

1 AN ACT in relation to transportation.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Transportation Law of the  
5 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by changing  
6 Section 2705-207 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2705/2705-207)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2005)

9 Sec. 2705-207. Regional Transportation Task Force.

10 (a) The Regional Transportation Task Force is created  
11 within the Department.

12 (b) The Task Force shall consist of 11 voting members, as  
13 follows: 3 members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall  
14 be designated as chair of the task force at the time of  
15 appointment; 2 members appointed by the President of the  
16 Senate; 2 members appointed by the Senate Minority Leader; 2  
17 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
18 Representatives; and 2 members appointed by the House Minority  
19 Leader.

20 The following shall serve, ex officio, as non-voting  
21 members: the Secretary of Transportation; one member  
22 designated by the Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS); one  
23 member designated by the Northeastern Illinois Planning  
24 Commission (NIPC); one member designated by the Regional  
25 Transportation Authority (RTA); one member designated by the  
26 Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (ISTHA); 2 members of  
27 Congress representing Illinois from different political  
28 parties, as designated by the Governor; and 4 members  
29 designated by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

30 If a vacancy occurs in the task force membership, the  
31 vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the initial  
32 appointment.

1 (c) The task force may begin to conduct business upon the  
2 appointment of a majority of the voting members, including the  
3 chair.

4 (d) The task force may adopt bylaws; it must meet at least  
5 once each calendar quarter; and it may establish committees and  
6 officers as it deems necessary. For purposes of task force  
7 meetings, a quorum is 6 voting members. Meetings of the task  
8 force are subject to the Open Meetings Act. The task force must  
9 afford an opportunity for public comment at each of its  
10 meetings.

11 (e) Task force members shall serve without compensation,  
12 but may be reimbursed for their reasonable travel expenses from  
13 funds available for that purpose. The Department shall provide  
14 staff and administrative support services to the task force.  
15 The Department and the task force may accept donated services  
16 and other resources from registered not-for-profit  
17 organizations as may be necessary to complete the work of the  
18 task force with minimal expense to the State of Illinois.

19 (f) The task force shall gather information and make  
20 recommendations to the Governor and to the General Assembly  
21 regarding metro area transportation programs in northeastern  
22 Illinois, which includes, without limitation, the counties of  
23 Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will. These  
24 recommendations must include, without limitation:

25 (1) examining the feasibility of merging CATS, NIPC,  
26 RTA, and ISTHA into a single agency;

27 (2) identifying areas where functions of these and  
28 other agencies are redundant or unnecessary;

29 (3) identifying methods to promote cost effectiveness,  
30 efficiency, and equality in meeting area transportation  
31 needs; and

32 (4) examining regional and economic impact as it  
33 relates to potential policy implementation.

34 (g) The task force shall submit a report to the Governor  
35 and the General Assembly by April 15, 2004 ~~March 1, 2004~~  
36 concerning its findings and recommendations.

1           (h) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2005.

2           (Source: P.A. 93-405, eff. 8-1-03.)

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