

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 and other
8 technologies that can be used to lower sulfur dioxide
9 emissions.

10 "Task Force" means the FGD Task Force

11 Section 10. The FGD Task Force.

12 (a) The FGD Task Force is hereby created to increase the
13 amount of Illinois Basin coal use in generation units. The FGD
14 Task Force shall identify and evaluate the costs, benefits, and
15 barriers of new and modified FGD, or other post-combustion
16 sulfur dioxide emission control technologies, and other
17 capital improvements, that would be necessary for generation
18 units to comply with the sulfur dioxide National Ambient Air
19 Quality Standards (NAAQS) while improving the ability of those
20 generation units to meet the effluent limitation guidelines
21 (ELGs) for wastewater discharges and enhancing the
22 marketability of the generation units' FGD byproducts.

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

2 (1) Two members of the Senate appointed by the
3 President of the Senate.

4 (2) Two members of the Senate appointed by the Minority
5 Leader of the Senate.

6 (3) Two members of the House of appointed by the
7 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

8 (4) Two members of the House of Representatives
9 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
10 Representatives.

11 (5) Three members appointed by the Governor, two with
12 expertise in Illinois coal, coal mining, emission
13 reduction, or energy production; and one representative of
14 an electricity generator that owns multiple coal-fueled
15 electric generation plants with FGD or similar
16 technologies.

17 (6) The Director of Natural Resources, or his or her
18 designee.

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

21 (c) Task Force members shall serve without compensation but
22 shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in performing
23 their duties.

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

1 Section 15. Administrative support. The Department of
2 Natural Resources and the Illinois Environmental Protection
3 Agency shall provide administrative and other support to the
4 Task Force.

5 Section 20. Repeal. This Act is repealed on January 1,
6 2019.

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
8 becoming law.