

1 AN ACT concerning energy efficiency.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Development Finance Authority  
5 Act is amended by adding Sections 7.91, 7.92, and 7.94 as  
6 follows:

7 (20 ILCS 3505/7.91 new)

8 Sec. 7.91. Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund;  
9 findings and declaration of policy. It is hereby found and  
10 declared that market restructuring in the electric power  
11 industry has created an urgent need to provide financial  
12 incentives for the improvement of energy efficiency. It is  
13 in the public interest to reduce the costs of energy supplies  
14 and services by providing loans, loan guarantees, and  
15 interest rate write downs and by financing the administration  
16 of loans, loan guarantees, and interest rate write downs and  
17 the provision of technical assistance related thereto to fund  
18 energy efficiency improvements in governmental, commercial,  
19 and certain multi-family and other buildings.

20 (20 ILCS 3505/7.92 new)

21 Sec. 7.92. Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund. There  
22 is hereby created the Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund,  
23 hereafter referred to in Sections 7.91 through 7.94 as the  
24 "Fund". The Treasurer of the Authority shall have custody of  
25 the Fund, which shall be held outside the State treasury. The  
26 Authority is authorized to issue both tax exempt and taxable  
27 bonds on behalf of the Fund. The Authority is authorized to  
28 accept any and all loan repayments, interest earnings,  
29 proceeds from defaults or delinquencies, appropriations,  
30 grants, gifts, loans, or other payments from public or

1 private entities, including public utilities, for deposit  
2 into the Fund.

3 (20 ILCS 3505/7.94 new)

4 Sec. 7.94. Loan program.

5 (a) The Authority shall provide loans to units of local  
6 government and nonprofit organizations engaged in the  
7 aggregation of electricity demand. Loans shall be provided  
8 at no more than 2% interest. Loans may be made either by the  
9 Authority or by other lenders using loan guarantees or  
10 interest rate write downs provided by the Authority. Loans  
11 may be made for the bulk purchase of high-efficiency energy  
12 equipment or appliances, energy monitoring devices, or clean  
13 small-scale energy production devices.

14 (b) The loan repayment period shall be no longer than 8  
15 years.

16 (c) The Authority shall give priority to projects that  
17 (i) demonstrate innovative and efficient ways to achieve  
18 electricity demand reductions, (ii) may serve as a model for  
19 replication in other locations, or (iii) are proposed by  
20 governmental or nonprofit organizations to promote both  
21 energy efficiency and improved reliability of service.

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