

1 AN ACT concerning counterfeit drugs.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and  
5 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code is amended by  
6 adding Section 2310-374 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-374 new)

8 Sec. 2310-374. Counterfeit drugs task force.

9 (a) The Department shall create a task force to explore  
10 the use of modern technologies and other measures that will  
11 make it more difficult for counterfeit drugs to get  
12 distributed with, or deliberately substituted for, safe and  
13 effective drugs. The task force shall seek input from the  
14 Department of Professional Regulation and other federal,  
15 state, and local entities that share the responsibilities  
16 with the Food and Drug Administration for ensuring the safety  
17 of the drug supply and distribution system.

18 (b) The goals of the task force shall include, but not  
19 be limited to, the following:

20 (1) Develop a strategic action plan to decrease the  
21 risk of counterfeit drugs entering the marketplace and  
22 protect consumers from potentially harmful effects of  
23 using these products.

24 (2) Strengthen collaborative relationships with  
25 other agencies, as well health professionals, industry,  
26 consumer, and other stakeholders, to gather information  
27 regarding the best practices for dealing with drug  
28 counterfeiting.

29 (3) Identify mechanisms for strengthening the  
30 protections against counterfeiting and the best practices  
31 for those who sell and distribute prescription drugs.

1           (4) Educate patients, pharmacists, and others about  
2           how to identify counterfeit drugs and alert others to  
3           their existence.

4           (5) Assess the extent to which new technologies can  
5           help to assure the authenticity of drugs.

6           (c) The task force shall submit its initial findings and  
7           recommendations to the General Assembly no later than 6  
8           months after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
9           93rd General Assembly and each year thereafter.

10           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
11           becoming law.