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1                                    AMENDMENT TO SENATE RESOLUTION 342

2            AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Resolution 342 by replacing  
3 everything after the heading with the following:

4            "WHEREAS, On February 18, 2015, Governor Bruce Rauner's  
5 administration released its proposal for the Fiscal Year 2016  
6 State budget; and

7            WHEREAS, On that day, the Illinois Department of Human  
8 Services announced that it intended to save money by making it  
9 more difficult to enter the Division of Rehabilitative Services  
10 Home Services Program by changing the minimum threshold for  
11 eligibility; the Illinois Department on Aging and the  
12 Department of Healthcare and Family Services also announced  
13 that it intended to save money by making it more difficult to  
14 enter the Community Care Program, Supportive Living  
15 Facilities, and nursing homes by changing the minimum threshold  
16 for eligibility consistent with the change announced by the

1 Department of Human Services; and

2 WHEREAS, The prior threshold for service was a score of 29  
3 on the Determination of Need Assessment; the new proposed  
4 threshold for service would be a score of 37 on the  
5 Determination of Need Assessment; and

6 WHEREAS, The current Determination of Need minimum of 29  
7 covers people with disabilities and seniors who are in need of  
8 help in critical areas of daily living; and

9 WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family  
10 Services would carry the administrative responsibility for  
11 creating the change by seeking federal approval to amend 2 1915  
12 (C) Home and Community-Based Services Waivers to change the  
13 Determination of Need Assessment score requirement; and

14 WHEREAS, Changing the score from 29 to 37 would immediately  
15 eliminate 10,000 people with disabilities from the Home  
16 Services Program; changing the score would also prevent 16,000  
17 seniors from becoming eligible for Medicaid waiver service in  
18 the next year, and 21,000 more would be eliminated in  
19 reassessment in the next year; and

20 WHEREAS, The members of this body find it unconscionable to  
21 deny tens of thousands of people with disabilities and seniors

1 the opportunity to receive vital care and support services; and

2 WHEREAS, The proposed change to the Determination of Need  
3 score was made without any input from those that advocate for  
4 the needs of individuals with disabilities and the elderly; and

5 WHEREAS, Each person with a disability in the Home Services  
6 Program saves Illinois Medicaid at least \$17,000 a year by  
7 living in the community instead of a nursing home; and

8 WHEREAS, Each senior living independently with support  
9 from the Community Care Program saves Illinois Medicaid  
10 approximately \$24,000 a year by living in the community instead  
11 of a nursing home; and

12 WHEREAS, Each resident residing in a nursing home with  
13 support from the State's Medicaid Long Term Care Program saves  
14 Illinois taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars by  
15 preventing unnecessary emergency room and hospital visits; and

16 WHEREAS, Thousands of workers in the Home Services Program,  
17 the Community Care Program, and Illinois nursing homes would be  
18 left without employment when consumers are made ineligible;  
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we state our opposition  
2 to the proposed change of the Determination of Need Score  
3 minimum threshold from 29 to 37, which would result in  
4 thousands of people with disabilities and seniors being left  
5 without critical support for activities of daily living in  
6 their own homes and access to critical medical care in nursing  
7 homes; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we urge the Governor and the Illinois  
9 Department of Human Services to withdraw any and all plans to  
10 amend the Medicaid State plan to change the Determination of  
11 Need score requirements; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
13 delivered to the Governor and the Secretary of Human  
14 Services."