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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 605/605-625	was 20 ILCS 605/46.25
20 ILCS 605/605-940	was 20 ILCS 605/46.37
20 ILCS 605/605-1110	
20 ILCS 630/Act rep.	
20 ILCS 1405/1405-52 new	
30 ILCS 780/5-5	
30 ILCS 780/5-30	
30 ILCS 780/5-30.1 new	
30 ILCS 780/5-45	
35 ILCS 19/50-45	
305 ILCS 22/30	
305 ILCS 22/99	
315 ILCS 25/4	from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 91.11

Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Removes language requiring the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to establish a freight rate information service for U.S. and foreign shippers. Repeals certain duties of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity related to a local government clearing house. Provides that the Department of Insurance (currently, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity) shall provide administrative support to the Student Career Development Liability Insurance Advisory Committee. Amends the Department of Insurance Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois to make conforming changes. Repeals the Illinois Emergency Employment Development Act. Amends the Music and Musicians Tax Credit and Jobs Act. Repeals certain provisions requiring the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to submit reports under that Act. Amends the Eliminate the Digital Divide Law. Sets forth provisions concerning grants from the Digital Divide Elimination Fund. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Commerce and Economic
5 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois
6 is amended by changing Sections 605-625, 605-940, and 605-1110
7 as follows:

8 (20 ILCS 605/605-625) (was 20 ILCS 605/46.25)

9 Sec. 605-625. Promotion of water ports and airport
10 facilities. In cooperation with the Department of Agriculture
11 and the International Trade and Port Promotion Advisory
12 Committee, to (i) ~~establish a freight rate information service~~
13 ~~for U.S. and foreign shippers;~~ (ii) promote the advantages of
14 Illinois water ports and existing airport facilities through
15 appropriate means and media in this country and overseas; and
16 (ii) ~~(iii)~~ cooperate with the export expansion projects and
17 any other activity that results in the additional flow of
18 agricultural and manufactured products through the Illinois
19 water ports and existing airport facilities.

20 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00.)

21 (20 ILCS 605/605-940) (was 20 ILCS 605/46.37)

22 Sec. 605-940. Clearing house for local government

1 problems; aid with financial and administrative matters. The
2 Department shall provide for a central clearing house for
3 information concerning local government problems and various
4 solutions to those problems and shall assist and aid local
5 governments of the State in matters relating to budgets,
6 fiscal procedures, and administration. In performing this
7 responsibility the Department shall have the power and duty to
8 do the following:

9 (1) Maintain communication with all local governments
10 and assist them, at their request, to improve their
11 administrative procedures and to facilitate improved local
12 government and development.

13 (2) Assemble and disseminate information concerning
14 State and federal programs, grants, gifts, and subsidies
15 available to local governments and to provide counsel and
16 technical services and other assistance in applying for
17 those programs, grants, gifts, and subsidies.

18 (3) Assist in coordinating activities by obtaining
19 information, on forms provided by the Department or by
20 receipt of proposals and applications, concerning State
21 and federal assisted programs, grants, gifts, and
22 subsidies applied for and received by all local
23 governments.

24 (4) Provide direct consultative services to local
25 governments upon request and provide staff services to
26 special commissions, the Governor, or the General Assembly

1 or its committees.

2 (5) Render advice and assistance with respect to the
3 establishment and maintenance of programs for the training
4 of local government officials and other personnel.

5 (6) Act as the official State agency for the receipt
6 and distribution of federal funds that are or may be
7 provided to the State on a flat grant basis for
8 distribution to local governments or in the event federal
9 law requires a State agency to implement programs
10 affecting local governments and for State funds that are
11 or may be provided for the use of local governments unless
12 otherwise provided by law.

13 (7) Administer laws relating to local government
14 affairs as the General Assembly may direct.

15 (8) Provide all advice and assistance to improve local
16 government administration, ensure the economical and
17 efficient provision of local government services, and make
18 the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois effective.

19 (9) Give advice and counsel on fiscal problems of
20 local governments of the State to those local governments.

21 (10) (Blank). ~~Prepare uniform budgetary forms for use~~
22 ~~by the local governments of the State.~~

23 (11) (Blank). ~~Assist and advise the local governments~~
24 ~~of the State in matters pertaining to budgets,~~
25 ~~appropriation requests and ordinances, the determination~~
26 ~~of property tax levies and rates, and other matters of a~~

1 ~~financial nature.~~

2 (12) ~~Be a repository for financial reports and~~
3 ~~statements required by law of local governments of the~~
4 ~~State, and publish financial summaries of those reports~~
5 ~~and statements.~~

6 (13) (Blank).

7 (14) (Blank). ~~Prepare proposals and advise on the~~
8 ~~investment of idle local government funds.~~

9 (15) (Blank). ~~Administer the program of grants, loans,~~
10 ~~and loan guarantees under the federal Public Works and~~
11 ~~Economic Development Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 3121 and~~
12 ~~following, and receive and disburse State and federal~~
13 ~~funds provided for that program and moneys received as~~
14 ~~repayments of loans made under the program.~~

15 (16) (Blank). ~~After January 1, 1985, upon the request~~
16 ~~of local governments, prepare and provide model financial~~
17 ~~statement forms designed to communicate to taxpayers,~~
18 ~~service consumers, voters, government employees, and news~~
19 ~~media, in a non technical manner, all significant~~
20 ~~financial information regarding a particular local~~
21 ~~government, and to prepare and provide to local~~
22 ~~governments a summary of local governments' obligations~~
23 ~~concerning the adoption of an annual operating budget. The~~
24 ~~summary shall be set forth in a non technical manner and~~
25 ~~shall be designed principally for distribution to, and the~~
26 ~~use of, taxpayers, service consumers, voters, government~~

1 ~~employees, and news media.~~

2 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00; 91-583, eff. 1-1-00; 92-16,
3 eff. 6-28-01.)

4 (20 ILCS 605/605-1110)

5 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)

6 Sec. 605-1110. Student Career Development Liability
7 Insurance Advisory Committee.

8 (a) The Student Career Development Liability Insurance
9 Advisory Committee is hereby created within the Department of
10 Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The Committee shall issue a
11 report to the Governor and the General Assembly containing
12 recommendations for providing liability insurance to (i)
13 public high school students who participate in a career
14 development experience or apprenticeship program and community
15 college students who participate in a career development
16 experience or apprenticeship program and (ii) public school
17 teachers who participate in externship programs and community
18 college faculty who participate in externship programs. The
19 report shall be submitted to the Governor and the General
20 Assembly no later than February 1, 2027 ~~December 31, 2023~~. The
21 Department of Insurance ~~Commerce and Economic Opportunity~~
22 shall provide administrative support to the Committee.

23 (b) The Student Career Development Liability Insurance
24 Advisory Committee shall consist of the following members:

25 (1) the Director of Insurance ~~Commerce and Economic~~

1 ~~Opportunity~~ or his or her designee;

2 (2) one member representing the State Board of
3 Education, appointed by the State Superintendent of
4 Education;

5 (3) one member representing the Illinois Community
6 College Board, appointed by the Chairman of the Illinois
7 Community College Board;

8 (4) one member of the General Assembly, appointed by
9 the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

10 (5) one member of the General Assembly, appointed by
11 the House Minority Leader;

12 (6) one member of the General Assembly, appointed by
13 the Senate President;

14 (7) one member of the General Assembly, appointed by
15 the Senate Minority Leader;

16 (8) 2 members of a statewide association representing
17 manufacturers, appointed by the Governor;

18 (9) 2 members of a statewide association representing
19 the insurance industry, appointed by the Governor; and

20 (10) 2 members who represent unionized State
21 employees, appointed by the Governor.

22 Members of the Committee shall serve without compensation
23 but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the
24 performance of their duties. Vacancies on the Committee shall
25 be filled by the original appointing authority.

26 (c) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2029 ~~January 1,~~

1 ~~2026.~~

2 (Source: P.A. 103-353, eff. 7-28-23; 103-1059, eff. 12-20-24.)

3 (20 ILCS 630/Act rep.)

4 Section 10. The Illinois Emergency Employment Development
5 Act is repealed.

6 Section 15. The Department of Insurance Law of the Civil
7 Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding Section
8 1405-52 as follows:

9 (20 ILCS 1405/1405-52 new)

10 Sec. 1405-52. Student Career Development Liability
11 Insurance Advisory Committee. The Department of Insurance
12 shall provide administrative support to the Student Career
13 Development Liability Insurance Advisory Committee under
14 Section 605-1110 of the Department of Commerce and Economic
15 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois.

16 Section 20. The Eliminate the Digital Divide Law is
17 amended by changing Sections 5-5, 5-30, and 5-45 and by adding
18 Section 5-30.1 as follows:

19 (30 ILCS 780/5-5)

20 Sec. 5-5. Definitions; descriptions. As used in this
21 Article:

1 "Community-based organization" means a private
2 not-for-profit organization that is located in an Illinois
3 community and that provides services to citizens within that
4 community and the surrounding area.

5 "Covered population" means individuals who live in covered
6 households, including aging individuals, veterans, individuals
7 with disabilities, individuals with a language barrier
8 (including those who are English learners and have low levels
9 of literacy), members of racial or ethnic minority groups, and
10 individuals who primarily reside in a rural area. "Covered
11 population" also includes incarcerated individuals (other than
12 those incarcerated in a federal correctional facility),
13 including all justice-impacted and system-impacted
14 individuals.

15 "Digital navigator program" means a program in which
16 designated volunteers or staff of an organization offer
17 technical assistance to support broadband adoption, digital
18 skill building, and the use of devices.

19 "Senior citizen home" means an Illinois-based residential
20 facility for people who are over the age of 65. The term
21 "senior citizen home" includes, but is not limited to,
22 convalescent homes, long-term care facilities, assistive
23 living facilities, and nursing homes.

24 "Community technology centers" provide computer access and
25 educational services using information technology. Community
26 technology centers are diverse in the populations they serve

1 and programs they offer, but similar in that they provide
2 technology access to individuals, communities, and populations
3 that typically would not otherwise have places to use computer
4 and telecommunications technologies.

5 "Department" means the Department of Commerce and Economic
6 Opportunity.

7 "National school lunch program" means a program
8 administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and state
9 agencies that provides free or reduced price lunches to
10 economically disadvantaged children. A child whose family
11 income is between 130% and 185% of applicable family size
12 income levels contained in the nonfarm poverty guidelines
13 prescribed by the Office of Management and Budget is eligible
14 for a reduced price lunch. A child whose family income is 130%
15 or less of applicable family size income levels contained in
16 the nonfarm income poverty guidelines prescribed by the Office
17 of Management and Budget is eligible for a free lunch.

18 "Telecommunications services" provided by
19 telecommunications carriers include all commercially available
20 telecommunications services in addition to all reasonable
21 charges that are incurred by taking such services, such as
22 state and federal taxes.

23 "Other special services" provided by telecommunications
24 carriers include Internet access and installation and
25 maintenance of internal connections in addition to all
26 reasonable charges that are incurred by taking such services,

1 such as state and federal taxes.

2 (Source: P.A. 94-793, eff. 5-19-06; 95-740, eff. 1-1-09.)

3 (30 ILCS 780/5-30)

4 Sec. 5-30. Community Technology Center Grant Program.

5 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall
6 administer the Community Technology Center Grant Program under
7 which the Department shall make grants in accordance with this
8 Article for planning, establishment, administration, and
9 expansion of Community Technology Centers and for assisting
10 public hospitals, libraries, and park districts in eliminating
11 the digital divide. The purposes of the grants shall include,
12 but not be limited to, volunteer recruitment and management,
13 training and instruction, infrastructure, and related goods
14 and services, including case management, administration,
15 personal information management, and outcome-tracking tools
16 and software for the purposes of reporting to the Department
17 and for enabling participation in digital government and
18 consumer services programs, for Community Technology Centers
19 and public hospitals, libraries, and park districts. No
20 Community Technology Center may receive a grant of more than
21 \$75,000 under this Section in a particular fiscal year.

22 (b) Public hospitals, libraries, park districts, and State
23 educational agencies, local educational agencies, institutions
24 of higher education, senior citizen homes, and other public
25 and private nonprofit or for-profit agencies and organizations

1 are eligible to receive grants under this Program, provided
2 that a local educational agency or public or private
3 educational agency or organization must, in order to be
4 eligible to receive grants under this Program, provide
5 computer access and educational services using information
6 technology to the public at one or more of its educational
7 buildings or facilities at least 12 hours each week. A group of
8 eligible entities is also eligible to receive a grant if the
9 group follows the procedures for group applications in 34 CFR
10 75.127-129 of the Education Department General Administrative
11 Regulations.

12 To be eligible to apply for a grant, a Community
13 Technology Center must serve a covered population or a
14 community in which not less than 40% of the students are
15 eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the national
16 school lunch program or in which not less than 30% of the
17 students are eligible for a free lunch under the national
18 school lunch program; however, if funding is insufficient to
19 approve all grant applications for a particular fiscal year,
20 the Department may impose a higher minimum percentage
21 threshold for that fiscal year. Determinations of communities
22 and determinations of the percentage of students in a
23 community who are eligible for a free or reduced price lunch
24 under the national school lunch program shall be in accordance
25 with rules adopted by the Department.

26 Any entities that have received a Community Technology

1 Center grant under the federal Community Technology Centers
2 Program are also eligible to apply for grants under this
3 Program.

4 The Department shall provide assistance to Community
5 Technology Centers in making those determinations for purposes
6 of applying for grants.

7 The Department shall encourage Community Technology
8 Centers to participate in public and private computer hardware
9 equipment recycling initiatives that provide computers at
10 reduced or no cost to low-income families, including programs
11 authorized by the State Property Control Act. On an annual
12 basis, the Department must provide the Director of Central
13 Management Services with a list of Community Technology
14 Centers that have applied to the Department for funding as
15 potential recipients of surplus State-owned computer hardware
16 equipment under programs authorized by the State Property
17 Control Act.

18 (c) Grant applications shall be submitted to the
19 Department on a schedule of one or more deadlines established
20 by the Department by rule.

21 (d) The Department shall adopt rules setting forth the
22 required form and contents of grant applications.

23 (e) (Blank).

24 (f) (Blank).

25 (g) Duties of the Digital Divide Elimination Working Group
26 include all of the following:

1 (1) Undertaking a thorough review of grant programs
2 available through the federal government, local agencies,
3 telecommunications providers, and business and charitable
4 entities for the purpose of identifying appropriate
5 sources of revenues for the Digital Divide Elimination
6 Fund and attempting to update available grants on a
7 regular basis.

8 (2) Researching and cataloging programs designed to
9 advance digital literacy and computer access that are
10 available through the federal government, local agencies,
11 telecommunications providers, and business and charitable
12 entities and attempting to update available programs on a
13 regular basis.

14 (3) Presenting the information compiled from items (1)
15 and (2) to the Department of Commerce and Economic
16 Opportunity, which shall serve as a single point of
17 contact for applying for funding for the Digital Divide
18 Elimination Fund and for distributing information to the
19 public regarding all programs designed to advance digital
20 literacy and computer access.

21 (Source: P.A. 102-1071, eff. 6-10-22.)

22 (30 ILCS 780/5-30.1 new)

23 Sec. 5-30.1. Digital Divide Elimination Fund. Funds made
24 available through the Digital Divide Elimination Fund shall
25 also be used to make grants that further the State's digital

1 equity vision in which:

2 (1) all Illinoisans are empowered to use and
3 participate fully in an increasingly digital economy and
4 society through universal access to high-speed broadband
5 that is affordable, reliable, and fully scalable;

6 (2) new and existing resources are used to implement
7 targeted digital inclusion strategies and sustainable
8 broadband equity outcomes; and

9 (3) all Illinoisans are empowered to use and
10 participate fully in an increasingly digital economy and
11 society.

12 Examples of digital inclusion strategies include, but are
13 not limited to, establishing digital navigator programs,
14 programs that provide digital literacy and digital skills
15 training, computer refurbishment programs, and device
16 distribution programs.

17 Grants under this Section shall be distributed to public
18 hospitals, libraries, park districts, State agencies, local
19 agencies, institutions of higher education, senior citizens
20 homes, and other public and private nonprofit agencies and
21 organizations that serve one or more of the covered
22 populations.

23 Grant applications under this Section shall be submitted
24 to the Department.

25 The Department may adopt rules concerning grant
26 applications under this Section.

1 (30 ILCS 780/5-45)

2 Sec. 5-45. Statewide Community Technology Center Network.

3 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall expend
4 not more than \$100,000 in fiscal year 2001 to establish and
5 administer a Statewide Community Technology Center Network and
6 public facing data source that that serves as a digital hub for
7 mapping, data collection, and program evaluation to assist in
8 local and regional planning under this Article.

9 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Department may expend
10 not more than \$100,000 in fiscal year 2006 and each fiscal year
11 thereafter to establish and administer a Statewide Community
12 Technology Center Network and public facing data source that
13 that serves as a digital hub for mapping, data collection, and
14 program evaluation to assist in local and regional planning
15 and revenue development and outreach under this Article.

16 (Source: P.A. 94-734, eff. 4-28-06.)

17 Section 25. The Music and Musicians Tax Credit and Jobs
18 Act is amended by changing Section 50-45 as follows:

19 (35 ILCS 19/50-45)

20 Sec. 50-45. Qualified music program evaluation and
21 reports.

22 (a) (Blank).

23 The Department may make a recommendation to extend,

1 modify, or not extend the program based on the evaluation.

2 (b) (Blank). ~~At the end of each fiscal quarter, the~~
3 ~~Department shall submit to the General Assembly a report that~~
4 ~~includes, without limitation:~~

5 ~~(1) an assessment of the economic impact of the~~
6 ~~program, including the number of jobs created and~~
7 ~~retained, and whether the job positions are entry level,~~
8 ~~management, vendor, or production related;~~

9 ~~(2) the amount of qualified music company spending~~
10 ~~brought to Illinois, including the amount of spending and~~
11 ~~type of Illinois vendors hired in connection with a~~
12 ~~qualified music company; and~~

13 ~~(3) a determination of whether those receiving~~
14 ~~qualifying Illinois labor expenditure salaries or wages~~
15 ~~reflect the geographic, racial and ethnic, gender, and~~
16 ~~income level diversity of the State of Illinois.~~

17 (c) At the end of each fiscal year, the Department shall
18 submit to the General Assembly a report that includes, without
19 limitation:

20 (1) the identification of each vendor that provided
21 goods or services that were included in a qualified music
22 company's Illinois spending;

23 (2) a statement of the amount paid to each identified
24 vendor by the qualified music program and whether the
25 vendor is a minority-owned or women-owned business as
26 defined in Section 2 of the Business Enterprise for

1 Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act; and
2 (3) a description of the steps taken by the Department
3 to encourage qualified music companies to use vendors who
4 are minority-owned or women-owned businesses.
5 (Source: P.A. 103-592, eff. 6-7-24; 103-1055, eff. 12-20-24.)

6 Section 30. The Good Samaritan Energy Plan Act is amended
7 by changing Sections 30 and 99 as follows:

8 (305 ILCS 22/30)

9 Sec. 30. Distribution of moneys from Fund. Subject to
10 appropriations made by the General Assembly, the Department
11 may spend moneys from the Good Samaritan Energy Trust Fund for
12 the purpose of providing assistance authorized under Section
13 25. The Department, with the advice and consent of the Low
14 Income Energy Assistance Policy Advisory Council, shall
15 establish priorities for the distribution of moneys from the
16 Good Samaritan Energy Trust Fund to low-income consumers to
17 enable them to pay gas or electric bill arrearages in order to
18 have household gas or electric utility service connected.
19 Low-income consumers who are unable to have their service
20 connected even with a LIHEAP grant shall be given preference.
21 The Department shall ensure that moneys donated for the Fund
22 (other than moneys used for administrative expenses as
23 authorized in Section 25) are distributed to low-income
24 consumers who reside in the county from which those moneys

1 were received. On June 30, 2025, or as soon thereafter as
2 possible, the Comptroller shall order transferred and the
3 Treasurer shall transfer the balance of moneys held in the
4 Good Samaritan Energy Trust Fund from the Good Samaritan
5 Energy Trust Fund to the Supplemental Low-Income Energy
6 Assistance Fund. Moneys so transferred shall be distributed in
7 accordance with the Energy Assistance Act and administrative
8 rules governing the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

9 (Source: P.A. 93-285, eff. 7-22-03.)

10 (305 ILCS 22/99)

11 Sec. 99. Effective date; repeal. This Act takes effect
12 upon becoming law. This Act is repealed on July 1, 2025.

13 (Source: P.A. 93-285, eff. 7-22-03.)

14 Section 35. The Urban Community Conservation Act is
15 amended by changing Section 4 as follows:

16 (315 ILCS 25/4) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 91.11)

17 Sec. 4. Excepting any municipality for and in which there
18 exists a Department of Urban Renewal created pursuant to the
19 provisions of the "Urban Renewal Consolidation Act of 1961",
20 enacted by the Seventy-Second General Assembly, any
21 municipality, after 30 days' notice, published in a newspaper
22 of general circulation within the municipality, and public
23 hearing, shall have the power to provide for the creation of a

1 Conservation Board, to operate within the boundaries of such
2 municipality, pursuant to the provisions of this Act. The
3 presiding officer of any municipality in which a Conservation
4 Board is established shall appoint, with the approval of the
5 governing body ~~and of the Department of Commerce and Economic~~
6 ~~Opportunity~~, five residents of the municipality to act as a
7 Conservation Board, hereinafter referred to as "the Board."
8 Members of the Board shall be citizens of broad civic
9 interest, administrative experience and ability in the fields
10 of finance, real estate, building, or related endeavors, not
11 more than three of whom shall belong to the same political
12 party. One such member shall be designated by the presiding
13 officer as Commissioner and shall serve at the pleasure of the
14 presiding officer. He shall administer the functions assigned
15 by the Board, preside over its meetings, and carry out
16 whatever other functions may be assigned to him by the
17 governing body. The Commissioner shall devote his full-time
18 attention to the duties of his office and shall receive no
19 public funds by way of salary, compensation, or remuneration
20 for services rendered, from any other governmental agency or
21 public body during his tenure in office, other than the salary
22 provided by the governing body, except as herein otherwise
23 specifically provided.

24 Four other members of the Board shall be appointed, to
25 serve one, two, three and four year terms. After the
26 expiration of the initial term of office each subsequent term

1 shall be of four years' duration. A member shall hold office
2 until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.
3 Members of the Board shall be eligible to succeed themselves.
4 Members of the Board other than the Commissioner shall serve
5 without pay, except as herein otherwise specifically provided
6 and no member of the Board shall acquire any interest, direct
7 or indirect, in any conservation project, or in any property
8 included or planned to be included in any conservation
9 project, nor shall any member have any interest in any
10 contract or proposed contract in connection with any such
11 project. Members may be dismissed by the Presiding Office of
12 the Municipality for good cause shown. Such dismissal may be
13 set aside by a two-thirds vote of the governing body.
14 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, the
15 Commissioner, may, during all or any part of his term also
16 serve as Chairman or member of a Redevelopment Commission
17 created pursuant to "The Neighborhood Redevelopment
18 Corporation Law" approved July 9, 1941, as amended, and shall
19 be entitled to receive and retain any salary payable to him as
20 Chairman or member of any such Redevelopment Commission. Three
21 members of the Conservation Board shall constitute a quorum to
22 transact business and no vacancy shall impair the right of the
23 remaining members to exercise all the powers of the Board; and
24 every act, order, rule, regulation or resolution of the
25 Conservation Board approved by a majority of the members
26 thereof at a regular or special meeting shall be deemed to be

1 the act, order, rule, regulation or resolution of the
2 Conservation Board.

3 The Conservation Board shall designate Conservation Areas
4 and

5 (a) Approve all conservation plans developed for
6 Conservation Areas in the manner prescribed herein;

7 (b) Approve each use of eminent domain for the acquisition
8 of real property for the purposes of this Act, provided that
9 every property owner affected by condemnation proceedings
10 shall have the opportunity to be heard by the Board before such
11 proceedings may be approved;

12 (c) Act as the agent of the Municipality in the
13 acquisition, management, and disposition of property acquired
14 pursuant to this Act as hereinafter provided;

15 (d) Act as agent of the governing body, at the discretion
16 of the governing body, in the enforcement and the
17 administration of any ordinances relating to the conservation
18 of urban residential areas and the prevention of slums enacted
19 by the governing body pursuant to the laws of this State;

20 (e) Report annually to the presiding officer of the
21 municipality;

22 (f) Shall, as agent for the Municipality upon approval by
23 the governing body, have power to apply for and accept capital
24 grants and loans from, and contract with, the United States of
25 America, the Housing and Home Finance Agency, or any other
26 Agency or instrumentality of the United States of America, for

1 or in aid of any of the purposes of this Act, and to secure
2 such loans by the issuance of debentures, notes, special
3 certificates, or other evidences of indebtedness, to the
4 United States of America; and

5 (g) Exercise any and all other powers as shall be
6 necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

7 (Source: P.A. 94-793, eff. 5-19-06.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.