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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3527

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 3527 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 "Independence from Oil Act".

6 Section 5. Legislative findings. The General Assembly
7 finds that:

8 (1) Oil consumption contributes to global warming and harms
9 the environment. Oil use is the number one source of carbon
10 dioxide pollution from the U.S. economy. American emissions of
11 global warming pollution from burning oil alone exceed the
12 total emissions from every nation in the world other than
13 China. Oil spills impose massive damage on the environment.

14 (2) Oil also threatens public health, particularly
15 affecting children and minority communities. Oil-powered
16 vehicles produce soot and smog pollution, which causes asthma

1 attacks and premature deaths. Between 2000 and 2006, over 200
2 Illinoisans died each year from asthma on average. Minorities
3 were disproportionately impacted, with African Americans
4 having an average asthma mortality rate four times higher than
5 that of the white population.

6 (3) Oil and gasoline prices place an unnecessary and
7 mounting economic burden on Illinois residents. Illinois
8 regularly has among the highest gas prices in the nation, and
9 in 2011, Illinoisans spent more than 7% of their income on
10 gasoline alone.

11 (4) Reliance on oil undermines national security, sending
12 over 1 billion dollars overseas per day, often to nations
13 opposed to American interests.

14 (5) Recent analysis has found that state and federal
15 policies, including those to promote public transit, walking
16 and biking, high-speed rail, energy efficiency, and electric
17 vehicles could reduce Illinois' oil consumption by almost 40%
18 by 2030.

19 (6) Illinois should help protect the environment,
20 safeguard public health, strengthen its economy, and support
21 national security by reducing aggregate oil consumption in the
22 State.

23 Section 10. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless the
24 context clearly requires otherwise:

25 "Office" means the Department of Commerce and Economic

1 Opportunity's Office of Energy and Recycling.

2 "Plan" means the Illinois Independence from Oil Plan,
3 created pursuant to Section 15 of this Act.

4 Section 15. Illinois Independence from Oil Plan. The Office
5 shall develop a plan to reduce the consumption of oil in the
6 State. The plan must be designed to meet the targets of
7 reducing consumption of oil in the State by at least 30% from
8 2007 levels by 2030 and at least 50% from 2007 levels by 2050.
9 In establishing these targets, the Office shall consider the
10 potential of oil savings from the following strategies to
11 improve energy efficiency and move to clean, renewable energy:

12 (1) expanding and investing in public transportation,
13 including bus transit and high speed rail, and offering
14 incentives for commuters to use public transportation
15 where available;

16 (2) the rapid deployment of electric vehicles, through
17 a combination of policies that may include, but are not
18 limited to, comprehensive planning with utilities,
19 investments in electric vehicle infrastructure, and
20 consumer tax incentives;

21 (3) achieving home and commercial weatherization and
22 efficiency improvements;

23 (4) establishing rebates or other consumer incentives
24 for retiring older, inefficient vehicles;

25 (5) coordinating land use and transportation planning

1 to encourage growth in areas accessible by walking, biking,
2 and public transportation;

3 (6) transitioning to renewable energy for heating,
4 including energy from wind, solar, geothermal, and
5 sustainable biomass;

6 (7) establishing additional policies and incentives
7 for industrial efficiency improvements, including
8 replacements of industrial boilers and other steps to
9 reduce petroleum consumption; and

10 (8) adopting other strategies that can help enable
11 Illinois to achieve the oil-reduction targets.

12 The Office shall report to the General Assembly by February
13 1, 2013 with recommendations for short-term and mid-term
14 policies needed to achieve the overall reductions in oil use,
15 including recommendations for specific legislative actions.

16 It is the policy of the State to reduce aggregate oil
17 consumption in the State by working to implement the
18 recommendations and meet the targets set forth in the plan.

19 By February 1, 2015 and by February 1 every 5 years
20 thereafter, the Governor shall evaluate the State's progress
21 toward meeting the plan's goals and make additional
22 recommendations to the legislative committees having
23 jurisdiction over energy, transportation, technology, public
24 health, and environmental matters as necessary to ensure that
25 the State can meet the reduction goals.".

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.".