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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES WALTON (Sponsor),
JACKSON AND BOYKINS (Co-sponsors).

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to medical assistance.

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
2 known as section 208.143, to read as follows:

3 **208.143. 1. The family support division shall, in accordance with the provisions of**
4 **section 208.215, determine whether persons applying for and/or receiving Medicaid**
5 **benefits is eligible for medical services from the United States Department of Veterans**
6 **Affairs (VA). If an applicant or recipient is eligible for such VA medical services, the**
7 **division shall urge and encourage the applicant or recipient to receive medical services as**
8 **a person eligible for VA benefits. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring**
9 **an applicant or recipient of medical assistance benefit to exhaust any VA benefits prior to**
10 **receipt of any state medical assistance benefits.**

11 **2. The family support division shall consult with the United States Department of**
Veterans Affairs regarding a method of determining whether an applicant or recipient of
state medical assistance benefits is eligible for VA benefits.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.