99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/18/2015, by Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

505 ILCS 110/2.132a new 505 ILCS 110/13.5 new

Amends the Illinois Seed Law. Provides that seed libraries shall be exempt from all licensing, testing, labeling, and other requirements of the Act. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning agriculture.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Seed Law is amended by adding 5 Sections 2.132a and 13.5 as follows:

6 (505 ILCS 110/2.132a new)

Sec. 2.132a. Seed library. "Seed library" means a nonprofit, cooperative, or governmental organization that holds, donates, and receives donations of open-pollinated seeds to and from the public for non-commercial and educational uses for the purpose of encouraging horticulture-based education, non-commercial gardening, biodiversity, and the preservation of open-pollinated plant varieties.

14 (505 ILCS 110/13.5 new)

15 <u>Sec. 13.5. Seed library exemption. Notwithstanding any</u> 16 <u>other provision of this Act, seed libraries shall be exempt</u> 17 <u>from all licensing, testing, labeling, and other requirements</u> 18 of this Act.

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