

1 AN ACT concerning health.

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

4 Section 5. The Environmental Protection Act is amended by
5 adding Section 56.8 as follows:

6 (415 ILCS 5/56.8 new)

7 Sec. 56.8. Pharmaceutical Disposal Task Force.

8 (a) The Pharmaceutical Disposal Task Force is created. The
9 Task Force shall coordinate a statewide public information
10 campaign to highlight the benefits of and opportunities to
11 properly dispose of pharmaceutical products. The campaign
12 shall be implemented by the Agency, in coordination with the
13 Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Board of
14 Education. The publicity of the campaign shall include, as
15 appropriate, opportunities to properly dispose of
16 pharmaceutical products provided by:

17 (1) local police departments and local governments,

18 (2) pharmacies,

19 (3) long-term hazardous waste facilities,

20 (4) hazardous-waste collection events,

21 (5) the Agency,

22 (6) the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, and

23 (7) other public or private efforts to properly dispose

1 of pharmaceuticals.

2 The campaign shall address students, seniors, and at-risk
3 populations and shall outline the public health benefits of
4 proper disposal of unused pharmaceutical products and the
5 dangers and risks of their improper disposal.

6 (b) The Task Force shall consist of the following members
7 appointed by the Director of the Agency:

8 (1) one representative of the Agency, who shall serve
9 as the chair of the Task Force;

10 (2) one representative of the Department of Public
11 Health;

12 (3) one representative of the Illinois State Board of
13 Education;

14 (4) one representative of a statewide organization
15 representing pharmacists;

16 (5) one representative of a statewide organization
17 representing agricultural interests;

18 (6) one representative of a statewide organization
19 representing environmental concerns;

20 (7) one representative of a statewide organization
21 representing physicians licensed to practice medicine in
22 all its branches;

23 (8) one representative of a statewide organization
24 representing coroners;

25 (9) one representative of a statewide organization
26 representing pharmaceutical manufacturers; and

1 (10) one representative of a statewide organization
2 representing retailers.

3 If a vacancy occurs in the Task Force membership, the
4 vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original
5 appointment. Task Force members shall not receive compensation
6 for their service on the Task Force. The Agency shall provide
7 the Task Force with administrative and other support.

8 (c) This Section is repealed on December 31, 2022.