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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE RESOLUTION 256

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Resolution 256 by replacing
3 everything after the heading with the following:

4 "WHEREAS, A large number of diseases and disorders are
5 preventable; and

6 WHEREAS, Identifiable health risk factors are precursors
7 to a large number of diseases and disorders and to premature
8 death; and

9 WHEREAS, Various health risks can be improved through
10 public health promotion and disease prevention programs; and

11 WHEREAS, Health promotion and disease prevention programs
12 can save the State money in health care expenditures and
13 produce a positive return on investment; and

1 WHEREAS, According to a 2004 study, tobacco use was the
2 leading cause of actual deaths in the U.S., and was responsible
3 for 435,000 deaths, more than 18% of the total deaths in the
4 U.S.; and

5 WHEREAS, An analysis of 22 peer-reviewed studies showed
6 that for every dollar invested in health promotion, there was
7 an average savings of \$5.81 million and an average reduction of
8 health care cost of 26%; and

9 WHEREAS, Based on 2001 data, if Illinois reduced smoking in
10 the Medicaid population by 10%, the savings would be \$16
11 million; a 25% reduction would result in a savings of \$40
12 million; and a 50% reduction would save Medicaid \$81 million;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois announced an initiative to
15 help residents to quit smoking; the Illinois Department of
16 Healthcare and Family Services encourages all health care
17 providers to screen patients for tobacco use and to provide
18 counseling, intervention, and treatment and to make referrals
19 to the toll-free Illinois Tobacco Quitline (1-866-QUIT-YES or
20 1-866-784-8937); the Department also provides instructions for
21 referral to the Illinois Tobacco Quitline and informs providers
22 about over-the-counter and prescription smoking cessation
23 products covered by State health assistance and insurance

1 programs; and

2 WHEREAS, Increasing awareness of and participation rates
3 in the various elements of the State's smoking cessation
4 initiative should improve public health and substantially
5 reduce the cost of care; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Illinois
8 Department of Healthcare and Family Services, in consultation
9 with the Illinois Department of Public Health, to prepare and
10 submit a comprehensive report to the Senate and the Governor,
11 by January 1, 2008, on the results and effectiveness of the
12 State's Smoking Cessation Initiative, together with
13 recommendations that will increase participation, improve
14 public health outcomes, and evaluate the merits of creating an
15 incentive program for Medicaid recipients."