

1 AN ACT concerning the Department of Agriculture.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Agriculture Law of the
5 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding
6 Section 205-40.43 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 205/205-40.43 new)

8 Sec. 205-40.43. Purchase of agricultural conservation
9 easements. The Department of Agriculture may establish and
10 implement a program for the purchase of agricultural
11 conservation easements, including the purchase of development
12 rights from willing landowners, for the protection of
13 agricultural land from unnecessary conversion to other uses.

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
15 becoming law.