

1 AN ACT concerning liquor.

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

4 Section 5. The Liquor Control Act of 1934 is amended by  
5 changing Section 6-24a as follows:

6 (235 ILCS 5/6-24a) (from Ch. 43, par. 139a)

7 Sec. 6-24a. Display of birth defects warning signs.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds that there is a need for  
9 public information about the risk of birth defects  
10 (specifically Fetal Alcohol Syndrome) when women consume  
11 alcoholic liquor during pregnancy. The United States Surgeon  
12 General has recommended abstinence from alcohol during  
13 pregnancy. Since Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and fetal alcohol  
14 effects are preventable, the General Assembly finds that it is  
15 in the public interest to provide warning about the risk of  
16 alcohol-related birth defects at places where alcoholic  
17 liquors are sold.

18 (b) Every holder of a retail license, whether the licensee  
19 sells or offers for sale alcoholic liquors for use or  
20 consumption on or off the retail license premises, shall cause  
21 a sign with the message "GOVERNMENT WARNING: ACCORDING TO THE  
22 SURGEON GENERAL, WOMEN SHOULD NOT DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
23 DURING PREGNANCY BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF BIRTH DEFECTS. IF YOU

1 NEED ASSISTANCE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE OF  
2 ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (OASA) AT 1-800-843-6154." to be  
3 framed and hung in plain view. These signs shall be no larger  
4 than 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches.

5 (c) In the event there is no warning sign posted on the  
6 retailer's premises, it shall be the responsibility of the  
7 Illinois Liquor Control Commission to furnish the retailer with  
8 a warning sign. The retailer shall have 30 days from receipt of  
9 the warning sign to post it on the licensed premises.  
10 Thereafter, a retailer who violates this Section is subject to  
11 a written warning for the first violation. For a second or  
12 subsequent violation, the retailer shall pay a fine of at least  
13 \$20 but not more than \$100 for each such violation. For the  
14 third and subsequent violations, each day the activity  
15 continues shall be a separate violation.

16 (Source: P.A. 89-250, eff. 1-1-96.)

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
18 1, 2010.