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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3817

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3817 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Phosphorous in Water Task Force Creation Act.

6 Section 5. Findings and intent. The General Assembly finds
7 that most Illinois soils hold a sufficient amount of available
8 phosphorus to support healthy turf growth. The General Assembly
9 also finds that excessive phosphorus pollutes aquatic
10 environments and contributes to the demise of aquatic species.
11 Therefore, the intent of this Act is to establish the
12 Phosphorous in Water Task Force.

13 Section 10. Phosphorus in Water Task Force.

14 (a) The Phosphorous in Water Task Force is created. The
15 Task Force shall be chaired by the Chairman of the Illinois

1 Green Government Coordinating Council and shall hold 4
2 quarterly meetings each calendar year. The Task Force shall be
3 composed of the Chairman and 12 other members, appointed as
4 follows:

5 (1) Five members appointed by the Governor of the State
6 of Illinois, 2 of which shall represent statewide
7 environmental organizations and 2 of which shall represent
8 the fertilizer and turf industry.

9 (2) One member appointed by the President of the
10 Illinois Senate.

11 (3) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
12 Illinois Senate.

13 (4) One member appointed by the Speaker of the Illinois
14 House of Representatives.

15 (5) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
16 Illinois House of Representatives.

17 (6) One member appointed by the Illinois Environmental
18 Protection Agency.

19 (7) One member appointed by the University of Illinois
20 Extension Service.

21 (8) One member appointed by the Illinois Municipal
22 League.

23 Other interested stakeholders are invited to participate as
24 non-voting members at meetings of the Task Force.

25 (b) The goals of the Task Force include, but are not
26 limited to, drafting:

1 (1) a model phosphorous fertilizer ban for
2 municipalities and other local governments; and

3 (2) a report to the General Assembly that recommends
4 ways to reduce excess phosphorous in residential and urban
5 areas and that describes best policies and practices for
6 phosphorous management in Illinois waterways.

7 (c) The Task Force shall continue to hold quarterly
8 meetings until the Chairman of the Task Force determines that
9 the goals specified in subsection (b) of this Section have been
10 met.

11 (d) The Department of Agriculture shall provide
12 administrative and other support to the Task Force.

13 (e) Members of the Task Force shall not be reimbursed for
14 their travel expenses.

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law.".