

1 AN ACT concerning 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 changing Section 8A-18 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/8A-18)

7 Sec. 8A-18. Application assistance fraud; SNAP; AABD;  
8 TANF. It is a Class C misdemeanor for any person, including an  
9 individual, firm, corporation, association, partnership, or  
10 joint venture, or any employee or agent of any of those, to  
11 assist or represent another person in completing or submitting  
12 an application for benefits under the federal Supplemental  
13 Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the State's Aid to the  
14 Aged, Blind, or Disabled (AABD) program, or the State's  
15 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, in  
16 exchange for a portion of the applicant's SNAP, AABD, or TANF  
17 benefits or cash or any other form of payment from any other  
18 source. An applicant who receives such assistance ~~or~~  
19 ~~representation~~ is not in violation of this Section. Nothing in  
20 this Section shall be construed as prohibiting an applicant  
21 from using the services of a non-profit organization, a  
22 licensed attorney, or any other authorized organization or  
23 agency that receives State or federal funding to assist persons

1 in the preparation of an application for SNAP, AABD, or TANF  
2 benefits or in ~~receiving such assistance or representation when~~  
3 appealing a denial of an application for SNAP, AABD, or TANF  
4 benefits.

5 (Source: P.A. 98-931, eff. 8-15-14.)