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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1863

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1863 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the One  
5 Health Framework Task Force Act.

6 Section 5. Findings and purpose. The General Assembly  
7 finds that:

8 (1) The term "One Health" reflects the  
9 interconnectedness of human health, animal health, and the  
10 environment.

11 (2) The strong connections and interdependency between  
12 humans, companion animals, livestock, wildlife, and  
13 ecosystem health are recognized in the One Health  
14 initiative framework, which facilitates addressing  
15 zoonotic diseases, vector-borne diseases, antimicrobial  
16 resistance, and other complex, multi-disciplinary issues.

1           (3) Existing One Health initiatives at the federal  
2 level were included in both the 2021 Report of the  
3 Appropriations Committee of the United States House of  
4 Representatives and the 2023 Consolidated Appropriations  
5 Act. Congress directed the Centers for Disease Control and  
6 Prevention to collaborate with the U.S. Department of  
7 Agriculture, U.S. Department of the Interior, and other  
8 federal agency partners:

9           (A) to create a National One Health framework to  
10 address zoonotic diseases and advance public health  
11 preparedness in the United States; and

12           (B) to collaborate with interagency partners on  
13 the development of a One Health coordination mechanism  
14 at the federal level to strengthen One Health  
15 collaboration related to the prevention of, detection  
16 of, control of, and response to zoonotic diseases and  
17 related One Health work across the federal government.

18           (4) Existing One Health initiatives in other states  
19 include the passage of Senate Bill 347 and Assembly Bill  
20 1992 in New Jersey in June 2021 for the purpose of  
21 developing a New Jersey One Health Task Force.

22           (5) Awareness and collaboration among disciplines will  
23 help protect the environment and the health of all  
24 species, will save lives in present and future  
25 generations, and will increase the quality of life, the  
26 physical and mental health, and the productivity of

1 residents of the State.

2 (6) A One Health approach recognizes that the health  
3 of people is connected to the health of animals and the  
4 environment, and it has been described as a collaborative,  
5 multisector, and transdisciplinary approach, working at  
6 the local, regional, national, and global levels, with the  
7 goal of achieving optimal health outcomes while  
8 recognizing the interconnection between people, animals,  
9 plants, and their shared environment.

10 (7) A One Health approach is important because 6 out  
11 of 10 infectious diseases in humans are spread from  
12 animals; animals can also serve as early warning signs or  
13 sentinels of potential illnesses or other health concerns  
14 in people; and public health preparedness depends on  
15 agriculture in a variety of ways.

16 (8) It is, therefore, in the public interest for the  
17 State to establish a One Health Framework Task Force to  
18 promote the health and wellness of Illinois' natural  
19 resource, residents, and animals, including pets,  
20 livestock, and wildlife, by encouraging the collaborative  
21 efforts of experts and leveraging knowledge and resources  
22 effectively.

23 Section 10. Definitions. In this Act:

24 "One Health" means an integrated, unifying approach that  
25 aims to sustainably balance and optimize the health of people,

1 animals, and ecosystems while recognizing that the health of  
2 humans, domestic and wild animals, plants, and the wider  
3 environment (including ecosystems) are closely linked and  
4 interdependent.

5 "Task Force" means the One Health Framework Task Force  
6 established under this Act.

7 Section 15. One Health Framework Task Force.

8 (a) The One Health Framework Task Force is established in  
9 the Department of Public Health. The purpose of this Task  
10 Force is to develop a strategic plan to promote  
11 interdisciplinary communication and collaboration between  
12 physicians, veterinarians, and other scientific professionals  
13 and State agencies, with the goal of promoting the health and  
14 well-being of the State's residents, animals, and environment.

15 (b) The goals and responsibilities of the Task Force shall  
16 include:

17 (1) development of a mechanism to promote  
18 interdisciplinary communication and collaboration between  
19 human, animal, and environmental health professionals;

20 (2) development of protocols for the response to, and  
21 recovery from, zoonotic disease outbreaks in animals and  
22 humans;

23 (3) coordination and collaboration among appropriate  
24 entities to develop novel approaches to reduce hazards to  
25 human and animal health and to address public health

1 threats in a timely manner that prevents duplication; and

2 (4) development of educational and outreach  
3 initiatives to promote the One Health approach across  
4 State government agencies, the State's academic and  
5 research institutions, non-governmental organizations,  
6 and private entities.

7 (c) The Task Force shall partner with academic  
8 institutions and nongovernmental organizations in the State  
9 and consult with associations, organizations, and individuals  
10 who are knowledgeable about the One Health initiative.

11 (d) The Task Force shall be composed of the following  
12 members:

13 (1) the Director of Public Health or the Director's  
14 designee, who shall serve as chairperson;

15 (2) the Director of Agriculture or the Director's  
16 designee;

17 (3) the Director of the Environmental Protection  
18 Agency or the Director's designee;

19 (4) the Director of the Illinois Emergency Management  
20 Agency and Office of Homeland Security or the Director's  
21 designee;

22 (5) the Chairman of the Illinois Housing Development  
23 Authority or the Chairman's designee;

24 (6) the Director of Natural Resources or the  
25 Director's designee;

26 (7) the Secretary of Transportation or the Secretary's

1       designee;

2           (8) the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
3       or the Director's designee, who shall serve as an ex  
4       officio, nonvoting, advisory member;

5           (9) four members who are experts regarding One Health  
6       from the academic or teaching community in this State,  
7       appointed by the Governor;

8           (10) two members who are experts regarding One Health  
9       and who are physicians licensed to practice medicine in  
10      all its branches in this State, appointed by the Governor;  
11      and

12          (11) two members who are experts regarding One Health  
13      and who are veterinarians licensed in this State,  
14      appointed by the Governor.

15          (e) The Task Force shall convene and meet at the call of  
16      the chairperson and shall meet as frequently as necessary to  
17      carry out its duties as required by this Act.

18          (f) The Department of Public Health shall provide  
19      administrative and other support to the Task Force.

20          (g) The members of the Task Force shall serve without  
21      compensation but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and  
22      necessary expenses from funds appropriated for that purpose.

23          (h) The Task Force shall submit a final report to the  
24      General Assembly and the Governor on or before January 1,  
25      2027. This report shall outline the development of the One  
26      Health Framework contemplated in the findings and purpose of

1     this Act and subsection (a) of this Section, shall provide  
2     details regarding the goals and responsibilities of the Task  
3     Force in subsection (b) of this Section, and shall include any  
4     other recommendations for legislative or regulatory action to  
5     improve, promote, and protect the health and well-being of the  
6     State's residents, animals, and environment.

7             (i) The final report under subsection (h) shall be posted  
8     on the public websites of the Department of Agriculture, the  
9     Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of Public  
10    Health.".