

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2015 and 2016 SB0129

Introduced 1/28/2015, by Sen. John J. Cullerton

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 agriculture.

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 the Save Illinois Topsoil Program and the 8 9 Illinois Natural Resource Enhancement Program. It is purpose of this Act that certain marginal agricultural land be 10 11 kept or taken out of crop production or pasture to protect soil and water quality and to protect and support fish and wildlife 12 habitat. It is State policy to encourage the retirement of 13 14 marginal, highly erodible agricultural land, particularly land adjacent to public waters and drainage systems, from crop 15 16 production and to reestablish a cover of perennial vegetation 17 in order to conserve, protect and enhance important water and land resources. 18
- 19 (Source: P.A. 85-960; 86-1475.)