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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 185

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

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

8 (20 ILCS 605/605-975 new)

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

1 incentives, rebates, and grants, and (iv) informing consumers
2 of financing options available through local banks and
3 financial institutions that work in cooperation with the
4 Illinois Finance Authority. The Department may work with State
5 agencies and not-for profit organizations in developing energy
6 efficiency financing options in addition to financing made
7 available through the Illinois Finance Authority. The
8 Department shall work with electric and gas utilities in the
9 State in order to develop the criteria used to certify energy
10 efficiency contractors. The Department may revoke the
11 certification of an energy efficiency contractor if the
12 contractor fails to maintain the standards required by the
13 certification program. The Department shall maintain a list of
14 all certified energy efficiency contractors in the State,
15 organized by service territory, and post that list on the
16 Department's website.

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

20 Section 10. The Illinois Finance Authority Act is amended
21 by adding Section 801-50 as follows:

22 (20 ILCS 5/801-50 new)

23 Sec. 801-50. Energy efficiency contractors; financing. The
24 Authority shall work in cooperation with local banks and

1 financial institutions to develop financing options for
2 consumers who utilize energy efficiency contractors as
3 described in Section 605-975 of the Department of Commerce and
4 Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of
5 Illinois.

6 Section 15. The Public Utilities Act is amended by adding
7 Section 5-204 as follows:

8 (220 ILCS 5/5-204 new)

9 Sec. 5-204. Energy efficiency contractors. All utilities
10 must work with the Department of Commerce and Economic
11 Opportunity to promote the Department's energy efficiency
12 contractor certification program. All utilities shall provide
13 a list of certified energy efficiency contractors to their
14 customers upon request. In addition, each utility must place,
15 on its website, a link to the energy efficiency contractor list
16 prepared by the Department of Commerce and Economic
17 Opportunity.

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
19 becoming law."