

AN ACT concerning health.

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

Section 5. The Environmental Protection Act is amended by adding Section 56.8 as follows:

(415 ILCS 5/56.8 new)

Sec. 56.8. Pharmaceutical Disposal Task Force.

(a) The Pharmaceutical Disposal Task Force is created. The Task Force shall coordinate a statewide public information campaign to highlight the benefits of and opportunities to properly dispose of pharmaceutical products. The campaign shall be implemented by the Agency, in coordination with the Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Board of Education. The publicity of the campaign shall include, as appropriate, opportunities to properly dispose of pharmaceutical products provided by:

- (1) local police departments and local governments,
- (2) pharmacies,
- (3) long-term hazardous waste facilities,
- (4) hazardous-waste collection events,
- (5) the Agency,
- (6) the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, and
- (7) other public or private efforts to properly dispose

of pharmaceuticals.

The campaign shall address students, seniors, and at-risk populations and shall outline the public health benefits of proper disposal of unused pharmaceutical products and the dangers and risks of their improper disposal.

(b) The Task Force shall consist of the following members appointed by the Director of the Agency:

(1) one representative of the Agency, who shall serve as the chair of the Task Force;

(2) one representative of the Department of Public Health;

(3) one representative of the Illinois State Board of Education;

(4) one representative of a statewide organization representing pharmacists;

(5) one representative of a statewide organization representing agricultural interests;

(6) one representative of a statewide organization representing environmental concerns;

(7) one representative of a statewide organization representing physicians licensed to practice medicine in all its branches;

(8) one representative of a statewide organization representing coroners;

(9) one representative of a statewide organization representing pharmaceutical manufacturers; and

(10) one representative of a statewide organization representing retailers.

If a vacancy occurs in the Task Force membership, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Task Force members shall not receive compensation for their service on the Task Force. The Agency shall provide the Task Force with administrative and other support.

(c) This Section is repealed on December 31, 2022.