



**93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2003 and 2004**

Introduced 2/6/2004, by Ira I. Silverstein

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

20 ILCS 205/205-40.43 new

Amends the Department of Agriculture Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Authorizes the Department to establish and implement a program to purchase agriculture conservation easements to protect agricultural land from development for other uses. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning the Department of Agriculture.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Agriculture Law of the Civil  
5 Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding Section  
6 205-40.43 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 205/205-40.43 new)

8 Sec. 205-40.43. Purchase of agricultural conservation  
9 easements. The Department of Agriculture may establish and  
10 implement a program for the purchase of agricultural  
11 conservation easements, including the purchase of development  
12 rights from willing landowners, for the protection of  
13 agricultural land from unnecessary conversion to other uses.

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
15 becoming law.