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94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the public assistance beneficiary employer disclosure act.

*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  
2 section, to be known as section 208.230, to read as follows:

**208.230. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the  
2 "Public Assistance Beneficiary Employer Disclosure Act".**

**3 2. Any applicant for health care benefits under public assistance  
4 programs, including, but not limited to, state Medicaid assistance under  
5 this chapter, or any person requesting uncompensated care in a  
6 hospital, shall identify the employer or employers of the proposed  
7 beneficiary of the health care benefits. If the proposed beneficiary is  
8 not employed, the applicant must identify the employer or employers  
9 of any adult who is responsible for providing all or some of the  
10 proposed beneficiary's support.**

**11 3. (1) The department of social services shall annually prepare  
12 a public assistance program beneficiary employer report to be  
13 submitted to the governor and general assembly. For the purposes of  
14 this section, a "public assistance program beneficiary" means a person  
15 who receives medical assistance under the state Medicaid system, Title  
16 XIX, P.L. 89-97, 1965, amendments to the federal Social Security Act, 42  
17 U.S.C. Section 30, et. seq., as amended. The report shall provide the  
18 following information for each employer who has more than fifty  
19 employees and twenty-five or more public assistance program  
20 beneficiaries:**

**21 (a) The name and address of the qualified employer;**

22           (b) The number of public assistance program beneficiaries;

23           (c) The number of public assistance program beneficiaries who  
24 are spouses or dependents of employees of the employer;

25           (d) Information on whether the employer offers health insurance  
26 benefits to employees and their dependents;

27           (e) Information on whether the employer receives health  
28 insurance benefits through the company;

29           (f) Whether an employer offers health insurance benefits, and, if  
30 so, information on the level of premium subsidies for such health  
31 insurance;

32           (g) The cost to the state of Missouri of providing public  
33 assistance program benefits for the employer's employees and enrolled  
34 dependents.

35           (2) The report shall not include the names of any individual  
36 public assistance program beneficiary and shall be subject to privacy  
37 standards both in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability  
38 Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191, and in Title XIX of the federal Social Security  
39 Act.

40           (3) The report shall be issued within thirty days of the end of  
41 each calendar year, starting with calendar year 2008. The department  
42 of social services shall make the report available to the public through  
43 the department's Internet website. Any member of the public shall  
44 have the right to request and receive a copy of the report published  
45 under this subsection. The department shall have the discretion to  
46 determine the appropriate cost and number of copies given.

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