

# HB3828



## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2009 and 2010

**HB3828**

Introduced 2/25/2009, by Rep. Patricia R. Bellock

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

525 ILCS 25/10 new

Amends the Illinois Lake Management Program Act. Creates the Task Force on the Conservation and Quality of the Great Lakes for the protection of the water quality and supply of the Great Lakes. Sets forth the membership, powers, and duties of the Task Force. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning conservation.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Lake Management Program Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 10 as follows:

6 (525 ILCS 25/10 new)

7 Sec. 10. Task Force on the Conservation and Quality of the  
8 Great Lakes.

9 (a) The Task Force on the Conservation and Quality of the  
10 Great Lakes is created for the protection of the water quality  
11 of the Great Lakes and to educate members of the General  
12 Assembly and the general population on the conditions of the  
13 Great Lakes. The Task Force consists of the following members:

14 (1) one member of the Senate appointed by the President  
15 of the Senate;

16 (2) one member of the Senate appointed by the Minority  
17 Leader of the Senate;

18 (3) one member of the House of Representatives  
19 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

20 (4) one member of the House of Representatives  
21 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of  
22 Representatives;

23 (5) the Lieutenant Governor, ex officio, or his or her

1 designee;

2 (6) the Director of the Environmental Protection  
3 Agency, ex officio, or his or her designee;

4 (7) the Director of Natural Resources, ex officio, or  
5 his or her designee;

6 (8) the Executive Director of the Illinois  
7 International Port District, or his or her designee;

8 (9) the Mayor of the City of Chicago, ex officio, or  
9 his or her designee; and

10 (10) one member representing a national alliance that  
11 is organized for the purpose of protecting and preserving  
12 the Great Lakes.

13 The members shall select a chairperson from among themselves.

14 (b) The Office of the Lieutenant Governor shall provide  
15 staff and support and is responsible for the administration of  
16 the Task Force. The Task Force shall hold its first meeting  
17 within 90 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act  
18 of the 96th General Assembly. The Task Force shall meet at  
19 least once each calendar quarter. The members shall serve  
20 without compensation.

21 (c) The Task Force shall review and discuss various topics  
22 related to the supply and quality of water in the Great Lakes,  
23 including, but not limited to:

24 (1) the availability of federal funds for projects  
25 related to water quality and supply;

26 (2) the extent of water consumption and use from the

1 Great Lakes;

2 (3) the current and projected water levels of the Great  
3 Lakes, particularly of Lake Michigan;

4 (4) levels of water pollution and the sources impacting  
5 water quality of the Great Lakes;

6 (5) the impact of water quality and supply issues on  
7 recreational activities and natural habitats;

8 (6) the impact of invasive species on the Great Lakes  
9 ecosystem; and

10 (7) current laws and regulations affecting the Great  
11 Lakes, including the Great Lakes Compact.

12 The Task Force may call upon experts to provide additional  
13 information and testimony.

14 (d) Each year, the Task Force shall submit a report to the  
15 General Assembly outlining its recommendation concerning any  
16 legislative actions to protect the water quality and supply of  
17 the Great Lakes. The first report must be submitted no later  
18 than June 1, 2010.

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