

AN ACT concerning safety.

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

Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Lead Sinker Act.

Section 5. Educational program to discourage the use of lead sinkers and lead jigs.

(a) Subject to appropriation, the Department of Natural Resources may institute an educational program to discourage the use of lead sinkers and jigs within one year after the effective date of this Act. The educational program must provide all of the following:

(1) press releases, articles, or both for distribution to the news media;

(2) educational materials for distribution at training programs sponsored by the Department; and

(3) any other educational tool or information that the Department may find useful in its efforts to educate the public about the hazards associated with the use of lead products.

(b) The purpose of the educational program required under subsection (a) of this Section is to inform the public about the adverse, though unintended, effects of lead on wildlife;

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ways to reduce the introduction of lead into the environment through personal action; the potential risk to public health from working with lead; and the availability of alternatives to lead jigs and sinkers.