



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB3793

Introduced 2/18/2025, by Rep. Blaine Wilhour

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

525 ILCS 31/25.1 new

Amends the Illinois Natural Areas Stewardship Act. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources shall notify all persons residing in a Conservation Opportunity Area that they reside in a Conservation Opportunity Area, and that the Department shall send one notice per household. Provides that the Department shall determine the content of the notice and the manner of notification. Defines "Conservation Opportunity Area".

LRB104 12268 BDA 22380 b

1 AN ACT concerning conservation.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Natural Areas Stewardship Act is
5 amended by adding Section 25.1 as follows:

6 (525 ILCS 31/25.1 new)

7 Sec. 25.1. Notification to persons who reside in
8 Conservation Opportunity Areas.

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

15 (b) The Department shall notify all persons residing in a
16 Conservation Opportunity Area that they reside in a
17 Conservation Opportunity Area. The Department shall send one
18 notice per household. The Department shall determine the
19 content of the notice and the manner of notification.