



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB2604

Introduced 2/15/2023, by Rep. Adam M. Niemerg

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Utilizing Illinois Energy Resources Task Force Act. Creates the Utilizing Illinois Energy Resources Task Force. Provides that the Task Force shall study methods the State can use to support and expand the use of natural resources in this State, including, coal, crude oil, and natural gas. Provides for the membership of the Task Force. Provides that the Director of Natural Resources may retain the services of outside parties with legal, engineering, and financial expertise to assist the Task Force in carrying out its duties. Provides that the Task Force members are not eligible to receive compensation or reimbursement of expenses. Provides that the Task Force shall file a report no later than December 31, 2024 with the General Assembly on all issues deemed appropriate by the Task Force. Provides that the Task Force shall be abolished upon filing its report with the General Assembly. Repeals the Act on June 1, 2025. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Utilizing Illinois Energy Resources Task Force Act.

6 Section 5. Utilizing Illinois Energy Resources Task Force.

7 (a) The Utilizing Illinois Energy Resources Task Force is  
8 created to study methods the State can use to support and  
9 expand the use of natural resources in this State, including  
10 coal, crude oil, and natural gas.

11 (b) The Task Force shall include the following members:

12 (1) the Director of Natural Resources, or the  
13 Director's designee, who shall serve as the ex officio  
14 chairperson of the Task Force;

15 (2) one member appointed by the Speaker of the House  
16 of Representatives;

17 (3) one member appointed by the President of the  
18 Senate;

19 (4) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
20 House of Representatives;

21 (5) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
22 Senate; and

23 (6) the following members appointed by the Governor:

1           (A) one member representing an entity engaged in,  
2           or seeking to be engaged in, the extraction of coal in  
3           the State;

4           (B) one member representing an entity engaged in,  
5           or seeking to be engaged in, the extraction of crude  
6           oil in the State;

7           (C) one member representing an entity engaged in,  
8           or seeking to be engaged in, the extraction of natural  
9           gas in the State; and

10           (D) one member representing the agriculture  
11           community.

12           (c) The Department of Natural Resources shall provide  
13           administrative and other support to the Task Force.

14           (d) The Director of Natural Resources may retain the  
15           services of outside parties with legal, engineering, and  
16           financial expertise to assist the Task Force in carrying out  
17           its duties.

18           (e) Task Force members are not eligible to receive  
19           compensation or reimbursement of expenses.

20           Section 10. Report on Utilizing Illinois Energy Resources  
21           legislation.

22           (a) The Task Force shall file a report no later than  
23           December 31, 2024 with the General Assembly on all issues  
24           deemed appropriate by the Task Force, including, but not  
25           limited to, the following:

- 1 (1) land use issues;
- 2 (2) regulatory reform;
- 3 (3) transportation issues; and
- 4 (4) environmental issues.

5 (b) The Task Force shall be abolished upon filing its  
6 report with the General Assembly.

7 Section 15. Repealer. This Act is repealed on June 1,  
8 2025.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
10 becoming law.