

1 AN ACT concerning safety.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Flue
5 Gas Desulfurization (FGD) Task Force Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "FGD" means flue gas desulfurization.

8 "Task Force" means the FGD Task Force

9 Section 10. The FGD Task Force.

10 (a) There is hereby created the FGD Task Force to study the
11 cost benefits of and make recommendations for the construction
12 of new stacks at coal-fired power plants with FGD scrubber
13 technology and the conversion of existing stacks at coal-fired
14 power plants to FGD scrubber technology for the purposes of
15 safely burning more Illinois-mined coal.

16 (b) The membership of the Task Force shall be as follows:

17 (1) Two members of the Senate appointed by the
18 President of the Senate.

19 (2) Two members of the Senate appointed by the Minority
20 Leader of the Senate.

21 (3) Two members of the House of appointed by the
22 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

1 (4) Two members of the House of Representatives
2 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
3 Representatives.

4 (5) Two members appointed by the Governor with
5 expertise in Illinois coal, coal mining, emission
6 reduction, or energy production.

7 (6) The Director of Natural Resources, or his or her
8 designee.

9 (7) The Director of the Environmental Protection
10 Agency, or his or her designee.

11 (c) Task Force members shall serve without compensation but
12 shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in performing
13 their duties.

14 (d) The Task Force shall report their findings and
15 recommendations to the General Assembly by December 31, 2017.

16 Section 15. Administrative support. The Department of
17 Natural Resources and the Illinois Environmental Protection
18 Agency shall provide administrative and other support to the
19 Task Force.

20 Section 20. Repeal. This Act is repealed on January 1,
21 2019.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
23 becoming law.