

SB2226



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

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Introduced 2/10/2023, by Sen. Patrick J. Joyce

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 805/805-570 new

Amends the Department of Natural Resources (Conservation) Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that before land is designated as a Conservation Opportunity Area, the Department of Natural Resources shall hold 2 public hearings on the proposed designation and provide notification by certified mail to landowners affected by the designation. Defines "Conservation Opportunity Area".

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Natural Resources
5 (Conservation) Law of the Civil Administrative Code of
6 Illinois is amended by adding Section 805-570 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 805/805-570 new)

8 Sec. 805-570. Conservation Opportunity Areas.

9 (a) In this Section, "Conservation Opportunity Area" means
10 a portion of this State where ecological and social conditions
11 align to provide opportunities for stewardship and recovery of
12 species of greatest conservation need and their habitats
13 identified in the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan.

14 (b) Before land is designated as a Conservation
15 Opportunity Area, the Department of Natural Resources shall
16 hold 2 public hearings on the proposed designation and provide
17 notification by certified mail to landowners affected by the
18 designation.