



**94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2005 and 2006**  
**HB2891**

Introduced 2/22/2005, by Rep. Tom Cross

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

305 ILCS 5/5-1

from Ch. 23, par. 5-1

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the purpose of the "medical assistance" Article of the Code.

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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 5-1 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-1) (from Ch. 23, par. 5-1)

7 Sec. 5-1. Declaration of purpose. It is the ~~the~~ purpose of  
8 this Article to provide a program of essential medical care and  
9 rehabilitative services for persons receiving basic  
10 maintenance grants under this Code and for other persons who  
11 are unable, because of inadequate resources, to meet their  
12 essential medical needs.

13 Preservation of health, alleviation of sickness, and  
14 correction of handicapping conditions for persons requiring  
15 maintenance support are essential if they are to have an  
16 opportunity to become self-supporting or to attain a greater  
17 capacity for self-care. For persons who are medically indigent  
18 but otherwise able to provide themselves with a livelihood, it  
19 is of special importance to maintain their incentives for  
20 continued independence and preserve their limited resources  
21 for ordinary maintenance needs to prevent their total or  
22 substantial dependency.

23 (Source: Laws 1967, p. 122.)