

1 AN ACT in relation to public health.

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 of Illinois is  
6 amended by adding Section 2310-372 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-372 new)

8 Sec. 2310-372. Stroke Task Force.

9 (a) The Stroke Task Force is created within the  
10 Department of Public Health.

11 (b) The task force shall be composed of the following  
12 members:

13 (1) Nineteen members appointed by the Director of  
14 Public Health from nominations submitted to the Director  
15 by the following organizations, one member to represent  
16 each organization: the American Stroke Association; the  
17 National Stroke Association; the Illinois State Medical  
18 Society; the Illinois Neurological Society; the Illinois  
19 Academy of Family Physicians; the Illinois Chapter of the  
20 American College of Emergency Physicians; the Illinois  
21 Chapter of the American College of Cardiology; the  
22 Illinois Nurses Association; the Illinois Hospital and  
23 Health Systems Association; the Illinois Physical Therapy  
24 Association; the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers  
25 Association; the Illinois Rural Health Association; the  
26 Illinois Chapter of AARP; the Illinois Association of  
27 Rehabilitation Facilities; the Illinois Life Insurance  
28 Council; the Illinois Public Health Association; the  
29 Illinois Speech-Language Hearing Association; the  
30 American Association of Neurological Surgeons; and the  
31 Illinois Health Care Cost Containment Council.

1           (2) Five members appointed by the Governor as  
2           follows: one stroke survivor; one licensed emergency  
3           medical technician; one individual who (i) holds the  
4           degree of Medical Doctor or Doctor of Philosophy and (ii)  
5           is a teacher or researcher at a teaching or research  
6           university located in Illinois; one individual who is a  
7           minority person as defined in the Business Enterprise for  
8           Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act;  
9           and one member of the general public.

10           (3) The following ex officio members: the  
11           chairperson of the Senate Public Health Committee; the  
12           minority spokesperson of the Senate Public Health  
13           Committee; the chairperson of the House Health Care  
14           Committee; and the minority spokesperson of the House  
15           Health Care Committee.

16           The Director of Public Health shall serve as the  
17           chairperson of the task force.

18           If a vacancy occurs in the task force membership, the  
19           vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the initial  
20           appointment.

21           (c) Task force members shall serve without compensation,  
22           but nonpublic members shall be reimbursed for their  
23           reasonable travel expenses incurred in performing their  
24           duties in connection with the task force.

25           (d) The task force shall adopt bylaws; shall meet at  
26           least 3 times each calendar year; and may establish  
27           committees as it deems necessary. For purposes of task force  
28           meetings, a quorum is the number of members present at a  
29           meeting. Meetings of the task force are subject to the Open  
30           Meetings Act. The task force must afford an opportunity for  
31           public comment at its meetings.

32           (e) The task force shall advise the Department of Public  
33           Health with regard to setting priorities for improvements in  
34           stroke prevention and treatment efforts, including, but not

1 limited to, the following:

2 (1) Developing and implementing a comprehensive  
3 statewide public education program on stroke prevention,  
4 targeted to high-risk populations and to geographic areas  
5 where there is a high incidence of stroke.

6 (2) Identifying the signs and symptoms of stroke  
7 and the action to be taken when these signs or symptoms  
8 occur.

9 (3) Recommending and disseminating guidelines on  
10 the treatment of stroke patients, including emergency  
11 stroke care.

12 (4) Ensuring that the public and health care  
13 providers and institutions are sufficiently informed  
14 regarding the most effective strategies for stroke  
15 prevention; and assisting health care providers in using  
16 the most effective treatment strategies for stroke.

17 (5) Addressing means by which guidelines may be  
18 revised to remain current with developing treatment  
19 methodologies.

20 (f) The task force shall advise the Department of Public  
21 Health concerning the awarding of grants to providers of  
22 emergency medical services and to hospitals for the purpose  
23 of improving care to stroke patients.

24 (g) The task force shall submit an annual report to the  
25 Governor and the General Assembly by January 1 of each year,  
26 beginning in 2003. The report must include, but need not be  
27 limited to, the following:

28 (1) The task force's plans, actions, and  
29 recommendations.

30 (2) An accounting of moneys spent for grants and  
31 for other purposes.

32 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
33 becoming law.