

1 AN ACT in relation to public aid.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by  
5 adding Section 5-2.05 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-2.05 new)

7 Sec. 5-2.05. Use of Medicaid spend-down. Persons  
8 described in item 2(a) of Section 5-2, who fail to qualify  
9 for basic maintenance under Article III of this Code on the  
10 basis of need because of excess income or assets, or both,  
11 may establish prospective eligibility for that basic  
12 maintenance by prepaying their monthly spend-down amount  
13 under this Article (as described in 42 CFR 435.831) to the  
14 Department of Public Aid or by having a third party pay that  
15 amount to the Department. The Department shall establish  
16 appropriate procedures to permit such a prepayment of  
17 spend-down amounts.

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
19 becoming law.