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AN ACT concerning State government.

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

Section 5. The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding Section 605-337 as follows:

(20 ILCS 605/605-337 new)

Sec. 605-337. Restored vacant buildings; loan program. The Department may implement and administer a pilot program during fiscal years 2010 and 2011 to encourage businesses to restore, refurbish, and retrofit existing buildings that have been vacant for at least 90 continuous days so that a business is able to occupy the building as a retail, professional, corporate, manufacturing, assembly, or distribution business. Subject to appropriation, the Department may make interest free loans for this purpose, but loans may not be made for any building that would be used for residential purposes. Loans shall be for a term of 10 years, and the borrower must repay at least 5% of the original principal amount of the loan each year and the balance at the end of the term. On or before April 1, 2011, the Department shall report to the General Assembly on the effectiveness of the pilot program and recommend whether it should be extended.

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Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1, 2009.