

1 AN ACT concerning finance.

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

4 Section 5. The Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women,
5 and Persons with Disabilities Act is amended by adding Section
6 8k as follows:

7 (30 ILCS 575/8k new)

8 Sec. 8k. State agency certification recognition.
9 Notwithstanding any rule or provision of law to the contrary,
10 all State agencies shall recognize and accept the
11 certifications of businesses that have been certified as
12 minority-owned businesses or women-owned businesses for
13 purposes of participating in the Business Enterprise Program,
14 when such certification was provided by any entity having
15 certification requirements more restrictive than that required
16 by the Business Enterprise Program under this Act, including,
17 but not limited to, an income level requirement.