

# HB3769



## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

HB3769

by Rep. Sue Scherer

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

30 ILCS 595/35 new

Amends the Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Act. Provides that the Department of Agriculture shall create and maintain 2 public directories for the purpose of facilitating the purchase of local farm or food products. Provides that the Farmers' Public Directory shall include information necessary for farmers to identify and contact purchasing agents. Provides that the Purchasers' Public Directory shall include information necessary for purchasers to identify and contact qualified farmers and distributors. Authorizes the Department to adopt rules necessary to implement this program.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning finance.

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

4 Section 5. The Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Act is amended  
5 by adding Section 35 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 595/35 new)

7 Sec. 35. Public Directories. The Department of Agriculture  
8 shall create and maintain 2 public directories for the purpose  
9 of facilitating the purchase of local farm or food products.  
10 The directories shall be developed and maintained jointly with  
11 the Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Council. The directories shall  
12 be as follow:

13 (a)Farmers' Public Directory. The Farmers' Public  
14 Directory shall include, at a minimum, information necessary  
15 for farmers to identify and contact purchasing agents at:

- 16 (1) State agencies;  
17 (2) Public colleges; and  
18 (3) State universities.

19 (b)Purchasers' Public Directory. The Purchasers' Public  
20 Directory shall include, at a minimum, information necessary  
21 for purchasers to identify and contact qualified farmers and  
22 distributors of local farm or food products. The Department  
23 shall adopt rules necessary to implement this Section. The

1 Department shall solicit federal and State funding for the  
2 purpose of implementing this program, and this program is  
3 subject to appropriations. The requirement of the Department to  
4 establish, and make available on its website, this database  
5 shall become effective once the Department has secured all of  
6 the additional federal or State funding necessary to implement  
7 this program.