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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

415 ILCS 5/41

from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1041

Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Makes a technical change to a Section concerning judicial review.

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AN ACT concerning safety.

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

Section 5. The Environmental Protection Act is amended by
changing Section 41 as follows:

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(415 ILCS 5/41) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1041)

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Sec. 41. Judicial review.

(a) Any party to a Board hearing, any person who filed a 8 complaint on which a hearing was denied, any person who has 9 been denied a variance or permit under this Act, any party 10 adversely affected by a final order or determination of the the 11 Board, and any person who participated in the public comment 12 process under subsection (8) of Section 39.5 of this Act may 13 14 obtain judicial review, by filing a petition for review within 15 35 days from the date that a copy of the order or other final action sought to be reviewed was served upon the party affected 16 17 by the order or other final Board action complained of, under 18 the provisions of the Administrative Review Law, as amended and 19 the rules adopted pursuant thereto, except that review shall be afforded directly in the Appellate Court for the District in 20 which the cause of action arose and not in the Circuit Court. 21 22 Review of any rule or regulation promulgated by the Board shall 23 not be limited by this section but may also be had as provided in Section 29 of this Act. 24

25 (b) Any final order of the Board under this Act shall be based solely on the evidence in the record of the particular 26 proceeding involved, and any such final order for permit 27 28 appeals, enforcement actions and variance proceedings, shall be invalid if it is against the manifest weight of the 29 30 evidence. Notwithstanding this subsection, the Board may include such conditions in granting a variance and may adopt 31 such rules and regulations as the policies of this Act may 32

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1 require. If an objection is made to a variance condition, the 2 board shall reconsider the condition within not more than 75 3 days from the date of the objection.

4 (c) No challenge to the validity of a Board order shall be 5 made in any enforcement proceeding under Title XII of this Act 6 as to any issue that could have been raised in a timely 7 petition for review under this Section.

8 (d) If there is no final action by the Board within 120 days on a request for a variance which is subject to subsection 9 10 (c) of Section 38 or a permit appeal which is subject to 11 paragraph (a) (3) of Section 40 or paragraph (d) of Section 12 40.2 the petitioner shall be entitled to an Appellate Court 13 order under this subsection. If a hearing is required under this Act and was not held by the Board, the Appellate Court 14 15 shall order the Board to conduct such a hearing, and to make a 16 decision within 90 days from the date of the order. If a 17 hearing was held by the Board, or if a hearing is not required under this Act and was not held by the Board, the Appellate 18 19 Court shall order the Board to make a decision within 90 days 20 from the date of the order.

The Appellate Court shall retain jurisdiction during the pendency of any further action conducted by the Board under an order by the Appellate Court. The Appellate Court shall have jurisdiction to review all issues of law and fact presented upon appeal.

26 (Source: P.A. 87-1213; 88-1; 88-464; 88-670, eff. 12-2-94.)