



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB3545

Introduced 2/18/2025, by Rep. Bradley Fritts

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2705/2705-627 new

Amends Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires the Department of Transportation to create a 5-year pilot program to reimburse farmers to leave a row of corn as snow fences. Requires the Department to establish rules and procedures. Provides that the Department shall pay the landowner or farmer based on its assumed yield, and the price per bushel shall be determined using the statewide average cash price on August 1 each year plus \$2 per bushel.

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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 Transportation Law of the
5 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding
6 Section 2705-627 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2705/2705-627 new)

8 Sec. 2705-627. Snow fence pilot program. The Department
9 shall create a 5-year pilot program to reimburse farmers to
10 leave a row of corn as snow fences. The Department shall
11 establish rules and procedures, including limiting the number
12 of farmers eligible to participate in the program. The
13 Department shall pay the landowner or farmer based on its
14 assumed yield. The price per bushel shall be determined using
15 the statewide average cash price on August 1 each year plus \$2
16 per bushel. Agreements under this Section may only go from
17 Fall to Spring, but may be renewed every year.