

HB1847



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 1/29/2025, by Rep. John M. Cabello

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

505 ILCS 87/15
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Amends the Garden Act. Provides that a person may save the seeds grown in a vegetable garden for personal consumption or non-commercial sharing. Provides that a unit of local government may not adopt a regulation or ordinance that precludes saving seeds grown in vegetable gardens.

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A BILL FOR

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 Garden Act is amended by changing Sections
5 15 and 25 as follows:

6 (505 ILCS 87/15)

7 Sec. 15. Right to cultivate vegetable gardens.
8 Notwithstanding any other law, any person may cultivate
9 vegetable gardens on their own property, or on the private
10 property of another with the permission of the owner, in any
11 county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this
12 state. A person may save the seeds grown in a vegetable garden
13 for personal use or non-commercial sharing.

14 (Source: P.A. 102-180, eff. 1-1-22.)

15 (505 ILCS 87/25)

16 Sec. 25. State and local regulation still permitted.
17 Section 20 of this Act notwithstanding, this Act does not
18 preclude the adoption of a regulation or local ordinance of
19 general nature that does not specifically regulate vegetable
20 gardens, including, but not limited to, regulations and
21 ordinances relating to height, setback, water use, fertilizer
22 use, or control of invasive or unlawful species, provided that

1 any such regulation or ordinance does not have the effect of
2 precluding vegetable gardens or saving seeds grown in
3 vegetable gardens.

4 (Source: P.A. 102-180, eff. 1-1-22.)