

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 Illinois Procurement Code is amended by
5 adding Section 45-22 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 500/45-22 new)

7 Sec. 45-22. Compost-amended soil.

8 (a) As used in this Section:

9 "Compost-amended soil" means soil that has been mixed
10 with source separated landscape waste or a mixture of both
11 source separated landscape waste and source separated food
12 scraps to meet an organic matter content of not less than
13 25%, where the compost component meets the certification
14 requirements of the U.S. Composting Council's Seal of
15 Testing Assurance (STA) program or any other equivalent,
16 nationally recognized program.

17 "State agency" means: all officers, boards,
18 commissions and agencies created by the Constitution in the
19 executive branch; all officers, departments, boards,
20 commissions, agencies, institutions, authorities, bodies
21 politic and corporate of the State; and administrative
22 units or corporate outgrowths of the State government which
23 are created by or pursuant to statute, other than

1 universities, units of local government and their
2 officers, school districts, and boards of election
3 commissioners; and all administrative units and corporate
4 outgrowths of the above and as may be created by executive
5 order of the Governor.

6 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this Code or any other
7 law to the contrary, any State agency that undertakes a
8 landscaping project requiring the use of new or offsite soil
9 for landscape-related use and that is located within 10 miles
10 of any Illinois Environmental Protection Agency-permitted
11 compost facility shall request a base bid with an alternative
12 for compost-amended soil as a part of that project. The State
13 agency shall consider whether compost-amended soil should be
14 used for that project based upon the costs. The State agency
15 shall incorporate compost-amended soil into a landscaping
16 project if the cost of using compost-amended soil is equal to
17 or less than the cost of using other new offsite soil.

18 The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency shall
19 maintain a list of the locations of all permitted compost
20 facilities in the State and post the list on its website.

21 (c) Prior to December 31, 2019, the Department of
22 Transportation shall conduct 2 pilot demonstration projects
23 using compost-amended soil. The Department shall determine the
24 costs and advantages and disadvantages of using
25 compost-amended soil. Within one year of substantial
26 completion of both projects, the Department shall report to the

1 General Assembly stating the immediate costs of the projects,
2 long-term operational cost savings, and advantages and
3 disadvantages of using compost-amended soil. The report to the
4 General Assembly shall be filed with the Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate in electronic
6 form only, in the manner that the Clerk and the Secretary shall
7 direct.

8 (d) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2022.