

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2003 and 2004

Introduced 2/6/2004, by Tom Cross

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

505 ILCS 35/1-2

from Ch. 5, par. 2401-2

Amends the Illinois Conservation Enhancement Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the legislative purpose and policy of the ${\sf Act.}$

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1 AN ACT concerning conservation.

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

- Section 5. The Illinois Conservation Enhancement Act is amended by changing Section 1-2 as follows:
- 6 (505 ILCS 35/1-2) (from Ch. 5, par. 2401-2)
- 7 Sec. 1-2. Purpose and policy. This Act creates 2 major programs, the Save Illinois Topsoil Program and the Illinois 8 9 Natural Resource Enhancement Program. It is the purpose of this Act that certain marginal agricultural land is be kept or taken 10 out of crop production or pasture to protect soil and water 11 quality and to protect and support fish and wildlife habitat. 12 It is State policy to encourage the retirement of marginal, 13 14 highly erodible agricultural land, particularly land adjacent 15 to public waters and drainage systems, from crop production and to reestablish a cover of perennial vegetation in order to 16 17 conserve, protect and enhance important water and land
- 19 (Source: P.A. 85-960; 86-1475.)

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