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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to health care disclosure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 208, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 208.149, to read as follows:

208.149. 1. Any applicant for health care benefits under public assistance programs, including but not limited to Medicaid or the children's health insurance program, shall identify the employer or employers of the proposed beneficiary of the health care benefits. In the event the proposed beneficiary is not employed, the applicant shall identify the employer or employers of any adult who is responsible for providing all or some of the proposed beneficiary's support. As used in this section, the term "proposed beneficiary" means any individual who files an application for benefits for himself or herself or any other individual on whose behalf an application is filed, including but not limited to children or other dependents of the applicant or other individual for whom the application is filed.

2. On or before July 1 of each year, the department of social services shall submit to the general assembly a report identifying all employers identified pursuant to the application requirements in this section. The report shall include each company name, location, and the total number of their employees and dependents who are enrolled in each state-funded health care program. No other information regarding program beneficiaries shall be included in the report. In addition to filing the report with the general assembly, the department of social services shall make the report available to the public through the

22 department's Internet website. Any member of the public shall have
23 the right to request and receive a copy of the report published
24 pursuant to this subsection.

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