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### **Coladipietro: Good Samaritan Act Expanded**

**Bloomington, IL** – According to State Representative Franco Coladipietro, Governor Rod Blagojevich recently signed legislation into law that amends the Good Samaritan Act to allow for expanded care by physicians who treat patients for free.

“With the signing of this important piece of legislation, doctors with the Access DuPage program will now be able to provide expanded free medical treatment to those who need it most,” said Coladipietro. “Under the previous legislation, the doctors that took part in the Access DuPage program were not exempt from civil liability for treating patients in the free medical program. This legislation helps corrects that problem.”

Access DuPage has a program but no actual clinic to post the exemption as required under law. The program refers patients to doctors in the area, and the doctors want ensure that they are exempt from civil liability if they treat a patient for free that is referred to them by a free medical clinic or program.

The signed legislation, Public Act 95-0874, went into effect on August 21, 2008.

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