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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2089

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 2089 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Natural Resources Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 1-15 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 801/1-15)

7 Sec. 1-15. General powers and duties.

8 (a) It shall be the duty of the Department to investigate  
9 practical problems, implement studies, conduct research and  
10 provide assistance, information and data relating to the  
11 technology and administration of the natural history,  
12 entomology, zoology, and botany of this State; the geology and  
13 natural resources of this State; the water and atmospheric  
14 resources of this State; and the archeological and cultural  
15 history of this State.

16 (b) The Department (i) shall obtain, store, and process

1 relevant data; recommend technological, administrative, and  
2 legislative changes and developments; cooperate with other  
3 federal, state, and local governmental research agencies,  
4 facilities, or institutes in the selection of projects for  
5 study; cooperate with the Board of Higher Education and with  
6 the public and private colleges and universities in this State  
7 in developing relevant interdisciplinary approaches to  
8 problems; and evaluate curricula at all levels of education  
9 and provide assistance to instructors and (ii) may sponsor an  
10 annual conference of leaders in government, industry, health,  
11 and education to evaluate the state of this State's  
12 environment and natural resources.

13 (c) The Director, in accordance with the Personnel Code,  
14 shall employ such personnel, provide such facilities, and  
15 contract for such outside services as may be necessary to  
16 carry out the purposes of the Department. Maximum use shall be  
17 made of existing federal and state agencies, facilities, and  
18 personnel in conducting research under this Act.

19 (d) In addition to its other powers, the Department has  
20 the following powers:

21 (1) To obtain, store, process, and provide data and  
22 information related to the powers and duties of the  
23 Department under this Act. This subdivision (d)(1) does  
24 not give authority to the Department to require reports  
25 from nongovernmental sources or entities.

26 (2) To cooperate with and support the Illinois Science

1 and Technology Advisory Committee and the Illinois  
2 Coalition for the purpose of facilitating the effective  
3 operations and activities of such entities. Support may  
4 include, but need not be limited to, providing space for  
5 the operations of the Committee and the Illinois  
6 Coalition.

7 (e) The Department is authorized to make grants to local  
8 not-for-profit organizations for the purposes of development,  
9 maintenance and study of wetland areas.

10 (f) The Department has the authority to accept, receive  
11 and administer on behalf of the State any gifts, bequests,  
12 donations, income from property rental and endowments. Any  
13 such funds received by the Department shall be deposited into  
14 the Natural Resources Fund, a special fund which is hereby  
15 created in the State treasury, and used for the purposes of  
16 this Act or, when appropriate, for such purposes and under  
17 such restrictions, terms and conditions as are predetermined  
18 by the donor or grantor of such funds or property. Any accrued  
19 interest from money deposited into the Natural Resources Fund  
20 shall be reinvested into the Fund and used in the same manner  
21 as the principal. The Director shall maintain records which  
22 account for and assure that restricted funds or property are  
23 disbursed or used pursuant to the restrictions, terms or  
24 conditions of the donor.

25 (g) The Department shall recognize, preserve, and promote  
26 our special heritage of recreational hunting and trapping by

1 providing opportunities to hunt and trap in accordance with  
2 the Wildlife Code.

3 (h) Within 5 years after the effective date of this  
4 amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly, the Department  
5 shall fly a United States Flag, an Illinois flag, and a POW/MIA  
6 flag at all State parks. Donations may be made by groups and  
7 individuals to the Department's Special Projects Fund for  
8 costs related to the implementation of this subsection.

9 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99; 91-582, eff. 8-14-99;  
10 92-326, eff. 8-9-01.)".