

1 AN ACT concerning environmental 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  
5 by adding Section 22.49 as follows:

6 (415 ILCS 5/22.49 new)

7 Sec. 22.49. Computer Equipment Disposal and Recycling  
8 Commission.

9 (a) The General Assembly finds that improper disposal of  
10 computer equipment presents a serious environmental threat.  
11 Computer equipment contains quantities of lead, mercury,  
12 other heavy metals, and plastics that, when improperly  
13 disposed of, can lead to environmental contamination.

14 (b) There is hereby created the Computer Equipment  
15 Disposal and Recycling Commission consisting of 7 members  
16 appointed as follows: 2 members appointed by the Governor,  
17 one of whom shall serve as Chairperson of the Commission; one  
18 member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor who shall serve  
19 as vice-chairperson; one member appointed by the Speaker of  
20 the House of Representatives; one member appointed by the  
21 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; one member  
22 appointed by the President of the Senate; and one member  
23 appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; all of whom  
24 shall serve without compensation. The Commission may accept  
25 and expend for its purposes any funds granted to the  
26 Commission by any agency of State or federal government or  
27 through private donation dealing exclusively with computer  
28 equipment disposal.

29 (c) The Commission shall have all of the following  
30 objectives:

31 (1) To investigate problems and concerns related to

1 the disposal and recycling of computer equipment.

2 (2) To advise the General Assembly and State  
3 agencies with respect to legislative, regulatory, or  
4 other actions within the area of computer equipment  
5 disposal, and any related subject matter (i.e. fax  
6 machines, printers, etc.).

7 (3) To make recommendations regarding the  
8 development and establishment of pilot programs and  
9 ongoing programs for the recycling and proper disposal of  
10 computer equipment.

11 (d) The Commission shall issue a report of its findings  
12 and recommendations in relation to the objectives listed in  
13 subsection (c) of this Section to the Governor, the General  
14 Assembly, and the Director of the Environmental Protection  
15 Agency on or before May 31, 2004.

16 (e) Beginning on May 31, 2005, the Commission shall  
17 evaluate the implementation of programs by the State relating  
18 to computer equipment disposal and recycling, and shall issue  
19 a report of its finding and recommendations to the Governor,  
20 the General Assembly, and the Director of the Environmental  
21 Protection Agency on or before December 31, 2006.

22 (f) The Commission, upon issuing the report described in  
23 subsection (e) of this Section, is dissolved.

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
25 becoming law.