- 1 AN ACT concerning environmental protection.
- 2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
- 3 represented in the General Assembly:
- 4 Section 5. The Environmental Protection Act is amended
- 5 by changing Sections 4 and 21.4 and by adding Sections 21.3a
- 6 and 21.7 as follows:
- 7 (415 ILCS 5/4) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1004)
- 8 Sec. 4. Environmental Protection Agency; establishment;
- 9 duties.

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- 10 (a) There is established in the Executive Branch of the
- 11 State Government an agency to be known as the Environmental
- 12 Protection Agency. This Agency shall be under the
- 13 supervision and direction of a Director who shall be
- 14 appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the
- 15 Senate. The term of office of the Director shall expire on
- 16 the third Monday of January in odd numbered years, provided
- 17 that he or she shall hold office until a successor is
- 18 appointed and has qualified. The Director shall receive an

annual salary as set by the Governor from time to time or as

- 20 set by the Compensation Review Board, whichever is greater.
- 21 If set by the Governor, the Director's annual salary may not
- 22 exceed 85% of the Governor's annual salary. The Director, in
- 23 accord with the Personnel Code, shall employ and direct such
- 24 personnel, and shall provide for such laboratory and other
- 25 facilities, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of
- 26 this Act. In addition, the Director may by agreement secure
- 27 such services as he or she may deem necessary from any other
- department, agency, or unit of the State Government, and may
- 29 employ and compensate such consultants and technical
- 30 assistants as may be required.
- 31 (b) The Agency shall have the duty to collect and

- 1 disseminate such information, acquire such technical data,
- 2 and conduct such experiments as may be required to carry out
- 3 the purposes of this Act, including ascertainment of the
- 4 quantity and nature of discharges from any contaminant source
- 5 and data on those sources, and to operate and arrange for the
- 6 operation of devices for the monitoring of environmental
- 7 quality.
- 8 (c) The Agency shall have authority to conduct a program
- 9 of continuing surveillance and of regular or periodic
- 10 inspection of actual or potential contaminant or noise
- 11 sources, of public water supplies, and of refuse disposal
- 12 sites.
- 13 (d) In accordance with constitutional limitations, the
- 14 Agency shall have authority to enter at all reasonable times
- upon any private or public property for the purpose of:
- 16 (1) Inspecting and investigating to ascertain
- 17 possible violations of the Act or of regulations
- thereunder, or of permits or terms or conditions thereof;
- 19 or
- 20 (2) In accordance with the provisions of this Act,
- 21 taking whatever preventive or corrective action,
- including but not limited to removal or remedial action,
- 23 that is necessary or appropriate whenever there is a
- release or a substantial threat of a release of (A) a
- 25 hazardous substance or pesticide, er (B) petroleum from
- an underground storage tank, (C) any contaminant, or (D)
- 27 <u>any waste</u>.
- 28 (e) The Agency shall have the duty to investigate
- 29 violations of this Act or of regulations adopted thereunder,
- 30 or of permits or terms or conditions thereof, to issue
- 31 administrative citations as provided in Section 31.1 of this
- 32 Act, and to take such summary enforcement action as is
- provided for by Section 34 of this Act.
- 34 (f) The Agency shall appear before the Board in any

- 1 hearing upon a petition for variance, the denial of a permit,
- 2 or the validity or effect of a rule or regulation of the
- 3 Board, and shall have the authority to appear before the
- 4 Board in any hearing under the Act.
- 5 (g) The Agency shall have the duty to administer, in
- 6 accord with Title X of this Act, such permit and
- 7 certification systems as may be established by this Act or by
- 8 regulations adopted thereunder. The Agency may enter into
- 9 written delegation agreements with any department, agency, or
- 10 unit of State or local government under which all or portions
- of this duty may be delegated for public water supply storage
- 12 and transport systems, sewage collection and transport
- 13 systems, air pollution control sources with uncontrolled
- 14 emissions of 100 tons per year or less and application of
- 15 algicides to waters of the State. Such delegation agreements
- will require that the work to be performed thereunder will be
- in accordance with Agency criteria, subject to Agency review,
- 18 and shall include such financial and program auditing by the
- 19 Agency as may be required.
- 20 (h) The Agency shall have authority to require the
- 21 submission of complete plans and specifications from any
- 22 applicant for a permit required by this Act or by regulations
- 23 thereunder, and to require the submission of such reports
- 24 regarding actual or potential violations of the Act or of
- 25 regulations thereunder, or of permits or terms or conditions
- thereof, as may be necessary for purposes of this Act.
- 27 (i) The Agency shall have authority to make
- 28 recommendations to the Board for the adoption of regulations
- 29 under Title VII of the Act.
- 30 (j) The Agency shall have the duty to represent the
- 31 State of Illinois in any and all matters pertaining to plans,
- 32 procedures, or negotiations for interstate compacts or other
- 33 governmental arrangements relating to environmental
- 34 protection.

1 (k) The Agency shall have the authority to accept, 2 receive, and administer on behalf of the State any grants, gifts, loans, indirect cost reimbursements, or other funds 3 4 made available to the State from any source for purposes of 5 this Act or for air or water pollution control, public water supply, solid waste disposal, noise abatement, or other 6 environmental protection activities, surveys, or programs. 7 8 Any federal funds received by the Agency pursuant to this 9 subsection shall be deposited in a trust fund with the State Treasurer and held and disbursed by him in accordance with 10 11 Treasurer as Custodian of Funds Act, provided that such monies shall be used only for the purposes for which they are 12 contributed and any balance remaining shall be returned to 13 the contributor. 14

The Agency is authorized to promulgate such regulations and enter into such contracts as it may deem necessary for carrying out the provisions of this subsection.

The Agency is hereby designated as water pollution 18 19 agency for the state for all purposes of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended; as implementing agency for 20 21 the State for all purposes of the Safe Drinking Water Act, Public Law 93-523, as now or hereafter amended, except 22 23 Section 1425 of that Act; as air pollution agency for the state for all purposes of the Clean Air Act of 1970, Public 24 25 Law 91-604, approved December 31, 1970, as amended; and as solid waste agency for the state for all purposes of the 26 Solid Waste Disposal Act, Public Law 89-272, approved October 27 20, 1965, and amended by the Resource Recovery Act of 1970, 28 29 Public Law 91-512, approved October 26, 1970, as amended, and 30 amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, (P.L. 94-580) approved October 21, 1976, as amended; as 31 32 noise control agency for the state for all purposes of the Noise Control Act of 1972, Public Law 92-574, approved 33 34 October 27, 1972, as amended; and as implementing agency for

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1 the State for all purposes of the Comprehensive Environmental 2 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (P.L. 96-510), as amended; and otherwise as pollution control 3 4 agency for the State pursuant to federal laws integrated with 5 the foregoing laws, for financing purposes or otherwise. б Agency is hereby authorized to take all action necessary or 7 appropriate to secure to the State the benefits of such 8 federal Acts, provided that the Agency shall transmit to 9 United States without change any standards adopted by the Pollution Control Board pursuant to Section 5(c) of this Act. 10 11 This subsection (1) of Section 4 shall not be construed to bar or prohibit the Environmental Protection Trust Fund 12 13 Commission from accepting, receiving, and administering on behalf of the State any grants, gifts, loans or other funds 14 for which the Commission is eligible pursuant 15 16 Environmental Protection Trust Fund Act. The Agency is hereby designated as the State agency for all purposes of 17 18 administering the requirements of Section 313 of the federal 19 Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986. Any municipality, sanitary district, or other political 20 2.1 subdivision, or any Agency of the State or interstate Agency, 22 which makes application for loans or grants under such 23 federal Acts shall notify the Agency of such application; the Agency may participate in proceedings under such federal 24 25 Acts. The Agency shall have authority, consistent with 26 (m)

(m) The Agency shall have authority, consistent with Section 5(c) and other provisions of this Act, and for purposes of Section 303(e) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as now or hereafter amended, to engage in planning processes and activities and to develop plans in cooperation with units of local government, state agencies and officers, and other appropriate persons in connection with the jurisdiction or duties of each such unit, agency, officer or person. Public hearings shall be held on the

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- 1 planning process, at which any person shall be permitted to
- 2 appear and be heard, pursuant to procedural regulations
- 3 promulgated by the Agency.
- 4 (n) In accordance with the powers conferred upon the
- 5 Agency by Sections 10(g), 13(b), 19, 22(d) and 25 of this
- 6 Act, the Agency shall have authority to establish and enforce
- 7 minimum standards for the operation of laboratories relating
- 8 to analyses and laboratory tests for air pollution, water
- 9 pollution, noise emissions, contaminant discharges onto land
- 10 and sanitary, chemical, and mineral quality of water
- 11 distributed by a public water supply. The Agency may enter
- 12 into formal working agreements with other departments or
- 13 agencies of state government under which all or portions of
- 14 this authority may be delegated to the cooperating department
- or agency.
- 16 (o) The Agency shall have the authority to issue
- 17 certificates of competency to persons and laboratories
- 18 meeting the minimum standards established by the Agency in
- 19 accordance with Section 4(n) of this Act and to promulgate
- 20 and enforce regulations relevant to the issuance and use of
- 21 such certificates. The Agency may enter into formal working
- 22 agreements with other departments or agencies of state
- 23 government under which all or portions of this authority may
- 24 be delegated to the cooperating department or agency.
- 25 (p) Except as provided in Section 17.7, the Agency shall
- 26 have the duty to analyze samples as required from each public
- 27 water supply to determine compliance with the contaminant
- levels specified by the Pollution Control Board. The maximum
- 29 number of samples which the Agency shall be required to
- 30 analyze for microbiological quality shall be 6 per month, but
- 31 the Agency may, at its option, analyze a larger number each
- 32 month for any supply. Results of sample analyses for
- 33 additional required bacteriological testing, turbidity,
- 34 residual chlorine and radionuclides are to be provided to the

- 1 Agency in accordance with Section 19. Owners of water
- 2 supplies may enter into agreements with the Agency to provide
- 3 for reduced Agency participation in sample analyses.
- 4 (q) The Agency shall have the authority to provide
- 5 notice to any person who may be liable pursuant to Section
- 6 22.2(f) or 58.9 of this Act for a release or a substantial
- 7 threat of a release of a hazardous substance or pesticide.
- 8 The Agency shall have the authority to provide notice to any
- 9 person who may be liable pursuant to this Act for a release
- 10 or a substantial threat of release of any contaminant or
- 11 <u>waste.</u> Such notice shall include the identified response
- 12 action and an opportunity for such person to perform the
- 13 response action.
- 14 (r) The Agency may enter into written delegation
- 15 agreements with any unit of local government under which it
- 16 may delegate all or portions of its inspecting, investigating
- 17 and enforcement functions. Such delegation agreements shall
- 18 require that work performed thereunder be in accordance with
- 19 Agency criteria and subject to Agency review.
- 20 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
- 21 no unit of local government shall be liable for any injury
- 22 resulting from the exercise of its authority pursuant to such
- 23 a delegation agreement unless the injury is proximately
- 24 caused by the willful and wanton negligence of an agent or
- 25 employee of the unit of local government, and any policy of
- 26 insurance coverage issued to a unit of local government may
- 27 provide for the denial of liability and the nonpayment of
- 28 claims based upon injuries for which the unit of local
- 29 government is not liable pursuant to this subsection (r).
- 30 (s) The Agency shall have authority to take whatever
- 31 preventive or corrective action is necessary or appropriate,
- 32 including but not limited to expenditure of monies
- 33 appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund, and the Build
- 34 Illinois Purposes Fund, and the General Revenue Fund for

- 1 removal or remedial action, whenever any hazardous substance,
- 2 or pesticide, petroleum from an underground storage tank,
- 3 <u>contaminant, or waste</u> is released or there is a substantial
- 4 threat of such a release into the environment.
- 5 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, unless
- 6 required by federal law the Agency shall not be required to
- 7 <u>obtain a permit for any preventive or corrective action,</u>
- 8 <u>including but not limited to removal or remedial action</u>
- 9 conducted entirely on site, where the action is selected and
- 10 performed in accordance with this Act. The State, the
- 11 Director, and any State employee shall be indemnified for any
- damages or injury arising out of or resulting from any action
- 13 taken under this subsection. The Director of the Agency is
- 14 authorized to enter into such contracts and agreements as are
- 15 necessary to carry out the Agency's duties under this
- 16 subsection.
- 17 (t) The Agency shall have authority to distribute
- grants, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly, for
- 19 financing and construction of municipal wastewater
- 20 facilities. With respect to all monies appropriated from the
- 21 Build Illinois Bond Fund and the Build Illinois Purposes Fund
- 22 for wastewater facility grants, the Agency shall make
- 23 distributions in conformity with the rules and regulations
- 24 established pursuant to the Anti-Pollution Bond Act, as now
- or hereafter amended.
- 26 (u) Pursuant to the Illinois Administrative Procedure
- 27 Act, the Agency shall have the authority to adopt such rules
- as are necessary or appropriate for the Agency to implement
- 29 Section 31.1 of this Act.
- 30 (v) (Blank.)
- 31 (w) Neither the State, nor the Director, nor the Board,
- 32 nor any State employee shall be liable for any damages or
- 33 injury arising out of or resulting from any action taken
- 34 under subsection (s).

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(x)(1) The Agency shall have authority to distribute grants, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly, to units of local government for financing and construction of public water supply facilities. With respect to all monies appropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund or the Build Illinois Purposes Fund for public water supply grants, such grants shall be made in accordance with rules promulgated by the Agency. Such rules shall include a requirement for a local match of 30% of the total project cost for projects funded through such grants.

- (2) The Agency shall not terminate a grant to a of unit. local government for the financing and construction of public water supply facilities unless and until the Agency adopts rules that set forth precise complete standards, pursuant to Section 5-20 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, for termination of such grants. The Agency shall not make determinations on whether specific grant conditions are necessary to ensure the integrity of a project or on whether subagreements shall be awarded, with respect to grants for the financing and construction of public water supply facilities, unless and until the Agency adopts rules that set forth precise and complete standards, pursuant to Section 5-20 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, for making such determinations. Agency shall not issue a stop-work order in relation to unless and until the Agency adopts precise such grants and complete standards, pursuant to Section 5-20 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, for determining whether to issue a stop-work order.
- 32 (y) The Agency shall have authority to release any 33 person from further responsibility for preventive or 34 corrective action under this Act following successful

- 1 completion of preventive or corrective action undertaken by
- 2 such person upon written request by the person.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 91-25, eff. 6-9-99; 92-574, eff. 6-26-02.)
- 4 (415 ILCS 5/21.3a new)
- 5 <u>Section 21.3a. Preventive or corrective action liens.</u>
- 6 (a) Established. A lien recorded by the Agency on or
- 7 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd
- 8 General Assembly shall be filed in accordance with this
- 9 <u>Section</u>. For liens recorded on or after the effective date
- 10 of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, any
- 11 costs incurred by the Agency pursuant to Section 21.7, 22.2,
- 12 <u>55.3, or 58.9 of this Act shall constitute a debt and shall</u>
- 13 <u>be a lien in favor of the State upon the affected real</u>
- 14 property.
- 15 <u>Interest on the debt shall accrue at a rate of 12% per</u>
- 16 <u>annum from the date the Agency files the notice of intent to</u>
- file a lien under subsection (e) of this Section.
- 18 (b) Definitions. For purposes of this Section, the
- 19 <u>following terms and phrases shall have the meanings</u>
- 20 <u>indicated</u>, <u>unless the context requires otherwise</u>:
- 21 <u>"Farming" means the tillage of the soil, dairy</u>
- farming, ranching, or the production or raising of crops,
- 23 poultry, or livestock.
- 24 <u>"Preventive or corrective action" includes, but is</u>
- 25 <u>not limited to, removal or remedial action.</u>
- 26 <u>"Affected real property" means the parcel or parcels</u>
- of real property upon which the Agency has undertaken the
- 28 <u>preventive or corrective action, and any contiguous</u>
- 29 <u>parcel that was subdivided therefrom within the 3 years</u>
- 30 <u>before the date of the filing of the lien.</u>
- 31 <u>"Residential real property" means real property used</u>
- or under construction as single or multi-family housing
- 33 <u>at the time the lien is recorded.</u>

1	(c) Priority. A preventive or corrective action lien
2	filed in accordance with the provisions of this Section shall
3	have priority over all liens, mortgages, and other
4	encumbrances filed after the effective date of this
5	amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, except:
6	(1) mortgages, liens, or other encumbrances on
7	residential real property and real property used
8	primarily for farming; and
9	(2) liens for general taxes, special assessments,
10	and special taxes levied by a school district, unit of
11	local government, or political subdivision of this State.
12	(d) Subdivision limitation. Residential real property
13	that was subdivided from the affected real property and
14	transferred before the date of the filing of the notice of
15	intent as described in subsection (f) of this Section is not
16	subject to a preventive or corrective action lien.
17	(e) Opportunity to perform work. No preventive or
18	corrective action lien shall have priority over a previously
19	filed lien, mortgage, and other encumbrance unless the Agency
20	has sent notice pursuant to subsection (q) or (v) of Section
21	4, subsection (d) of Section 55.3d, or Section 58.9 of this
22	Act to the holder of the lien, mortgage, or encumbrance of
23	record giving the opportunity to perform the preventive or
24	corrective action.
25	(f) Notice of intent to file. The Agency shall provide
26	a notice of its intent to file a preventive or corrective
27	action lien to the following persons:
28	(1) every person having a recorded or registered
29	interest in the real property whose name and address is
30	known to the Agency;
31	(2) every person having an unrecorded and
32	unregistered property interest in the property whose
33	interest, name, and address is known to the Agency; and
34	(3) all persons having an unrecorded property

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<u>or</u>

1	(2) by certified mail, return receipt requested,
2	addressed to the person's last known address or to the
3	last known address of any officer, employee, or agent of
4	the person authorized by appointment of the person or by
5	law to accept service.
6	Notice of intent to file shall be given to persons having
7	an unrecorded ownership interest in the property whose
8	interest, name, or address is unknown to the Agency, by
9	publication of the notice in a newspaper of general
10	circulation serving the community where the real property is
11	<pre>located.</pre>
12	(i) Hearing. A hearing requested under this Section
13	shall be limited to a summary determination of whether the
14	requirements of this Section have been fulfilled. The Board
15	shall enter an order allowing the Agency to file the lien
16	unless the person requesting review can demonstrate that:
17	(1) some or all of the identified costs were not
18	incurred by the Agency pursuant to Section 21.7, 22.2,
19	55.3, or 58.9 of this Act;
20	(2) some or all of the identified costs incurred do
21	not relate to the subject real property; or
22	(3) a notice pursuant to subsection (q) or (v) of
23	Section 4, subsection (d) of Section 55.3d, or Section
24	58.9 of this Act was not sent to the person requesting
25	review, whose existing lien, mortgage, or other
26	encumbrance will become junior when the Agency files its
27	<u>lien.</u>
28	If the Board finds that certain costs were not incurred
29	by the Agency pursuant to Section 22.17, 22.2, 55.3, or 58.9
30	of the Act, or that the costs incurred do not relate to the
31	subject property, the Board shall issue a finding indicating
32	the costs that may be filed as a preventive or corrective
33	action lien by the Agency. If the Board finds that the
34	person requesting review was not given an opportunity to

- 1 perform work under subsection (e), pursuant to authority 2 within subsection (q) or (v) of Section 4, subsection (d) of Section 55.3d, or Section 58.9, the Board shall issue an 3 4 order allowing the Agency to file a preventive or corrective action lien, but declaring that the existing lien, mortgage, 5 or other encumbrance of the person requesting review will not 6 be junior to the Agency's preventive or corrective action 7 8 lien. 9 (j) Recording. A lien issued pursuant to this Section shall be effective when it is filed with the recorder or 10 11 registrar of titles of the county in which the real property lies. The lien shall, at a minimum, include: 12 (1) a description of the real property; 13 (2) the amount of the lien and a statement that 14 future costs may be incurred by the Agency that would 15 increase the amount of the lien; 16 17 (3) a statement of whether the Board has declared that an existing lien will not be junior to the 18 19 preventive or corrective action lien; and (4) the name of the owner as grantor. 20 The Agency shall also file an affidavit of expenditures 2.1 22 attached to the preventive or corrective action lien. The affidavit of expenditures may be amended if additional costs 23 24 are incurred. 25 In addition, a copy of the preventive or corrective action lien shall be sent by certified mail to the owners and 26 lienholders of record. 27
- 28 (k) Discharge of preventive or corrective action lien.
 29 When the amount of the recorded lien has been paid, the
 30 Agency, upon request by a person of record holding an
 31 interest in the real property that is the subject of the
 32 lien, shall issue a certificate discharging the lien. The
 33 certification shall be filed by the Agency with the recorder
 34 or registrar of titles of the county in which the real

- 1 property lies.
- 2 (1) Foreclosure. In addition to any other remedy, the
- 3 Agency may bring an action in the circuit court to foreclose
- 4 <u>on the real property for any costs imposed under Sections</u>
- 5 <u>21.7, 22.2, 55.3, or 58.9 to the same extent and in the same</u>
- 6 manner as in the enforcement of other liens, mortgages, or
- 7 <u>encumbrances</u>. The process, practice, and procedures for
- 8 <u>foreclosure shall be the same as those provided in Article XV</u>
- 9 <u>of the Code of Civil Procedure.</u>
- 10 (m) Reservation of rights. Nothing in this Section
- 11 <u>shall affect the right of the State to bring an action</u>
- 12 against any person, including but not limited to an action to
- 13 recover all costs and damages for which the person is liable
- 14 <u>under Section 21.7, 22.2, 55.3, or 58.9 of this Act.</u>
- (n) Full force and effect. All liens recorded pursuant
- 16 to Section 21.3 before the effective date of this amendatory
- 17 Act of the 93rd General Assembly shall remain in full force
- 18 and effect until discharged, in accordance with that Section.
- 19 (415 ILCS 5/21.4) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1021.4)
- Sec. 21.4. <u>Interests in real property.</u>
- 21 (a) The Agency is hereby authorized to acquire the fee
- or any lesser interest, including easements, in real property
- 23 where necessary or appropriate:
- 24 (1) to protect human health or the environment; or
- 25 (2) to respond to the release or substantial threat
- of a release of any hazardous substance, or petroleum,
- 27 <u>pesticide, contaminant, or waste</u> into the environment; or
- 28 (3) as part of a proceeding to foreclose or enforce
- liens or interests under Section 21.3 or 21.3a.
- 30 (b) The Agency is authorized to retain for public use or
- 31 to convey, deed, assign or otherwise transfer all or any
- 32 portion of the interest in real property acquired pursuant to
- 33 subsection (a) and may place restrictions upon the use of the

- 1 property after transfer as are necessary or appropriate:
- 2 (1) to protect present or future human health or
- 3 the environment; or
- 4 (2) to respond to the release or substantial threat
- of a release of any hazardous substance, or petroleum,
- 6 <u>pesticide, contaminant, or waste</u> into the environment.
- 7 (c) Any monies received by the State of Illinois
- 8 pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Section shall be deposited
- 9 in the Hazardous Waste Fund.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 86-820.)
- 11 (415 ILCS 5/21.7 new)
- 12 <u>Section 21.7. Liability for costs of preventive or</u>
- 13 <u>corrective action</u>. A person liable pursuant to this Act for
- 14 the release or substantial threat of release of any
- 15 <u>contaminant or waste shall be liable for the costs of any</u>
- 16 preventive or corrective action incurred by the Agency or any
- 17 <u>unit of local government.</u>
- 18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 19 becoming law.