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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3928

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 3928 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Findings. The State of Illinois finds that:

5 (1) rapid land development in Illinois has led to the loss  
6 of forestlands, farmlands, wildlife habitats, biodiversity,  
7 outstanding natural areas, beaches, and public areas for  
8 outdoor recreation and has impacted the health of the State's  
9 lakes, streams, rivers, and wetlands, all of which impacts the  
10 quality of life of the State's current and future citizens and  
11 may jeopardize the well-being of the State's environment and  
12 economy if not addressed appropriately;

13 (2) this same rapid land development has also led to the  
14 loss of historical and archaeological sites that embody the  
15 heritage of the State;

16 (3) this same rapid land development is occurring across  
17 the United States and across the world;

1 (4) scientists have documented this rapid loss of natural  
2 area and wildlife, including the loss of 1,500,000 acres of  
3 natural area in the United States per year; the loss of  
4 2,900,000,000, or twenty-nine percent of, North American birds  
5 since 1970; threats to approximately 12,000 plant and animal  
6 species in the United States, all of which are in need of  
7 proactive conservation efforts; and the loss of one-half of  
8 freshwater and saltwater wetlands in the contiguous  
9 forty-eight states;

10 (5) scientists have recommended conserving and protecting  
11 thirty percent of the land and thirty percent of the ocean in  
12 each country by 2030 in order to address this deterioration of  
13 natural systems, loss of biodiversity, and rapid land  
14 development;

15 (6) national leaders have introduced measures to commit  
16 the United States to protecting thirty percent of its lands  
17 and oceans by 2030; and

18 (7) in order to support national efforts and provide state  
19 leadership to address the deterioration of natural systems,  
20 loss of biodiversity, and rapid land development, Illinois  
21 must establish a bold goal for the amount of land to be  
22 protected by the year 2030.

23 Section 5. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
24 Illinois Thirty-by-Thirty Conservation Task Force Act.

1           Section 10. Thirty-by-Thirty Task Force. There is hereby  
2           created the Illinois Thirty-By-Thirty Conservation Task Force.  
3           The Task Force shall have 23 members, comprised as follows:

4           (1) the Director of Natural Resources or the Director's  
5           designee, who shall serve as chairperson;

6           (2) two members from the House of Representatives,  
7           appointed one each by the Speaker of the House and the House  
8           Minority Leader;

9           (3) two members of the Senate, appointed one each by the  
10          President of the Senate and the Senate Minority Leader;

11          (4) one member appointed by the Director or Director  
12          Designee of the Department of Agriculture;

13          (5) one member appointed by the Director or Director  
14          Designee of The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency;

15          (6) one member appointed by the Director or Director  
16          Designee of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic  
17          Opportunity;

18          (7) one member appointed by the Director or Director  
19          Designee of the Illinois Department of Transportation;

20          (8) one environmentalist appointed by the Department of  
21          Natural Resources;

22          (9) one member from a State agriculture association  
23          appointed by the chairperson;

24          (10) two environmental science teachers appointed by the  
25          chairperson;

26          (11) four environmental science students appointed by the

1 chairperson;

2 (12) three members of a private sector environmental  
3 organization appointed by the chairperson;

4 (13) one higher education professional working with crop  
5 science, appointed by the chairperson;

6 (14) one chemical fertilizer professional appointed by the  
7 chairperson; and

8 (15) one seed producer appointed by the chairperson.

9 Section 15. Duties of the Task Force. The Task Force shall  
10 hold listening sessions regarding ways in which Illinois can  
11 protect 30% of its land and water resources by 2030. The Task  
12 Force shall hold a minimum of three separate listening  
13 sessions in geographically distinct areas of the State.

14 (1) The meetings should at a minimum seek to explore the  
15 following focus areas:

16 (A) identify resources that the State has and how they  
17 are being utilized to protect land and water resources;

18 (B) identify tools, resources, and incentives for  
19 landowners and the private sector to restore degraded  
20 natural areas and to manage their resources sustainably;

21 (C) identify financial resources from the private  
22 sector, philanthropy, and public sources to expand  
23 protections and to help manage lands and waters for  
24 conservation;

25 (D) the ability of the State to manage more public

1 lands for the benefit of future generations; and e.  
2 strategies to conserve and protect 30% of Illinois' land  
3 and water by 2030.

4 (2) The Task Force shall observe the sovereignty of tribal  
5 nations through meaningful consultation with indigenous tribal  
6 leaders, and shall help indigenous tribal communities fulfill  
7 their visions and priorities for the stewardship of natural,  
8 cultural, and historic resources.

9 (3) The Task Force members shall serve without  
10 compensation.

11 Section 20. Administration. The Department of Natural  
12 Resources shall provide administrative and other support to  
13 the Task Force.

14 Section 25. Report. The Task Force shall prepare a report  
15 that summarizes the information gathered during the listening  
16 sessions and submit the report to the Governor and General  
17 Assembly on or before July 1, 2022.

18 Section 30. Repeal. The Task Force is dissolved, and this  
19 Act is repealed on July 1, 2023.

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
21 becoming law."