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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 643

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 643 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by adding
5 Division 48 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/Art. 5 Div. 48 heading new)

7 DIVISION 48. BUILDING INSPECTIONS

8 (55 ILCS 5/5-48001 new)

9 Sec. 5-48001. Findings and purpose.

10 (a) The General Assembly finds and declares that:

11 (1) Uncertain and lengthy building permit review and
12 inspection timelines add costs, delay community
13 investment, and make it harder to deliver housing across
14 the State.

15 (2) Ensuring predictable, efficient, and transparent

1 review processes is a matter of statewide concern
2 affecting housing supply, public safety, and economic
3 competitiveness.

4 (3) Several states, including Florida, Arizona,
5 Tennessee, Texas, and New Hampshire, have adopted
6 third-party plan review and inspection systems that
7 accelerate development timelines while maintaining safety
8 and code compliance.

9 (4) By setting statewide expectations and offering
10 qualified third-party review options when local deadlines
11 are exceeded, Illinois can reduce avoidable delays and
12 help advance needed housing and commercial development in
13 communities large and small.

14 (b) It is the purpose of this Division to create a
15 statewide third-party plan review and inspection framework, to
16 establish uniform county deadlines, and to ensure that all
17 applicants may obtain timely approvals necessary to advance
18 construction while maintaining public safety and building-code
19 standards.

20 (55 ILCS 5/5-48002 new)

21 Sec. 5-48002. Definitions. As used in this Act:

22 "Business day" means any day other than a Saturday,
23 Sunday, or State-recognized or county-recognized holiday.

24 "Complete application" means a building permit application
25 that includes all forms, fees, documents, site plans, and

1 other materials required by local ordinance.

2 "Qualified third-party inspector" means a person who:

3 (1) is an architect or engineer licensed under the
4 laws of this State; and

5 (2) holds a current and active certification issued by
6 the International Code Council, the National Fire
7 Protection Association, or the International Association
8 of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, or one of their
9 successor organizations;

10 (3) demonstrates an understanding of local codes and
11 amendments thereto; and

12 (4) is in compliance with a pre-registration
13 requirement, if any, established by the county under
14 subsection (f) of Section 5-48030.

15 "Qualified third-party plan reviewer" means a person who:

16 (1) is an architect or engineer licensed under the
17 laws of this State;

18 (2) holds a current and active certification issued by
19 the International Code Council, the National Fire
20 Protection Association, the Independent Alliance of the
21 Electrical Industry, or the International Association of
22 Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, or one of their
23 successor organizations;

24 (3) demonstrates an understanding of local codes and
25 amendments of local codes; and

26 (4) is in compliance with a pre-registration

1 requirement, if any, established by the county under
2 subsection (f) of Section 5-48030.

3 "Single-trade permit" means any construction project on
4 the property of a one-family or 2-family residential building
5 that requires a permit or approval pursuant to a building code
6 that is limited to a single construction discipline, including
7 erecting, installing, enlarging, altering, repairing,
8 removing, converting, or replacing:

9 (1) a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning
10 system;

11 (2) a heat pump system;

12 (3) a water heater or water-treatment appliance;

13 (4) a solar photovoltaic system, a solar thermal
14 system, an energy storage system, or a combination system;

15 (5) an electric vehicle charging station and related
16 equipment;

17 (6) roofing;

18 (7) exterior openings;

19 (8) stucco, plaster, or siding; or

20 (9) fencing.

21 (55 ILCS 5/5-48005 new)

22 Sec. 5-48005. Applicability. This Division applies to all
23 counties, including home rule counties.

24 (55 ILCS 5/5-48010 new)

1 Sec. 5-48010. County plan review timelines.

2 (a) A county shall complete its initial plan review within
3 30 business days after receipt of a complete application for a
4 one-family residential project, a 2-family residential
5 project, or any multifamily, mixed-use, or commercial project.

6 (b) For single-trade permits, a county shall complete its
7 permit review within 10 business days after receipt of a
8 complete application for an installation or addition to, or
9 repair, alteration, or remodeling of a one-family or 2-family
10 residential project.

11 (c) A county shall issue written comments or approval
12 within the applicable deadline.

13 (d) For any subsequent review cycle after the applicant
14 submits revisions responding to comments, the county shall
15 complete its review within 10 business days of receipt of
16 revisions.

17 (e) Failure to meet any deadline under this Section
18 triggers the applicant's right to use a qualified third-party
19 plan reviewer under Section 5-48020.

20 (55 ILCS 5/5-48015 new)

21 Sec. 5-48015. Inspection timelines.

22 (a) A county shall conduct any required inspection within
23 10 business days after receipt of a request.

24 (b) Failure to conduct the inspection within the required
25 period triggers the applicant's right to use a qualified

1 third-party inspector under Section 5-48025.

2 (55 ILCS 5/5-48020 new)

3 Sec. 5-48020. Use of qualified third-party plan reviewers
4 upon missed deadline.

5 (a) If a county fails to complete its plan review within
6 the deadlines established under Section 5-48010, then the
7 applicant may retain a qualified third-party plan reviewer.
8 The applicant must notify the county, in writing, of the
9 applicant's intent to use the services of a third-party plan
10 reviewer.

11 (b) A county shall accept any plan review submitted by a
12 qualified third-party plan reviewer as meeting the county's
13 requirements if the review demonstrates compliance with the
14 applicable building codes. However, if the county completes
15 its plan review before receiving a compliant plan review from
16 a qualified third-party reviewer, the county may rely on its
17 own plan review.

18 (c) A county shall issue the permit within 2 business days
19 after receiving a compliant third-party plan review.

20 (d) A county may not require a second review, impose
21 additional comments, or delay issuance once a qualified review
22 has been submitted. This includes requiring changes to
23 approved permit drawings during construction. Once a permit
24 has been approved, inspectors shall not request design changes
25 or additional requirements beyond what is reflected in the

1 approved plan, except as permitted under Section 5-48030.

2 (55 ILCS 5/5-48025 new)

3 Sec. 5-48025. Use of qualified third-party inspectors upon
4 missed deadline.

5 (a) If a county fails to conduct a required inspection
6 within 10 business days, then the applicant may retain a
7 qualified third-party inspector. The applicant must notify the
8 county, in writing, of the applicant's intent to use the
9 services of a third-party inspector.

10 (b) A county shall accept inspection reports submitted
11 under this Section as satisfying local inspection requirements
12 if the report demonstrates compliance with applicable building
13 codes.

14 (c) A county shall issue any required approval,
15 certificate, or authorization within one business day after
16 receiving a compliant inspection report.

17 (55 ILCS 5/5-48030 new)

18 Sec. 5-48030. County audit authority.

19 (a) A county retains full authority to audit any qualified
20 third-party plan review or inspection for compliance with
21 applicable codes. Nothing in this Division limits a county's
22 authority to issue stop-work orders, withhold certificates of
23 occupancy, or pursue enforcement actions if the county audit
24 authority makes a written finding of material noncompliance

1 with the Division, detailing each case of material
2 noncompliance.

3 (b) An audit may not delay issuance of a permit or
4 authorization submitted under Section 5-48020 or 5-48025.

5 (c) If a county identifies material noncompliance, then it
6 may pursue enforcement actions available under its code
7 authority and report the findings to the Department of
8 Financial and Professional Regulation or the applicable
9 credentialing organization.

10 (d) A county may require reasonable documentation
11 demonstrating that a qualified third-party plan reviewer or
12 qualified third-party inspector meets the qualification
13 requirements of this Division, including proof that the
14 qualified third-party plan reviewer's or qualified third-party
15 inspector's licensure or certification is current and active.

16 (e) A county may require a qualified third-party reviewer
17 or qualified third-party inspector providing services under
18 this Section to secure and maintain professional liability
19 insurance, errors and omissions insurance, or comparable
20 insurance coverage appropriate to the scope of the services
21 provided. A county may require proof of such coverage before
22 accepting or relying on third-party review or third-party
23 inspection services under this Section. Any insurance
24 requirement shall be commercially reasonable, uniformly
25 applied to similarly situated third-party reviewers or
26 inspectors, and shall not be used to prohibit, materially

1 impede, or unreasonably delay a third-party review or
2 inspection authorized under this Section. The permit applicant
3 shall verify the third-party plan reviewer's or third-party
4 inspector's compliance with any applicable county insurance
5 requirements.

6 (f) A county may require registration of qualified
7 third-party plan reviewers and qualified third-party
8 inspectors prior to accepting reviews and inspections under
9 this Division, but registration requirements shall not be used
10 to prohibit, materially preclude, or delay the administration
11 of third-party plan review or inspection services.

12 (1) Registration requirements for third-party plan
13 reviewers shall be relevant to the qualifications
14 necessary to carry out plan reviews and may not be greater
15 or more stringent than qualifications for plan reviewers
16 employed by the county.

17 (2) Registration requirements for third-party
18 inspectors shall be relevant to the qualifications
19 necessary to carry out inspections and may not be greater
20 or more stringent than qualifications for inspectors
21 employed by the county.

22 (g) Nothing in this Division shall be construed to
23 transfer liability for code compliance or construction defects
24 from the owner, design professional, or contractor.

1 Sec. 5-48035. Fees; fee parity.

2 (a) In the absence of a county plan review or county
3 inspection, a county may not charge plan review or inspection
4 fees for any portion of the review process or inspection
5 process performed by a qualified third-party plan reviewer or
6 qualified third-party inspector.

7 (b) Fees charged by a qualified third-party plan reviewer
8 or qualified third-party inspector may not exceed the county's
9 standard fees for the same service. To effectuate this
10 requirement, a county must post its schedule of fees for plan
11 reviews and inspections online or provide a copy of its
12 schedule of fees to an applicant in person or electronically
13 within one business day of the applicant's request.

14 (c) A county shall reduce its fees proportionally when an
15 applicant uses a qualified third-party plan reviewer or
16 qualified third-party inspector for only one portion of the
17 process.

18 (d) An applicant who retains a qualified third-party plan
19 reviewer or a qualified third-party inspector is solely liable
20 for costs incurred for the indicated services. A county is not
21 liable for fees of a qualified third-party plan reviewer or
22 qualified third-party inspector.

23 (55 ILCS 5/5-48040 new)

24 Sec. 5-48040. Conflicts of interest.

25 (a) A qualified third-party plan reviewer may not review

1 plans if:

2 (1) the qualified third-party plan reviewer, an
3 employee of the qualified third-party plan reviewer, or
4 qualified third-party plan reviewer's employer was
5 involved in making the plans; or

6 (2) the plans are for work to be performed on property
7 owned by the qualified third-party plan reviewer, an
8 employee of the qualified third-party plan reviewer, or
9 qualified third-party plan reviewer's employer.

10 (b) A qualified third-party inspector may not inspect work
11 if the qualified third-party inspector, an employee of the
12 qualified third-party inspector, or qualified third-party
13 inspector's employer:

14 (1) performed any of the work;

15 (2) planned any of the work; or

16 (3) is the owner of the property on which the work was
17 performed.

18 (c) A qualified third-party plan reviewer or qualified
19 third-party inspector shall disclose any potential conflict of
20 interest to the applicant and the county before accepting an
21 engagement.

22 (55 ILCS 5/5-48045 new)

23 Sec. 5-48045. County immunity. Nothing in this Division
24 shall be construed to:

25 (1) find a county liable for contracts or agreements

1 between an applicant and a third-party plan reviewer or
2 third-party inspector for unfulfilled or delayed
3 third-party plan reviews or inspections.

4 (2) grant an applicant the right to obtain relief
5 against a local public entity or public employee if a
6 third-party plan reviewer or inspector fails to conduct a
7 required plan review or inspection.

8 (55 ILCS 5/5-48050 new)

9 Sec. 5-48050. Home rule preemption. A home rule unit may
10 not regulate plan reviews or building inspections in a manner
11 inconsistent with this Division. This Division is a limitation
12 under subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of the
13 Illinois Constitution on the concurrent exercise by home rule
14 units of powers and functions exercised by the State.

15 (55 ILCS 5/5-48097 new)

16 Sec. 5-48097. Severability. The provisions of this
17 Division are severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on
18 Statutes.

19 Section 10. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
20 adding Division 31.2 as follows:

21 (65 ILCS 5/Art. 11 Div. 31.2 heading new)

22 DIVISION 31.2. BUILDING INSPECTIONS

1 (65 ILCS 5/11-31.2-1 new)

2 Sec. 11-31.2-1. Findings and purpose.

3 (a) The General Assembly finds and declares that:

4 (1) Uncertain and lengthy building permit review and
5 inspection timelines add costs, delay community
6 investment, and make it harder to deliver housing across
7 the State.

8 (2) Ensuring predictable, efficient, and transparent
9 review processes is a matter of statewide concern
10 affecting housing supply, public safety, and economic
11 competitiveness.

12 (3) Several states, including Florida, Arizona,
13 Tennessee, Texas, and New Hampshire, have adopted
14 third-party plan review and inspection systems that
15 accelerate development timelines while maintaining safety
16 and code compliance.

17 (4) By setting statewide expectations and offering
18 qualified third-party review options when local deadlines
19 are exceeded, Illinois can reduce avoidable delays and
20 help advance needed housing and commercial development in
21 communities large and small.

22 (b) It is the purpose of this Division to create a
23 statewide third-party plan review and inspection framework, to
24 establish uniform municipal deadlines, and to ensure that all
25 applicants may obtain timely approvals necessary to advance

1 construction while maintaining public safety and building-code
2 standards.

3 (65 ILCS 5/11-31.2-2 new)

4 Sec. 11-31.2-2. Definitions. As used in this Act:

5 "Business day" means any day other than a Saturday,
6 Sunday, or State-recognized or municipally-recognized holiday.

7 "Complete application" means a building permit application
8 that includes all forms, fees, documents, site plans, and
9 other materials required by local ordinance.

10 "Qualified third-party inspector" means a person who:

11 (1) is an architect or engineer licensed under the
12 laws of this State; and

13 (2) holds a current and active certification issued by
14 the International Code Council, the National Fire
15 Protection Association, or the International Association
16 of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, or one of their
17 successor organizations;

18 (3) demonstrates an understanding of local codes and
19 the local codes amendments; and

20 (4) is in compliance with a pre-registration
21 requirement, if any, established by the municipality under
22 subsection (f) of Section 11-31.2-30.

23 "Qualified third-party plan reviewer" means a person who:

24 (1) is an architect or engineer licensed under the
25 laws of this State;

1 (2) holds a current and active certification issued by
2 the International Code Council, the National Fire
3 Protection Association, the Independent Alliance of the
4 Electrical Industry, or the International Association of
5 Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, or one of their
6 successor organizations;

7 (3) demonstrates an understanding of local codes and
8 the local codes amendments; and

9 (4) is in compliance with a pre-registration
10 requirement, if any, established by the municipality under
11 subsection (f) of Section 11-31.2-30.

12 "Single-trade permit" means any construction project on
13 the property of a one-family or 2-family residential building
14 that requires a permit or approval pursuant to a building code
15 that is limited to a single construction discipline including
16 erecting, installing, enlarging, altering, repairing,
17 removing, converting, or replacing:

18 (1) a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning
19 system;

20 (2) a heat pump system;

21 (3) a water heater or water-treatment appliance;

22 (4) a solar photovoltaic system, a solar thermal
23 system, an energy storage system, or a combination system;

24 (5) an electric vehicle charging station and related
25 equipment;

26 (6) roofing;

1 (7) exterior openings;

2 (8) stucco, plaster, or siding; or

3 (9) fencing.

4 (65 ILCS 5/11-31.2-5 new)

5 Sec. 11-31.2-5. Applicability. This Division applies to
6 all municipalities, including home rule municipalities.

7 (65 ILCS 5/11-31.2-10 new)

8 Sec. 11-31.2-10. Municipal plan review timelines.

9 (a) A municipality shall complete its initial plan review
10 within 30 business days after receipt of a complete
11 application for a one-family residential project, a 2-family
12 residential project, or any multifamily, mixed-use, or
13 commercial project.

14 (b) For single-trade permits, a municipality shall
15 complete its permit review within 10 business days after
16 receipt of a complete application for an installation or
17 addition to, or repair, alteration, or remodeling of a
18 one-family or 2-family residential project.

19 (c) A municipality shall issue written comments or
20 approval within the applicable deadline.

21 (d) For any subsequent review cycle after the applicant
22 submits revisions responding to comments, the municipality
23 shall complete review within 10 business days of receipt of
24 revisions.

1 (e) Failure to meet any deadline under this Section
2 triggers the applicant's right to use a qualified third-party
3 plan reviewer under Section 11-31.2-20.

4 (65 ILCS 5/11-31.2-15 new)

5 Sec. 11-31.2-15. Inspection timelines.

6 (a) A municipality shall conduct any required inspection
7 within 10 business days after receipt of a request.

8 (b) Failure to conduct the inspection within the required
9 period triggers the applicant's right to use a qualified
10 third-party inspector under Section 11-31.2-25.

11 (65 ILCS 5/11-31.2-20 new)

12 Sec. 11-31.2-20. Use of qualified third-party plan
13 reviewers upon missed deadline.

14 (a) If a municipality fails to complete its plan review
15 within the deadlines established under Section 11-31.2-10,
16 then the applicant may retain a qualified third-party plan
17 reviewer. The applicant must notify the municipality, in
18 writing, of the applicant's intent to use the services of a
19 third-party plan reviewer.

20 (b) A municipality shall accept any plan review submitted
21 by a qualified third-party plan reviewer as meeting the
22 municipality's requirements if the review demonstrates
23 compliance with the applicable building codes. However, if the
24 municipality completes its plan review before receiving a

1 compliant plan review from a qualified third-party reviewer,
2 the municipality may rely on its own plan review.

3 (c) A municipality shall issue the permit within 2
4 business days after receiving a compliant third-party plan
5 review.

6 (d) A municipality may not require a second review, impose
7 additional comments, or delay issuance once a compliant review
8 has been submitted. This includes requiring changes to
9 approved permit drawings during construction. Once a permit
10 has been approved, inspectors shall not request design changes
11 or additional requirements beyond what is reflected in the
12 approved plan, except as permitted under Section 11-31.2-30.

13 (65 ILCS 5/11-31.2-25 new)

14 Sec. 11-31.2-25. Use of qualified third-party inspectors
15 upon missed deadline.

16 (a) If a municipality fails to conduct a required
17 inspection within 10 business days, then the applicant may
18 retain a qualified third-party inspector. The applicant must
19 notify the municipality, in writing, of the applicant's intent
20 to use the services of a third-party inspector.

21 (b) Municipalities shall accept inspection reports
22 submitted under this Section as satisfying local inspection
23 requirements if the report demonstrates compliance with
24 applicable building codes.

25 (c) A municipality shall issue any required approval,

1 certificate, or authorization within one business day after
2 receiving a compliant inspection report.

3 (65 ILCS 5/11-31.2-30 new)

4 Sec. 11-31.2-30. Municipal audit authority.

5 (a) A municipality retains full authority to audit any
6 third-party plan review or inspection for compliance with
7 applicable codes. Nothing in this Division limits a
8 municipality's authority to issue stop-work orders, withhold
9 certificates of occupancy, or pursue enforcement actions if
10 the municipal authority makes a written finding of material
11 noncompliance with the Division, detailing each case of
12 material noncompliance.

13 (b) An audit may not delay issuance of a permit or
14 authorization submitted under Section 11-31.2-20 or
15 11-31.2-25.

16 (c) If a municipality identifies material noncompliance,
17 then it may pursue enforcement actions available under its
18 code authority and report the findings to the Department of
19 Financial and Professional Regulation or applicable
20 credentialing organization.

21 (d) A municipality may require reasonable documentation
22 demonstrating that a qualified third-party plan reviewer or
23 qualified third-party inspector meets the qualification
24 requirements of this Division, including proof that the
25 qualified third-party plan reviewer's or qualified third-party

1 inspector's licensure or certification is current and active.

2 (e) A municipality may require a qualified third-party
3 reviewer or qualified third-party inspector providing services
4 under this Section to secure and maintain professional
5 liability insurance, errors and omissions insurance, or
6 comparable insurance coverage appropriate to the scope of the
7 services provided. A municipality may require proof of such
8 coverage before accepting or relying on third-party review or
9 third-party inspection services under this Section. Any
10 insurance requirement shall be commercially reasonable,
11 uniformly applied to similarly situated third-party reviewers
12 or third-party inspectors, and shall not be used to prohibit,
13 materially impede, or unreasonably delay a third-party review
14 or third-party inspection authorized under this Section. The
15 permit applicant shall verify the third-party plan reviewer's
16 or third-party inspector's compliance with any applicable
17 municipal insurance requirements.

18 (f) A municipality may require registration of qualified
19 third-party plan reviewers and qualified third-party
20 inspectors prior to accepting reviews and inspections under
21 this Division, but registration requirements shall not be used
22 to prohibit, materially preclude, or delay the administration
23 of third-party plan review or third-party inspection services.

24 (1) Registration requirements for third-party plan
25 reviewers shall be relevant to the qualifications
26 necessary to carry out plan reviews and may not be greater

1 or more stringent than qualifications for plan reviewers
2 employed by the municipality.

3 (2) Registration requirements for third-party
4 inspectors shall be relevant to the qualifications
5 necessary to carry out inspections and may not be greater
6 or more stringent than qualifications for inspectors
7 employed by the municipality.

8 (g) Nothing in this Division shall be construed to
9 transfer liability for code compliance or construction defects
10 from the owner, design professional, or contractor.

11 (65 ILCS 5/11-31.2-35 new)

12 Sec. 11-31.2-35. Fees; fee parity.

13 (a) In the absence of a municipal plan review or municipal
14 inspection, a municipality may not charge plan review or
15 inspection fees for any portion of the review process or
16 inspection process performed by a qualified third-party plan
17 reviewer or qualified third-party inspector.

18 (b) Fees charged by a qualified third-party plan reviewer
19 or third-party inspector may not exceed the municipality's
20 standard fees for the same service. To effectuate this
21 requirement, a municipality must post its schedule of fees for
22 plan reviews and inspections online or provide a copy of its
23 schedule of fees to an applicant in person or electronically
24 within one business day of the applicant's request.

25 (c) A municipality shall reduce its fees proportionally

1 when an applicant uses a qualified third-party plan reviewer
2 or a qualified third-party inspector for only one portion of
3 the process.

4 (d) An applicant who retains a qualified third-party plan
5 reviewer or a qualified third-party inspector is solely liable
6 for costs incurred for the indicated services. A municipality
7 is not liable for fees of a qualified third-party plan
8 reviewer or qualified third-party inspector.

9 (65 ILCS 5/11-31.2-40 new)

10 Sec. 11-31.2-40. Conflicts of interest.

11 (a) A qualified third-party plan reviewer may not review
12 plans if:

13 (1) the qualified third-party plan reviewer, an
14 employee of the qualified third-party plan reviewer, or
15 qualified third-party plan reviewer's employer was
16 involved in making the plans; or

17 (2) the plans are for work to be performed on property
18 owned by the qualified third-party plan reviewer, an
19 employee of the qualified third-party plan reviewer, or
20 qualified third-party plan reviewer's employer.

21 (b) A qualified third-party inspector may not inspect work
22 if the qualified third-party inspector, an employee of the
23 qualified third-party inspector, or qualified third-party
24 inspector's employer:

25 (1) performed any of the work;

1 (2) planned any of the work; or

2 (3) is the owner of the property on which the work was
3 performed.

4 (c) A qualified third-party plan reviewer or qualified
5 third-party inspector shall disclose any potential conflict of
6 interest to the applicant and the municipality before
7 accepting an engagement.

8 (65 ILCS 5/11-31.2-45 new)

9 Sec. 11-31.2-45. Municipal immunity. Nothing in this
10 Division shall be construed to:

11 (1) find a municipality liable for contracts or
12 agreements between an applicant and a third-party plan
13 reviewer or third-party inspector for unfulfilled or
14 delayed third-party plan reviews or inspections; or

15 (2) grant an applicant the right to obtain relief
16 against a local public entity or public employee if a
17 third-party plan reviewer or inspector fails to conduct a
18 required plan review or inspection.

19 (65 ILCS 5/11-31.2-50 new)

20 Sec. 11-31.2-50. Home rule preemption. A home rule unit
21 may not regulate plan reviews or building inspections in a
22 manner inconsistent with this Division. This Division is a
23 limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of
24 the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent exercise by home

1 rule units of powers and functions exercised by the State.

2 (65 ILCS 5/11-31.2-97 new)

3 Sec. 11-31.2-97. Severability. The provisions of this
4 Division are severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on
5 Statutes."