



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB1788

Introduced 1/28/2025, by Rep. Nicole La Ha

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

525 ILCS 35/5.5 new

Amends the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Act. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources shall prioritize projects that incorporate construction, materials, designs, products, or technologies that increase accessibility and usability beyond the highest standards established under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or federal regulations promulgated under that Act. Requires the Department to adopt rules to establish this priority within its grant application review process under the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Act. Effective immediately.

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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 Open Space Lands Acquisition and  
5 Development Act is amended by adding Section 5.5 as follows:

6 (525 ILCS 35/5.5 new)

7 Sec. 5.5. Accessibility. The Department shall, in  
8 conjunction with the priorities set forth in Section 5,  
9 prioritize projects that incorporate construction, materials,  
10 designs, products, or technologies that increase accessibility  
11 and usability beyond the highest standards established under  
12 the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or federal  
13 regulations promulgated under that Act. The Department shall  
14 adopt rules to establish this priority within its grant  
15 application review process under this Act.

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