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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3462

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 3462 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. References to Act. This Act may be referred to  
5 as the Illinois Partners for Nutrient Loss Reduction Act.

6 Section 3. Findings. The General Assembly finds that:

7 (1) Excessive levels of nutrients are degrading the quality  
8 of streams, rivers, and lakes within the State of Illinois and  
9 contributing to the dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico.

10 (2) The State's Environmental Protection Agency and  
11 Department of Agriculture collaborated with the Policy Working  
12 Group, working with academics, environmental nonprofits,  
13 representatives of federal, State, and local agencies,  
14 wastewater treatment professionals, and the agricultural  
15 community to develop the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction  
16 Strategy in 2015. They continue to collaborate to implement the

1 Strategy.

2 (3) The Strategy sets a milestone to reduce nitrogen loads  
3 in Illinois waters that leave the State by 15% and phosphorus  
4 loads by 25% by 2025 from baseline levels of 1980-1996. One  
5 goal is to reduce both nitrogen and phosphorus loads by 45%.

6 (4) The Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of  
7 Natural Resources, and the Department of Agriculture require  
8 resources to administer and implement the Strategy in order to  
9 meet the Strategy's 2025 milestone and goal.

10 (5) Nutrient capture practices cost share grants will  
11 assist Illinois' agricultural economy in meeting the goals of  
12 the Strategy.

13 (6) Soil and Water Conservation Districts assist Illinois  
14 farmers in implementing nutrient capture practices on their  
15 farmland.

16 Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by changing  
17 Section 6z-32 as follows:

18 (30 ILCS 105/6z-32)

19 Sec. 6z-32. Partners for Planning and Conservation.

20 (a) The Partners for Conservation Fund (formerly known as  
21 the Conservation 2000 Fund) and the Partners for Conservation  
22 Projects Fund (formerly known as the Conservation 2000 Projects  
23 Fund) are created as special funds in the State Treasury. These  
24 funds shall be used to establish a comprehensive program to

1 protect Illinois' natural resources through cooperative  
2 partnerships between State government and public and private  
3 landowners. Moneys in these Funds may be used, subject to  
4 appropriation, by the Department of Natural Resources,  
5 Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of  
6 Agriculture for purposes relating to natural resource  
7 protection, planning, recreation, tourism, and compatible  
8 agricultural and economic development activities. Without  
9 limiting these general purposes, moneys in these Funds may be  
10 used, subject to appropriation, for the following specific  
11 purposes:

12 (1) To foster sustainable agriculture practices and  
13 control soil erosion, ~~and~~ sedimentation, and nutrient loss  
14 from farmland, including grants to Soil and Water  
15 Conservation Districts for conservation practice  
16 cost-share grants and for personnel, educational, and  
17 administrative expenses.

18 (2) To establish and protect a system of ecosystems in  
19 public and private ownership through conservation  
20 easements, incentives to public and private landowners,  
21 natural resource restoration and preservation, water  
22 quality protection and improvement, land use and watershed  
23 planning, technical assistance and grants, and land  
24 acquisition provided these mechanisms are all voluntary on  
25 the part of the landowner and do not involve the use of  
26 eminent domain.

1           (3) To develop a systematic and long-term program to  
2 effectively measure and monitor natural resources and  
3 ecological conditions through investments in technology  
4 and involvement of scientific experts.

5           (4) To initiate strategies to enhance, use, and  
6 maintain Illinois' inland lakes through education,  
7 technical assistance, research, and financial incentives.

8           (5) To partner with private landowners and with units  
9 of State, federal, and local government and with  
10 not-for-profit organizations in order to integrate State  
11 and federal programs with Illinois' natural resource  
12 protection and restoration efforts and to meet  
13 requirements to obtain federal and other funds for  
14 conservation or protection of natural resources.

15           (6) To implement the State's Nutrient Loss Reduction  
16 Strategy, including, but not limited to, funding the  
17 resources needed to support the Strategy's Policy Working  
18 Group, cover water quality monitoring in support of  
19 Strategy implementation, prepare a biennial report on the  
20 progress made on the Strategy every 2 years, and provide  
21 cost share funding for nutrient capture projects.

22           (b) The State Comptroller and State Treasurer shall  
23 automatically transfer on the last day of each month, beginning  
24 on September 30, 1995 and ending on June 30, 2026 ~~2021~~, from  
25 the General Revenue Fund to the Partners for Conservation Fund,  
26 an amount equal to 1/10 of the amount set forth below in fiscal

1 year 1996 and an amount equal to 1/12 of the amount set forth  
2 below in each of the other specified fiscal years:

| 3  | Fiscal Year       | Amount                                      |
|----|-------------------|---|
| 4  | 1996              | \$ 3,500,000                                |
| 5  | 1997              | \$ 9,000,000                                |
| 6  | 1998              | \$10,000,000                                |
| 7  | 1999              | \$11,000,000                                |
| 8  | 2000              | \$12,500,000                                |
| 9  | 2001 through 2004 | \$14,000,000                                |
| 10 | 2005              | \$7,000,000                                 |
| 11 | 2006              | \$11,000,000                                |
| 12 | 2007              | \$0   |
| 13 | 2008 through 2011 | \$14,000,000                                |
| 14 | 2012              | \$12,200,000                                |
| 15 | 2013 through 2017 | \$14,000,000                                |
| 16 | 2018              | \$1,500,000                                 |
| 17 | 2019              | \$14,000,000                                |
| 18 | 2020              | \$7,500,000                                 |
| 19 | 2021              | <u>\$18,135,000</u> <del>\$14,000,000</del> |
| 20 | <u>2022</u>       | <u>\$19,900,000</u>                         |
| 21 | <u>2023</u>       | <u>\$23,025,000</u>                         |
| 22 | <u>2024</u>       | <u>\$25,665,000</u>                         |
| 23 | <u>2025</u>       | <u>\$25,680,000</u>                         |
| 24 | <u>2026</u>       | <u>\$25,695,000</u>                         |

25 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
26 contrary and in addition to any other transfers that may be

1 provided for by law, on the last day of each month beginning on  
2 July 31, 2006 and ending on June 30, 2007, or as soon  
3 thereafter as may be practical, the State Comptroller shall  
4 direct and the State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,000,000 from  
5 the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Fund to the  
6 Partners for Conservation Fund (formerly known as the  
7 Conservation 2000 Fund).

8 (d) There shall be deposited into the Partners for  
9 Conservation Projects Fund such bond proceeds and other moneys  
10 as may, from time to time, be provided by law.

11 (e) For years 2021 through 2026, \$1,075,000 from the  
12 Partners for Conservation Fund shall be provided annually to  
13 the Agency and used as follows:

14 (1) \$530,000 for coordination of Strategy  
15 implementation, including, but not limited to, meeting  
16 coordination, reporting, and watershed coordination; and

17 (2) \$545,000 to cover water quality monitoring in  
18 support of Strategy implementation.

19 (f) For years 2021 through 2026, funding from the Partners  
20 for Conservation Fund shall be provided annually to the  
21 Department of Agriculture:

22 (1) to be used for Soil and Water Conservation  
23 Districts for personnel, educational, and administrative  
24 expenses;

25 (2) to fund the Cover Crops Insurance Premium Discount  
26 Program; and

1           (3) for conservation practices cost share grants and  
2           technical assistance.

3           Funding provided to the Department of Agriculture under  
4           this subsection shall be in the amount set forth below in each  
5           of the specified fiscal years:

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Amount</u>       |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| <u>2021</u>        | <u>\$10,060,000</u> |
| <u>2022</u>        | <u>\$11,825,000</u> |
| <u>2023</u>        | <u>\$14,950,000</u> |
| <u>2024</u>        | <u>\$17,590,000</u> |
| <u>2025</u>        | <u>\$17,605,000</u> |
| <u>2026</u>        | <u>\$17,620,000</u> |

13           (g) For years 2021 through 2026, \$7,000,000 funding from  
14           the Partners for Conservation Fund shall be provided annually  
15           to the Department of Natural Resources and used as follows:

16           (1) \$6,000,000 for personnel, educational,  
17           administrative, and conservation practices expenses; and

18           (2) \$1,000,000 for conservation practices on publicly  
19           owned property of the Department of Natural Resources, and  
20           its surrounding area, that is leased to agricultural  
21           producers.

22           In this Section, "strategy" means the 2015 Illinois  
23           Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy document and its biennial  
24           reports of 2017 and 2019.

25           (Source: P.A. 100-23, eff. 7-6-17; 101-10, eff. 6-5-19.)

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2    becoming law.".