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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

420 ILCS	10/1.5 new						
420 ILCS	10/2	from	Ch.	111	1/2,	par.	4352
420 ILCS	10/4	from	Ch.	111	1/2,	par.	4354
420 ILCS	10/5	from	Ch.	111	1/2,	par.	4355
420 ILCS	10/7	from	Ch.	111	1/2,	par.	4357

Amends the Illinois Nuclear Safety Act to reflect the Illinois Emergency Management Agency's assumption of duties assigned to the Agency's predecessor, the Department of Nuclear Safety. Effective immediately.

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AN ACT concerning safety.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Nuclear Facility Safety Act is
amended by adding Section 1.5 and changing Sections 1.5, 2, 4,
5, and 7 as follows:

7 (420 ILCS 10/1.5 new)

8 <u>Sec. 1.5. Definition.</u> In this Act, "Agency" means the 9 Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

10 (420 ILCS 10/2) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 4352)

Sec. 2. Policy statement. It is declared to be the policy 11 of the State of Illinois to prevent accidents at nuclear 12 13 facilities in Illinois for the economic well-being of the 14 People of the State of Illinois and for the health and safety of workers at nuclear facilities and private citizens who could 15 be injured as a result of releases of radioactive materials 16 from nuclear facilities. It is the intent of the General 17 18 Assembly that this Act should be construed consistently with federal law to maximize the role of the State in contributing 19 to safety at nuclear facilities in Illinois. It is the intent 20 21 of the General Assembly that the Agency Illinois Department of 22 Nuclear Safety should not take any actions which are preempted by federal law or engage in dual regulation of nuclear 23 24 facilities, unless dual regulation is allowed by federal law 25 and policies of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Τn implementing its responsibilities under this Act, the Agency 26 27 Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety shall not take any action 28 which interferes with the safe operation of a nuclear facility. 29 (Source: P.A. 86-901.)

(420 ILCS 10/4) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 4354)

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Sec. 4. Authorization. The <u>Agency</u> Department is authorized to enter into any and all cooperative agreements with the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission consistent with the applicable provisions of the Atomic Energy Act.

5 (Source: P.A. 86-901.)

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(420 ILCS 10/5) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 4355)

Sec. 5. Program for Illinois nuclear power plant
inspectors.

(a) Consistent with federal law and policy statements of 9 10 and cooperative agreements with the Nuclear Regulatory 11 Commission with respect to State participation in health and safety regulation of nuclear facilities, and in recognition of 12 the role provided for the states by such laws, policy 13 14 statements and cooperative agreements, the Agency Department 15 shall develop and implement a program for Illinois resident 16 inspectors that, when fully implemented, shall provide for one full-time Agency Departmental Illinois resident inspector at 17 18 each nuclear power plant in Illinois. The owner of each of the 19 nuclear power plants to which they are assigned shall provide, at its expense, office space and equipment reasonably required 20 by the resident inspectors while they are on the premises of 21 22 the nuclear power plants. The Illinois resident inspectors 23 shall operate in accordance with a cooperative agreement 24 executed by the Agency Department and the Nuclear Regulatory 25 Commission and shall have access to the nuclear power plants to 26 which they have been assigned in accordance with that 27 agreement; provided, however, that the Illinois resident inspectors shall have no greater access than is afforded to a 28 29 resident inspector of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

30 (b) The <u>Agency</u> Department may also inspect licensed nuclear 31 power plants that have permanently ceased operations. The 32 inspections shall be performed by inspectors qualified as 33 Illinois resident inspectors. The inspectors need not be 34 resident at nuclear power plants that have permanently ceased 35 operations. The inspectors shall conduct inspections in - 3 - LRB094 14571 RSP 49514 b

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1 accordance with a cooperative agreement executed by the Agency 2 (or its predecessor agency, the Department of Nuclear Safety) 3 and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and shall have access to nuclear power plants that have 4 the permanently ceased 5 operations; provided, however, that the Illinois inspectors shall have no greater access than is afforded to inspectors of 6 the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The owner of each of the 7 8 nuclear power plants that has permanently ceased operations shall provide, at its expense, office space and equipment 9 reasonably required by the inspectors while they are on the 10 premises of the nuclear power plants. 11

12 (c) The Illinois resident inspectors and inspectors 13 assigned under subsection (b) shall each operate in accordance with the security plan for the nuclear power plant to which 14 15 they are assigned, but in no event shall they be required to 16 meet any requirements imposed by a nuclear power plant owner 17 that are not imposed on resident inspectors and inspectors of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The Agency's Department's 18 19 programs and activities under this Section shall not be inconsistent with federal law. 20

21 (Source: P.A. 91-171, eff. 7-16-99.)

22 (420 ILCS 10/7) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 4357)

23 Sec. 7. The <u>Agency</u> Department shall not engage in any 24 program of Illinois resident inspectors or inspectors assigned 25 under subsection (b) of Section 5 at any nuclear power plant in 26 Illinois except as specifically directed by law.

27 (Source: P.A. 91-171, eff. 7-16-99.)

28 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 29 becoming law.