

1 AN ACT concerning 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 17.9 as follows:

6 (415 ILCS 5/17.9 new)

7 Sec. 17.9. Collaborative on Environmentally Safe Disposal  
8 of Pharmaceuticals.

9 (a) The Medication Education Disposal Solutions (MEDS)  
10 collaborative is established for the purpose of partnering with  
11 public and private sector constituents to promote the  
12 environmentally responsible disposal of unwanted and expired  
13 medications.

14 (b) The collaborative shall consist of the Director of the  
15 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency or his or her designee  
16 and volunteer persons and organizations that have expressed an  
17 interest in contributing to the development of programs that  
18 (i) educate the public on the safe disposal of unwanted or  
19 expired medications and (ii) establish an expanded network of  
20 secure pharmaceutical collection centers throughout the State.  
21 Members of the collaborative may organize themselves as they  
22 deem necessary. The collaborative shall focus on the  
23 development of an organization that will produce educational

1 materials for the public and assist in promoting the expansion  
2 of a network of secure pharmaceutical collection centers  
3 throughout the State. In developing and evaluating proposals to  
4 achieve these objectives, the Agency and MEDS shall:

5 (1) Develop, for placement on the Medication Disposal  
6 page of the Agency's Web site, additional information  
7 regarding best practices for the disposal of  
8 pharmaceuticals.

9 (2) Develop proposals that will expand opportunities  
10 for the safe disposal of pharmaceuticals and personal care  
11 products.

12 (3) Develop relationships with local health  
13 departments, local governments, pharmacies, police  
14 departments, and similar organizations to establish  
15 programs that will promote and enhance the safe disposal of  
16 pharmaceuticals.

17 (4) Develop educational materials that can be  
18 distributed to the public, schools, and various  
19 participating organizations.

20 (5) Review and adapt information from the USEPA and the  
21 USGS to inform and educate the public and further refine  
22 the Illinois pharmaceutical disposal program.

23 (6) Actively support supervised pharmaceutical  
24 collection, including Household Hazardous Waste collection  
25 events, at various locations around the State.

26 (7) Develop additional activities that further support

1 environmentally safe disposal of pharmaceuticals.

2 (c) No later than December 31, 2010, the MEDS collaborative  
3 shall submit a report on its program development and  
4 recommendations for furthering environmentally safe disposal  
5 of pharmaceuticals. The Agency shall post the report and any  
6 other relevant findings on its Web site.

7 (d) This Section is repealed July 1, 2011.

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