95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/7/2008, by Sen. William R. Haine

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

415 ILCS 5/31a new

Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that all complaints and other actions brought by the Attorney General pursuant to a referral or request from the Environmental Protection Agency must include the Agency as a named party plaintiff or complainant in the action. Provides that this requirement does not apply to certain criminal actions and is not intended to alter or diminish the Attorney General's authority to act as the attorney for the Agency and the State. Effective immediately.

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AN ACT concerning environmental safety.

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 by 5 adding Section 31a as follows:

6 (415 ILCS 5/31a new)

7 Sec. 31a. Agency as named party in civil actions. All complaints and other actions brought by the Attorney General 8 9 under this Act pursuant to a referral or request from the 10 Agency, including but not limited to (i) complaints under Section 31 and (ii) actions for civil penalties or injunctions 11 under Section 42 or 43, must include the Agency as a named 12 party plaintiff or complainant in the action. The requirements 13 14 under this Section: (i) do not apply to criminal actions brought under Section 44 of this Act; and (ii) are not intended 15 16 to alter or diminish the Attorney General's authority to act as 17 the attorney for the Agency and the State.

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 19 becoming law.