



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HB4790

by Rep. Carol Sente

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Compost-Amended Soil Construction Act. Provides that any State agency that undertakes a construction project that requires the use of offsite soil and that is located within 20 miles of any Illinois Environmental Protection Agency-permitted compost facility shall request a separate bid for compost-amended soil for that project. Provides that the State agency shall consider whether compost-amended soil shall be used based upon the construction cost. Provides that the State agency shall incorporate compost-amended soil into a construction project if the State agency deems the use of compost-amended soil to be appropriate. Provides that, in the 2019 calendar year, the Department of Transportation shall conduct 2 pilot road construction demonstrations using compost-amended soil. Provides that within one year of substantial completion of both projects, the Department shall report to the General Assembly stating the immediate cost of construction, long term operational cost savings, and advantages and disadvantages of using compost-amended soil.

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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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Compost-Amended Soil Construction Act.

6 Section 5. State construction projects. Any State agency
7 that undertakes a construction project requiring the use of
8 offsite soil and that is located within 20 miles of any
9 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency-permitted compost
10 facility shall request a separate bid for compost-amended soil
11 as a part of that project. The State agency shall consider
12 whether compost-amended soil should be used for that project
13 based upon the construction cost, including, but not limited
14 to, long-term service and maintenance, replacement of
15 plantings, reduced need for insecticides, and labor. The State
16 agency shall incorporate compost-amended soil into a
17 construction project if the State agency deems the use of
18 compost-amended soil to be appropriate. The Illinois
19 Environmental Protection Agency shall maintain a list of the
20 locations of all permitted compost facilities in the State and
21 post the list on its website.

22 Section 10. Pilot road construction demonstration

1 projects. During the 2019 calendar year, the Department of
2 Transportation shall conduct 2 pilot road construction
3 demonstration projects using compost-amended soil. The
4 Department shall determine the costs and advantages and
5 disadvantages of using compost-amended soil. Within one year of
6 substantial completion of both projects, the Department shall
7 report to the General Assembly stating the immediate cost of
8 construction, long term operational cost savings, and
9 advantages and disadvantages of using compost-amended soil.

10 This Section is repealed on January 1, 2022.