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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 185

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 185 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Commerce and Economic
5 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
6 amended by adding Section 605-975 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-975 new)

8 Sec. 605-975. Energy efficiency contractor certification.
9 The Department shall establish and administer a program to
10 certify energy efficiency contractors within the State. For the
11 purposes of this Section, "energy efficiency contractor" means
12 a contractor that is capable of (i) evaluating the energy
13 efficiency needs of single and multifamily homes, (ii)
14 installing and maintaining cost-effective energy efficient
15 products, (iii) informing consumers of available tax
16 incentives, rebates, and grants, and (iv) working with the

1 Department to develop and implement financing options for
2 consumers. The Department may work with State agencies and
3 not-for profit organizations in developing energy efficiency
4 financing options. The Department shall work with electric and
5 gas utilities in the State in order to develop the criteria
6 used to certify energy efficiency contractors. The Department
7 may revoke the certification of an energy efficiency contractor
8 if the contractor fails to maintain the standards required by
9 the certification program. The Department shall maintain a list
10 of all certified energy efficiency contractors in the State,
11 organized by service territory, and post that list on the
12 Department's website.

13 In addition, the Department may also implement one or more
14 pilot programs designed to offer low-cost energy efficient
15 appliances to residential consumers within the State.

16 Section 10. The Public Utilities Act is amended by adding
17 Section 5-204 as follows:

18 (220 ILCS 5/5-204 new)

19 Sec. 5-204. Energy efficiency contractors. All utilities
20 must work with the Department of Commerce and Economic
21 Opportunity to promote the Department's energy efficiency
22 contractor certification program. All utilities shall provide
23 a list of certified energy efficiency contractors to their
24 customers upon request. In addition, each utility must place,

1 on its website, a link to the energy efficiency contractor list
2 prepared by the Department of Commerce and Economic
3 Opportunity.

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