



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB3575

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 605/1010 new

Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Creates the Border Community Task Force to hold hearings in communities adjacent to the border of the State of Illinois to develop a competitive model for the States to enable small businesses located in these communities to survive and retain jobs. Requires the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to provide administrative and other support to the task force. Requires the task force to file a report with the Governor and the General Assembly. Sets forth topics that the report must include. Provides that the Section is repealed on July 1, 2012. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Commerce and Economic
5 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
6 amended by adding Section 1010 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/1010 new)

8 Sec. 1010. Border Community Task Force.

9 (a) The Border Community Task Force is created to hold
10 hearings in communities adjacent to the border of the State of
11 Illinois to develop a competitive model for the State to enable
12 small businesses located in these communities to survive and
13 retain jobs. The task force shall consist of the following
14 members:

15 (1) Five members of the public appointed by the
16 Governor.

17 (2) Two members of the General Assembly appointed by
18 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

19 (3) Two members of the General Assembly appointed by
20 the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

21 (4) Two members of the General Assembly appointed by
22 the President of the Senate.

23 (5) Two members of the General Assembly appointed by

1 the Minority Leader of the Senate.

2 The members of the task force shall serve without
3 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and
4 necessary expenses from appropriations to the Department of
5 Commerce and Economic Opportunity for that purpose.
6 Reimbursement for travel expenses shall be subject to the rules
7 of the appropriate travel control board.

8 The members of the task force shall meet initially at the
9 call of the Governor, shall select one member as chairperson at
10 its initial meeting, and shall thereafter meet at the call of
11 the chairperson.

12 The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall
13 provide administrative and other support to the task force.

14 (b) The Border Community Task Force shall file a report by
15 October 1, 2011, to the Governor and the General Assembly on
16 the findings of the task force. The task force may, at its
17 discretion, examine all of the issues and policies brought to
18 its attention by Illinois residents and employers; but it is
19 the intent of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly
20 that they examine 3 broad themes: stability, responsibility,
21 and sustainability. With this focus, the task force shall:

22 (1) suggest a blueprint for Illinois border
23 communities to compete with surrounding states
24 economically that will enable Illinois to put in place
25 long-term solutions that will provide a stable and
26 predictable economic environment;

1 (2) look at the effects of the recent income and
2 corporate tax increase on border community's economic
3 development as well as the resulting interstate business
4 climate; and

5 (3) suggest new policy suggestions that will allow for
6 continued economic growth in private sector industries,
7 including incentives to attract new businesses as well as
8 changes to our tax code.

9 (c) This Section is repealed on July 1, 2012.

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
11 becoming law.