

1 AN ACT in relation to health.

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

4 Section 5. The Lead Poisoning Prevention Act is amended  
5 by adding Sections 6.3 and 14.5 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 45/6.3 new)

7 Sec. 6.3. Physicians to screen pregnant women.

8 (a) If a physician licensed to practice medicine in all  
9 its branches has occasion to examine or treat a pregnant  
10 woman, the physician shall determine whether the woman has  
11 been screened for lead poisoning. Except as provided in  
12 subsection (c), if the woman has not been screened for lead  
13 poisoning, the physician shall ensure that the woman  
14 undergoes a lead blood level screening.

15 (b) If a woman screens positive for lead poisoning under  
16 this Section, the physician shall warn the woman, orally and  
17 in writing, of the dangers of breast feeding her infant  
18 while she has lead poisoning.

19 (c) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to  
20 require a woman to undergo a lead blood level screening if  
21 the woman objects on the grounds that the screening conflicts  
22 with her religious beliefs.

23 (410 ILCS 45/14.5 new)

24 Sec. 14.5. Reports to General Assembly. The Department  
25 shall submit quarterly reports to the General Assembly  
26 concerning the implementation of measures under this Act to  
27 prevent and treat lead poisoning. The Department shall file  
28 its first report by November 1, 2001 and shall file its  
29 subsequent reports within 30 days after the end of each  
30 calendar quarter.

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2 becoming law.