

1 AN ACT concerning environmental safety.

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 22.50 as follows:

6 (415 ILCS 5/22.50 new)

7 Sec. 22.50. Computer Equipment Disposal and Recycling
8 Commission.

9 (a) The General Assembly finds that improper disposal of
10 computer equipment presents a serious environmental threat.
11 Computer equipment contains quantities of lead, mercury, other
12 heavy metals, and plastics that, when improperly disposed of,
13 can lead to environmental contamination.

14 (b) There is hereby created the Computer Equipment Disposal
15 and Recycling Commission consisting of 7 members appointed as
16 follows: 2 members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall
17 serve as Chairperson of the Commission; one member appointed by
18 the Lieutenant Governor who shall serve as vice-chairperson;
19 one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
20 Representatives; one member appointed by the Minority Leader of
21 the House of Representatives; one member appointed by the
22 President of the Senate; and one member appointed by the
23 Minority Leader of the Senate; all of whom shall serve without
24 compensation. The Commission may accept and expend for its
25 purposes any funds granted to the Commission by any agency of
26 State or federal government or through private donation dealing
27 exclusively with computer equipment disposal.

28 (c) The Commission shall have all of the following
29 objectives:

30 (1) To investigate problems and concerns related to the
31 disposal and recycling of computer equipment.

32 (2) To advise the General Assembly and State agencies

1 with respect to legislative, regulatory, or other actions
2 within the area of computer equipment disposal, and any
3 related subject matter (i.e. fax machines, printers,
4 etc.).

5 (3) To make recommendations regarding the development
6 and establishment of pilot programs and ongoing programs
7 for the recycling and proper disposal of computer
8 equipment.

9 (d) The Commission shall issue a report of its findings and
10 recommendations in relation to the objectives listed in
11 subsection (c) of this Section to the Governor, the General
12 Assembly, and the Director of the Environmental Protection
13 Agency on or before May 31, 2006. In preparing its report, the
14 Commission shall seek input from and consult with business
15 organizations, trade organizations, trade associations, solid
16 waste agencies, and environmental organizations with expertise
17 in computer equipment disposal and recycling.

18 (e) Beginning on May 31, 2007, the Commission shall
19 evaluate the implementation of programs by the State relating
20 to computer equipment disposal and recycling, and shall issue a
21 report of its finding and recommendations to the Governor, the
22 General Assembly, and the Director of the Environmental
23 Protection Agency on or before December 31, 2008.

24 (f) The Commission, upon issuing the report described in
25 subsection (e) of this Section, is dissolved.

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
27 becoming law.