

1 AN ACT in relation to rural economic development, 63
2 amending various Acts in relation thereto. 65

3 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 69
4 represented in the General Assembly:

5 ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS 72

6 Section 1-1. This Act shall be known and may be cited as 74
7 the "Rural Economic Development Act". 75

8 ARTICLE II. RURAL ENERGY CONSERVATION ACT 77

9 Section 2-1. This Article shall be known and may be 79
10 cited as the "Rural Energy Conservation Act". 80

11 Section 2-2. The Department of Energy and Natural 82
12 Resources shall administer programs providing financial 84
13 assistance in the form of interest subsidies or other forms 85
14 as allowed by federal law or regulation, court order, or
15 federal administrative order, to individuals and small 86
16 businesses in rural areas served by rural electric 87
17 cooperatives for weatherization and energy conservation 88
18 purposes.

19 For purposes of this Act, weatherization shall include, 90
20 but not be limited to, insulation, caulking, or weather 91
21 stripping, adding storm doors or storm windows, repairing or 92
22 replacing broken windows or doors, cleaning and minor repairs 93
23 of heating systems, and installation of set-back thermostats.

24 The Department of Energy and Natural Resources shall 95
25 administer the interest subsidy program directed to assist 96
26 individual consumers. The financial assistance for 97
27 individuals shall not exceed \$2,000 and may be extended to 98
28 individuals whose household gross income does not exceed 150
29 percent of the area median income as defined by the U.S. 99
30 Department of Housing and Urban Development. 100

31 Each Department administering a program under this 101
32 Section shall develop the application procedures and terms of 102
33 the assistance. Each Department shall make use of existing 103

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Section 4-7. Section 2-3.80 is added to "The School Code", approved March 18, 1961, as amended, the added Section to read as follows:

(Ch. 122, new par. 2-3.80)

Sec. 2-3.80. (a) The General Assembly recognizes that agriculture is the most basic and singularly important industry in the State, that agriculture is of central importance to the welfare and economic stability of the State, and that the maintenance of this vital industry requires a continued source of trained and qualified individuals for employment in agriculture and agribusiness. The General Assembly hereby declares that it is in the best interests of the people of the State of Illinois that a comprehensive education program in agriculture be created and maintained by the State's public school system in order to ensure an adequate supply of trained and skilled individuals and to ensure appropriate representation of racial and ethnic groups in all phases of the industry. It is the intent of the General Assembly that a State program for agricultural education shall be a part of the curriculum of the public school system K through adult, and made readily available to all school districts which may, at their option, include programs in education in agriculture as a part of the curriculum of that district.

(b) The State Board of Education shall adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of this Section. The rules and regulations shall not create any new State mandates on school districts as a condition of receiving federal, State, and local funds by those entities. It is in the intent of the General Assembly that, although this Section does not create any new mandates, school districts are strongly advised to follow the guidelines set forth in this Section.

(c) The State Superintendent of Education shall assume responsibility for the administration of the State program

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1 adopted under this Section throughout the public school 894
2 system as well as the articulation of the State program to 895
3 the requirements and mandates of federally assisted 896
4 education. There is currently within the State Board of
5 Education an agricultural education unit to assist school 897
6 districts in the establishment and maintenance of educational 898
7 programs pursuant to the provisions of this Section. The 899
8 staffing of the unit shall at all times be comprised of an 900
9 appropriate number of full-time employees who shall serve as
10 program consultants in agricultural education and shall be 901
11 available to provide assistance to school districts. At 902
12 least one consultant shall be responsible for the 903
13 coordination of the State program, as Head Consultant. At 904
14 least one consultant shall be responsible for the
15 coordination of the activities of student and agricultural 905
16 organizations and associations.

17 (d) A committee of 13 agriculturalists representative of 907
18 the various and diverse areas of the agricultural industry in 908
19 Illinois shall be established to at least develop a 909
20 curriculum and overview the implementation of the Build 910
21 Illinois through Quality Agricultural Education plans of the 911
22 Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education and to 912
23 advise the State Board of Education on vocational 913
24 agricultural education. The Committee shall be composed of 914
25 the following: (6) agriculturalists representing the 915
26 Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education; (2) 916
27 Secondary Agriculture Teachers; (1) "Ag In The Classroom"
28 Teacher; (1) Community College Agriculture Teacher; (1) Adult 917
29 Agriculture Education Teacher; (1) University Agriculture 918
30 Teacher Educator; and (1) FFA Representative. All members of 919
31 the Committee shall be appointed by the Governor by and with 920
32 the advice and consent of the Senate. The terms of all 921
33 members so appointed shall be for 3 years, except that of the
34 members initially appointed, 5 shall be appointed to serve 922
35 for terms of 1 year, 4 shall be appointed to serve for terms 923

1 of 2 years and 4 shall be appointed to serve for terms of 3 9:
2 years. All members of the Committee shall serve until their 9:
3 successors are appointed and qualified. Vacancies in terms
4 shall be filled by appointment of the Governor with the 9:
5 advice and consent of the Senate for the extent of the 9:
6 unexpired term. The State Board of Education shall implement 9:
7 a Build Illinois through Quality Agricultural Education plan 9:
8 following receipt of these recommendations which shall be 9:
9 made available on or before March 31, 1987. Recommendations 9:
10 shall include, but not be limited to, the development of a 9:
11 curriculum and a strategy for the purpose of establishing a
12 source of trained and qualified individuals in agriculture, a 9:
13 strategy for articulating the State program in agricultural 9:
14 education throughout the public school system, and a consumer 9:
15 education outreach strategy regarding the importance of 9:
16 agriculture in Illinois. The committee of agriculturalists
17 shall serve without compensation. 9:

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18 Section 4-8. Sections 3 and 4.03 of "The Illinois 9:
19 Administrative Procedure Act", approved September 22, 1975, 9:
20 as amended, are amended, and Sections 3.11 and 3.12 are added 9:
21 thereto, the amended and added Sections to read as follows: 9:

(Ch. 127, par. 1003) 9:

22 Sec. 3. Definitions.) As used in this Act, unless the 9:
23 context otherwise requires, the terms specified in Sections 9:
24 3.01 through 3.12 ~~3-10~~ have the meanings ascribed to them in 9:
25 those Sections. 9:

(Ch. 127, new par. 1003.11) 9:

26 Sec. 3.11. "Municipality" has the meaning ascribed to it 9:
27 in Section 1-1-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code. 9:

(Ch. 127, new par. 1003.12) 9:

28 Sec. 3.12. "Small municipality" means any municipality 9:
29 of 5,000 or fewer inhabitants and any municipality of more 9:
30 than 5,000 inhabitants which employs fewer than 50 persons 9:
31 full-time. For purposes of a specific rule, an agency may 9:
32 define small municipality to include employment of more than

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1 50 persons if it finds that such a definition is necessary to 961
2 adapt the rule to the needs and problems of small 962
3 municipalities.
4 (Ch. 127, par. 1004.03) 964
5 Sec. 4.03. Small Business and Small Municipality 967
6 Flexibility) When an agency proposes a new rule, or an 968
7 amendment to an existing rule, which may have an impact on
8 small businesses or small municipalities, the agency shall do 969
9 each of the following: (a) The agency shall consider each of 971
10 the following methods for reducing the impact of the 972
11 rulemaking on small businesses or small municipalities. The 973
12 agency shall reduce the impact by utilizing one or more of 974
13 the following methods, if it finds that the methods are legal 975
14 and feasible in meeting the statutory objectives which are 976
15 the basis of the proposed rulemaking.
16 (1) Establish less stringent compliance or reporting 978
17 requirements in the rule for small businesses or small 979
18 municipalities.
19 (2) Establish less stringent schedules or deadlines in 981
20 the rule for compliance or reporting requirements for small 982
21 businesses or small municipalities. 983
22 (3) Consolidate or simplify the rule's compliance or 985
23 reporting requirements for small businesses or small 986
24 municipalities.
25 (4) Establish performance standards to replace design or 988
26 operational standards in the rule for small businesses or 989
27 small municipalities.
28 (5) Exempt small businesses or small municipalities from 991
29 any or all requirements of the rule. 992
30 (b) Prior to or during the notice period required under 994
31 Section 5.01(a) of this Act, the agency shall provide an 995
32 opportunity for small businesses or small municipalities to 997
33 participate in the rulemaking process. The agency shall 998
34 utilize one or more of the following techniques. These 999
35 techniques are in addition to other rulemaking requirements

1 imposed by this Act or by any other Act. 98

2 (1) The inclusion in any advance notice of possible 10
3 rulemaking of a statement that the rule may have an impact on 10
4 small businesses or small municipalities. 10

5 (2) The publication of a notice of rulemaking in 10
6 publications likely to be obtained by small businesses or 10
7 small municipalities. 10

8 (3) The direct notification of interested small 10
9 businesses or small municipalities. 10

10 (4) The conduct of public hearings concerning the impact 10
11 of the rule on small businesses or small municipalities. 10

12 (5) The use of special hearing or comment procedures to 10
13 reduce the cost or complexity of participation in the 10
14 rulemaking by small businesses or small municipalities. 10

15 (c) Prior to the notice period required under Section 10
16 5.01(a) of this Act, the agency shall notify the Business 10
17 Assistance Office of the Department of Commerce and Community 10
18 Affairs when rules affect businesses. The Business 10
19 Assistance Office shall prepare an impact analysis of the 10
20 rule describing its effect on small businesses. The impact 10
21 analysis shall be completed within the notice period as 10
22 described in subsection (a) of Section 5.01. Upon completion 10
23 of the analysis the Business Assistance Office shall submit 10
24 this analysis to both the Joint Committee on Administrative 10
25 Rules and to the agency proposing the rule. The impact 10
26 analysis shall contain the following:

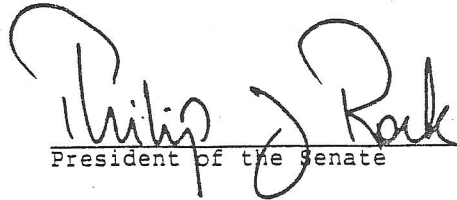
27 (1) A summary of the projected reporting, recordkeeping 10
28 and other compliance requirements of the proposed rule. 10

29 (2) A description of the types and an estimate of the 10
30 number of small businesses to which the proposed rule will 10
31 apply.

32 (3) An estimate of the economic impact which the 10
33 regulation will have on the various types of small businesses 10
34 affected by the rulemaking. 10

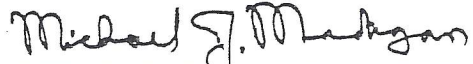
35 (4) A description of or a listing of alternatives to the 10

1 proposed rule which would minimize the economic impact of the 1041
 2 rule. Such alternative must be consistent with the stated 1042
 3 objectives of the applicable statutes and regulations. 1044
 4 ARTICLE V. EFFECTIVE DATE 1046
 5 Section 5-1. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1048
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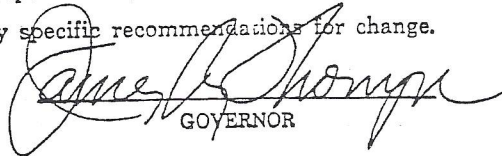


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this 5th day of January, 1987 A.D.
 that the acceptance of the General Assembly con-
 forms to my specific recommendations for change.



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