor incidence trends of cancer to

1 detect potential public health problems, predict
2 risks and assist in investigating cancer clusters;

3 (2) more accurately target intervention
4 resources for communities and patients and their
5 families;

6 (3) inform health professionals and citizens
7 about risks, early detection and treatment of
8 cancers known to be elevated in their communities;
9 and

10 (4) promote high quality research to provide
11 better information for cancer control and to address
12 public concerns and questions about cancer.

13 (Source: P.A. 90-607, eff. 6-30-98.)