

HB4606



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

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Introduced 2/5/2020, by Rep. Theresa Mah

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

415 ILCS 5/40.4 new

Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Presents findings. Creates an environmental justice program to ensure enhanced public outreach procedures for permitting actions that affect areas of environmental justice concern. Requires the Environmental Protection Agency adopt rules within one year of the amendatory Act's effective date that implement the program and are consistent with the findings presented. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 5. The Environmental Protection Act is amended by
5 adding Section 40.4 as follows:

6 (415 ILCS 5/40.4 new)

7 Sec. 40.4. Environmental justice program.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

9 (1) People in Illinois should receive notice of and be
10 provided an opportunity to comment on proposed permitting
11 actions by the Agency.

12 (2) The Agency should facilitate public participation
13 and access to information during permitting.

14 (3) The Agency should accept public comments during the
15 permitting process.

16 (4) The Agency should give consideration to public
17 comments in a manner consistent with the Agency's authority
18 and the applicable State and federal laws and regulations
19 concerning the protection of air, water, and land.

20 (b) An environmental justice program is created to ensure
21 enhanced public outreach procedures for permitting actions
22 that affect areas of environmental justice concern.

23 (c) Within one year of the effective date of this

1 amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly, the Agency shall
2 adopt rules implementing subsection (b) that are consistent
3 with the findings in subsection (a).

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.