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AN ACT concerning finance.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Non-Game Wildlife Protection Act is
amended by changing Section 4 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 155/4) (from Ch. 61, par. 404)

Sec. 4. (a) There is created the Illinois Wildlife 7 Preservation Fund, a special fund in the State Treasury. The 8 Department of Revenue shall determine annually the total amount 9 contributed to such fund pursuant to this Act and shall notify 10 the State Comptroller and the State Treasurer of such amount to 11 be transferred to the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund, and 12 upon receipt of such notification the State Comptroller shall 13 14 transfer such amount.

(b) The Department of Natural Resources shall deposit any donations including federal reimbursements received for the purposes in the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund.

18 (c) The General Assembly may appropriate annually from the 19 Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund such monies credited to 20 such fund from the check-off contribution system provided in 21 this Act and from other funds received for the purposes of this 22 Act, to the Department of Natural Resources to be used for the 23 purposes of preserving, protecting, perpetuating and enhancing non-game wildlife in this State. Beginning with fiscal year 24 25 2006, 5% of the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund must be 26 committed to or expended on grants by the Department of Natural Resources for the maintenance of wildlife rehabilitation 27 28 facilities that take care of threatened or endangered species. For purposes of calculating the 5%, the amount in the Fund is 29 30 exclusive of any federal funds deposited in or credited to the Fund. The Department shall establish criteria for the grants by 31 rules adopted in accordance with the Illinois Administrative 32

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<u>Procedure Act before January 1, 2006.</u> However, no amount
 appropriated from the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund may
 be used by the Department of Natural Resources to exercise its
 power of eminent domain.
 (Source: P.A. 88-130; 89-445, eff. 2-7-96.)

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

7 becoming law.