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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 192, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to free clinics.

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

Section A. Chapter 192, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 192.990, to read as follows:

**192.990. 1. To support the successful and growing collaboration
2 of community volunteers and pro bono services by providers
3 throughout Missouri in meeting the primary care health needs of many
4 uninsured people in the state, the department of social services shall
5 issue a grant to clinics in the Missouri free clinic association, or any
6 successor organization. For a one-time funding appropriation of five
7 hundred thousand dollars from the general assembly, subject to
8 appropriation, the department shall issue the grant to the association
9 to be equitably and evenly distributed to all free clinics in the state, in
10 accordance with applicable guidelines, policies, and requirements
11 established by the department to add services into existing
12 clinics. Grant support will be limited to capacity building projects for
13 existing clinics. No more than three percent of the funds shall be used
14 by the association for administration of the funds.**

15 **2. For purposes of this section, "capacity building projects"**
16 **means activities that improve an organization's ability to achieve its**
17 **mission by providing existing clinics an opportunity to increase their**
18 **infrastructure and bolster their sustainability in order to serve a**

19 greater number of people in a more effective manner. Such activities
20 may include efforts to improve a clinic's ability to deliver services by
21 covering operating expenses, sustaining or increasing service levels, or
22 stabilizing finances.

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