



## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

730 ILCS 5/3-14-1

from Ch. 38, par. 1003-14-1

Amends the Unified Code of Corrections. Provides that prior to release of a person on parole, mandatory release, final discharge or pardon the Department of Corrections shall screen that person for Medicaid eligibility. Requires prison officials to assist an eligible person fill out a Medicaid application to ensure that the person begins receiving benefits immediately after his or her release.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

4 Section 5. The Unified Code of Corrections is amended by  
5 changing Section 3-14-1 as follows:

6 (730 ILCS 5/3-14-1) (from Ch. 38, par. 1003-14-1)

7 Sec. 3-14-1. Release from the Institution.

8 (a) Upon release of a person on parole, mandatory release,  
9 final discharge or pardon the Department shall return all  
10 property held for him, provide him with suitable clothing and  
11 procure necessary transportation for him to his designated  
12 place of residence and employment. It may provide such person  
13 with a grant of money for travel and expenses which may be paid  
14 in installments. The amount of the money grant shall be  
15 determined by the Department.

16 The Department of Corrections may establish and maintain,  
17 in any institution it administers, revolving funds to be known  
18 as "Travel and Allowances Revolving Funds". These revolving  
19 funds shall be used for advancing travel and expense allowances  
20 to committed, paroled, and discharged prisoners. The moneys  
21 paid into such revolving funds shall be from appropriations to  
22 the Department for Committed, Paroled, and Discharged  
23 Prisoners.

24 (a-1) Prior to release of a person on parole, mandatory  
25 release, final discharge or pardon the Department shall screen  
26 that person for Medicaid eligibility. Prison officials shall  
27 assist an eligible person fill out a Medicaid application to  
28 ensure that the person begins receiving benefits immediately  
29 after his or her release.

30 (b) (Blank).

31 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this Code, the  
32 Department shall establish procedures to provide written

1 notification of any release of any person who has been  
2 convicted of a felony to the State's Attorney and sheriff of  
3 the county from which the offender was committed, and the  
4 State's Attorney and sheriff of the county into which the  
5 offender is to be paroled or released. Except as otherwise  
6 provided in this Code, the Department shall establish  
7 procedures to provide written notification to the proper law  
8 enforcement agency for any municipality of any release of any  
9 person who has been convicted of a felony if the arrest of the  
10 offender or the commission of the offense took place in the  
11 municipality, if the offender is to be paroled or released into  
12 the municipality, or if the offender resided in the  
13 municipality at the time of the commission of the offense. If a  
14 person convicted of a felony who is in the custody of the  
15 Department of Corrections or on parole or mandatory supervised  
16 release informs the Department that he or she has resided,  
17 resides, or will reside at an address that is a housing  
18 facility owned, managed, operated, or leased by a public  
19 housing agency, the Department must send written notification  
20 of that information to the public housing agency that owns,  
21 manages, operates, or leases the housing facility. The written  
22 notification shall, when possible, be given at least 14 days  
23 before release of the person from custody, or as soon  
24 thereafter as possible.

25 (c-1) (Blank).

26 (d) Upon the release of a committed person on parole,  
27 mandatory supervised release, final discharge or pardon, the  
28 Department shall provide such person with information  
29 concerning programs and services of the Illinois Department of  
30 Public Health to ascertain whether such person has been exposed  
31 to the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or any identified  
32 causative agent of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

33 (e) Upon the release of a committed person on parole,  
34 mandatory supervised release, final discharge, or pardon, the  
35 Department shall provide the person who has met the criteria  
36 established by the Department with an identification card

1 identifying the person as being on parole, mandatory supervised  
2 release, final discharge, or pardon, as the case may be. The  
3 Department, in consultation with the Office of the Secretary of  
4 State, shall prescribe the form of the identification card,  
5 which may be similar to the form of the standard Illinois  
6 Identification Card. The Department shall inform the committed  
7 person that he or she may present the identification card to  
8 the Office of the Secretary of State upon application for a  
9 standard Illinois Identification Card in accordance with the  
10 Illinois Identification Card Act. The Department shall require  
11 the committed person to pay a \$1 fee for the identification  
12 card.

13 For purposes of a committed person receiving an  
14 identification card issued by the Department under this  
15 subsection, the Department shall establish criteria that the  
16 committed person must meet before the card is issued. It is the  
17 sole responsibility of the committed person requesting the  
18 identification card issued by the Department to meet the  
19 established criteria. The person's failure to meet the criteria  
20 is sufficient reason to deny the committed person the  
21 identification card. An identification card issued by the  
22 Department under this subsection shall be valid for a period of  
23 time not to exceed 30 calendar days from the date the card is  
24 issued. The Department shall not be held civilly or criminally  
25 liable to anyone because of any act of any person utilizing a  
26 card issued by the Department under this subsection.

27 The Department shall adopt rules governing the issuance of  
28 identification cards to committed persons being released on  
29 parole, mandatory supervised release, final discharge, or  
30 pardon.

31 (Source: P.A. 91-506, eff. 8-13-99; 91-695, eff. 4-13-00;  
32 92-240, eff. 1-1-02.)