

1 AN ACT relating to the uninsured. 41

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 45
3 represented in the General Assembly: 46

4 Section 5. The Department of Insurance Law of the Civil 49
5 Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding Section 50
6 1405-25 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 1405/1405-25 new) 53

8 Sec. 1405-25. Uninsured Ombudsman Program. 55

9 (a) The Department of Insurance shall establish and 57
10 operate an Ombudsman Program for uninsured individuals to 58
11 provide assistance and education to those individuals 59
12 regarding health insurance benefits options and rights under 60
13 State and federal law. The program may include, but is not 61
14 limited to, counseling for uninsured individuals in the 62
15 discovery, evaluation, and comparison of options for 63
16 obtaining health insurance coverage.

17 (b) The Department may recruit and train volunteers to 65
18 assist in the Ombudsman Program. The volunteers may provide 66
19 one-on-one counseling on health insurance availability 67
20 matters and provide education to uninsured individuals 68
21 through public forums.

22 (c) The Department may issue reasonable rules necessary 70
23 to implement this Section. 71

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on 74
25 January 1, 2002.

APPROVED

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this 9th day of August, 2001 A.D.,

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PUBLIC ACT 92-331

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