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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3414

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 3414 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Illinois Main Street Act.

6 Section 5. Legislative purpose. The General Assembly makes  
7 the following findings:

8 (1) The continued economic vitality of downtown and  
9 neighborhood commercial districts in our municipalities is  
10 essential to community preservation, social cohesion, and  
11 economic growth.

12 (2) Municipalities need to maintain their local  
13 economies so that business owners will be able to provide  
14 goods and services to the community, to provide employment  
15 opportunities, to avoid disinvestment and economic  
16 dislocations, and to develop and sustain downtown and

1 neighborhood commercial district revitalization programs  
2 to address these problems.

3 Section 10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

4 "Department" means the Department of Commerce and Economic  
5 Opportunity.

6 "Director" means the Director of Commerce and Economic  
7 Opportunity.

8 "Program" means the Illinois Main Street Program.

9 Section 15. Illinois Main Street Program. The Illinois Main  
10 Street Program is created within the Department. In order to  
11 implement the Illinois Main Street Program, the Department  
12 shall do all of the following:

13 (1) Provide assistance to municipalities designated as  
14 Main Street Communities, municipalities interested in  
15 becoming designated through the program, and businesses,  
16 property owners, organizations, and municipalities  
17 undertaking a comprehensive downtown or neighborhood  
18 commercial district revitalization initiative and  
19 management strategy. Assistance may include, but is not  
20 limited to, initial site evaluations and assessments,  
21 training for local programs, training for local program  
22 staff, site visits and assessments by technical  
23 specialists, local program design assistance and  
24 evaluation, and continued local program on-site

1 assistance.

2 (2) To the extent funds are made available, provide  
3 financial assistance to municipalities or local  
4 organizations to assist in initial downtown or  
5 neighborhood commercial district revitalization program  
6 specialized training, specific project feasibility  
7 studies, market studies, and design assistance.

8 (3) Operate the Illinois Main Street Program in  
9 accordance with the plan developed by the Department.

10 (4) Consider other factors the Department deems  
11 necessary for the implementation of this Act.

12 Section 20. Main Street Community designation.

13 (a) The Department shall adopt criteria for the designation  
14 of a Main Street Community. In establishing the criteria, the  
15 Department shall consider all of the following:

16 (1) The degree of interest and commitment to  
17 comprehensive downtown or neighborhood commercial district  
18 revitalization and, where applicable, historic  
19 preservation by both the public and private sectors.

20 (2) The evidence of potential private sector  
21 investment in the downtown or neighborhood commercial  
22 district.

23 (3) Where applicable, a downtown or neighborhood  
24 commercial district with sufficient historic fabric to  
25 become a foundation for an enhanced community image.

1           (4) The capacity of the organization to undertake a  
2           comprehensive program and the financial commitment to  
3           implement a long-term downtown or neighborhood commercial  
4           district revitalization program that includes a commitment  
5           to employ a professional program manager.

6           (5) The National Main Street Center's criteria for  
7           designating official main street municipalities.

8           (6) Other factors the Department deems necessary for  
9           the designation of a local program.

10          (b) Illinois Main Street shall designate local downtown or  
11          neighborhood commercial district revitalization programs and  
12          official local main street programs.

13          (c) The Department must approve all local downtown or  
14          neighborhood commercial district revitalization program  
15          boundaries. The boundaries of a local downtown or neighborhood  
16          commercial district revitalization program are typically  
17          defined using the pedestrian core of a traditional commercial  
18          district.

19          Section 25. Illinois Main Street Plan. The Department  
20          shall, in consultation with the Lieutenant Governor, develop a  
21          plan for the Illinois Main Street Program. The plan shall  
22          describe:

23                 (1) the objectives and strategies of the Illinois Main  
24                 Street Program;

25                 (2) how the Illinois Main Street Program will be

1 coordinated with existing federal, state, local, and  
2 private sector business development and historic  
3 preservation efforts;

4 (3) the means by which private investment will be  
5 solicited and employed;

6 (4) the methods of selecting and providing assistance  
7 to participating local programs; and

8 (5) a means to solicit private contributions for State  
9 and local operations of the Illinois Main Street Program.

10 Section 30. Role of the Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant  
11 Governor shall be the Ambassador of the Illinois Main Street  
12 Program. The Department shall advise and consult with the  
13 Lieutenant Governor on the activities of the Illinois Main  
14 Street Program. The Lieutenant Governor, with the assistance of  
15 the Department, shall promote and encourage the success of the  
16 Illinois Main Street Program.

17 Section 35. Illinois Main Street Fund. The Illinois Main  
18 Street Fund is created as a special fund in the State treasury.  
19 All receipts from private contributions, federal funds,  
20 legislative appropriations, and fees for services, if levied,  
21 must be deposited into the Fund. Subject to appropriation,  
22 expenditures from the Fund may be used only for the benefit of  
23 the Illinois Main Street Program.

1 Section 90. The Green Governments Illinois Act is amended  
2 by changing Sections 15, 35, and 45 as follows:

3 (20 ILCS 3954/15)

4 Sec. 15. Composition of the Council. The Council shall be  
5 composed ~~comprised~~ of representatives from various State  
6 agencies and State universities with specific fiscal,  
7 procurement, educational, and environmental policy expertise.  
8 Until the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th  
9 General Assembly, the ~~The~~ Lieutenant Governor is the chair of  
10 the Council. On and after the effective date of this amendatory  
11 Act of the 97th General Assembly, the Governor is the chair of  
12 the Council, and the Lieutenant Governor, or his or her  
13 designee, shall be a member of the council. The director or  
14 President, respectively, of each of the following State  
15 agencies and State universities, or his or her designee, is a  
16 member of the Council: the Department of Commerce and Economic  
17 Opportunity, the Environmental Protection Agency, the  
18 University of Illinois, the Department of Natural Resources,  
19 the Department of Central Management Services, the Governor's  
20 Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Agriculture,  
21 the Department of Transportation, the Department of  
22 Corrections, the Department of Human Services, the Department  
23 of Public Health, the State Board of Education, the Board of  
24 Higher Education, and the Capital Development Board. The Office  
25 of the ~~Lieutenant~~ Governor shall provide administrative

1 support to the Council. A minimum of one staff position in the  
2 Office of the ~~Lieutenant~~ Governor shall be dedicated to the  
3 Green Governments Illinois program.

4 (Source: P.A. 95-657, eff. 10-10-07; 95-728, eff. 7-1-08 - See  
5 Sec. 999; 96-74, eff. 7-24-09.)

6 (20 ILCS 3954/35)

7 Sec. 35. Environmental Plans and Reporting.

8 (a) Each State agency shall submit an annual adopted  
9 environmental sustainability plan to the chairman of the  
10 Council for review and approval on or before April 1, 2008 and  
11 each April 1 thereafter.

12 On or before November 1, 2007, the Council shall prepare a  
13 downloadable plan template designed to provide a simple  
14 framework for the development of an environmental  
15 sustainability plan as required by this Act. The Council shall  
16 adopt procedures for reviewing and approving the plans, and  
17 make staff available during preparation of the plans to assist  
18 State agencies with their plan-writing efforts. The Council  
19 shall complete its plan review process on or before June 1,  
20 2008. The sustainability plans shall be reviewed and updated  
21 periodically, but at least once every 3 years. Units of local  
22 government and educational institutions are encouraged to  
23 submit similar sustainability plans to the chairman of the  
24 Council for review and approval.

25 (b) On or before January 1, 2008, each State agency, using

1 existing resources, shall form an internal environmental  
2 sustainability committee. The environmental sustainability  
3 committee shall (i) assess the environmental and resource use  
4 impacts of its major operational activities making  
5 environmental improvements, conserving resources, and reducing  
6 health risks; (ii) develop an annual environmental  
7 sustainability plan as required under this Act; and (iii)  
8 establish an ongoing process through which their  
9 sustainability efforts can be reviewed and improved upon. The  
10 committee shall focus on the most significant environmental and  
11 resource use impacts, examine the feasibility and  
12 cost-effectiveness of addressing these impacts, and prioritize  
13 their actions accordingly.

14 Where feasible, the committee shall quantify the specific  
15 impacts of major operational activities such as gallons of  
16 water used, pounds of solid waste generated, gallons of  
17 gasoline consumed, and dollars spent per year on electricity.  
18 The committee shall consist of representatives from different  
19 departments and program areas, including purchasing,  
20 maintenance, and facility management. A senior member of  
21 management shall be designated to coordinate environmental  
22 sustainability efforts of each committee. The coordinator  
23 shall provide information to agency facilities and staff,  
24 coordinate planning and reporting activities, and act as  
25 liaison to the Council. Where appropriate, State agencies may  
26 appoint facility coordinators in addition to the agency



1 coordinator. Coordinators shall be given full management  
2 support and provided with the necessary resources to meet the  
3 goals of this Act.

4 (c) On or before July 1, 2008 and on or before September 1  
5 of each subsequent year, each State agency shall submit to the  
6 chairman of the Council a report summarizing the progress made  
7 in implementing its annual environmental sustainability plan,  
8 including sustainability measures adopted and goals achieved.  
9 The information in this report shall encompass the previous  
10 fiscal year.

11 On or before June 1, 2008, the Council shall develop and  
12 adopt a reporting form to be used to comply with the provisions  
13 of this Section. Participating units of local government and  
14 educational institutions are encouraged to submit an annual  
15 progress report on or before September 1 of each year.

16 (d) State agencies shall be invited to participate in the  
17 Council's efforts to foster environmental sustainability  
18 practices throughout State government.

19 (e) The Council shall provide technical assistance to State  
20 agencies, units of local government, and educational  
21 institutions for the purpose of implementing the environmental  
22 sustainability planning requirement.

23 (f) The Council may establish criteria for exempting select  
24 State agencies from the environmental sustainability planning  
25 based on staff size, probable environmental impacts, and scope  
26 of operations.

1 (Source: P.A. 95-657, eff. 10-10-07; 96-74, eff. 7-24-09.)

2 (20 ILCS 3954/45)

3 Sec. 45. Green Governments Illinois website.

4 (a) The Green Governments Illinois staff member of the  
5 ~~Lieutenant~~ Governor's Office shall be responsible for  
6 establishing and maintaining an Internet website devoted to the  
7 Green Governments Illinois program.

8 (b) The content and capabilities of the website shall, at a  
9 minimum, include:

10 (1) (blank) ~~the ability to receive submitted plans and~~  
11 ~~reports;~~

12 (2) (blank) ~~a downloadable template for preparing~~  
13 ~~reports;~~

14 (3) viewable and downloadable plans and reports  
15 submitted by the participating units of State and local  
16 government and educational institutions;

17 (4) a listing of sources of information on developing  
18 environmental programs and Internet links, if available,  
19 to those sources;

20 (5) a listing of sources of funding for environmental  
21 programs and Internet links, if available, to those  
22 sources;

23 (6) information on forming intergovernmental  
24 agreements for the purpose of developing collaborative  
25 environmental plans between units of local government; and

1           (7) guidance materials to assist State agencies, units  
2           of local government, and educational institutions in  
3           identifying environmental impacts and evaluating practical  
4           actions to prevent pollution and conserve resources.

5           (Source: P.A. 95-657, eff. 10-10-07.)

6           Section 95. The State Finance Act is amended by adding  
7           Section 5.786 as follows:

8           (30 ILCS 105/5.786 new)

9           Sec. 5.786. The Illinois Main Street Fund.

10          Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
11          becoming law."