

1 AN ACT concerning safety.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Lead
5 Sinker Act.

6 Section 5. Educational program to discourage the use of
7 lead sinkers and lead jigs.

8 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department of Natural
9 Resources may institute an educational program to discourage
10 the use of lead sinkers and jigs within one year after the
11 effective date of this Act. The educational program must
12 provide all of the following:

13 (1) press releases, articles, or both for distribution
14 to the news media;

15 (2) educational materials for distribution at training
16 programs sponsored by the Department; and

17 (3) any other educational tool or information that the
18 Department may find useful in its efforts to educate the
19 public about the hazards associated with the use of lead
20 products.

21 (b) The purpose of the educational program required under
22 subsection (a) of this Section is to inform the public about
23 the adverse, though unintended, effects of lead on wildlife;

1 ways to reduce the introduction of lead into the environment
2 through personal action; the potential risk to public health
3 from working with lead; and the availability of alternatives to
4 lead jigs and sinkers.