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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, A large proportion of diseases and disorders is preventable; modifiable health risk factors are precursors to a large number of diseases and disorders and to premature death; and

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WHEREAS, Modifiable health risks can be improved through health promotion and disease prevention programs; and

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

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WHEREAS, According to a 2004 study, tobacco was the leading cause of actual deaths in the U.S.; tobacco use was responsible for 435,000 deaths, which was over 18% of total deaths in the U.S.; and

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

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WHEREAS, Based on 2001 data, if Illinois reduced smoking in the Medicaid population by 10%, the savings would be \$16

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1 million; a 25% reduction would result in a savings of \$40
2 million; a 50% reduction would save Medicaid \$81 million; and

3 WHEREAS, Creating incentives for Medicaid recipients to
4 quit smoking will save money for the State and improve the
5 quality of life of the former smokers; the State does not have
6 to create the program from scratch but can enter into an
7 agreement with experts in the health-and-wellness field to
8 maximize immediate savings; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Department of
11 Healthcare and Family Services shall create an incentive-based
12 smoking cessation program for Medicaid recipients; the program
13 shall be in operation by January 1, 2008; the Department may
14 enter into an agreement with a third party to create or run the
15 program; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Department shall report to the Senate by
17 January 1, 2009 on the progress of the program; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to
20 the Director of Healthcare and Family Services.