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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1558

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1558 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Lake  
5 Michigan Offshore Wind Energy Advisory Council Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Council" means the Lake Michigan Offshore Wind Energy  
8 Advisory Council created under this Act.

9 "Department" means the Illinois Department of Natural  
10 Resources.

11 "Local government" means county, township, or  
12 municipality.

13 Section 10. The Lake Michigan Offshore Wind Energy  
14 Recommendation Report.

15 (a) In order to assist in the evaluation and consideration

1 of offshore wind energy projects in Illinois waters of Lake  
2 Michigan, the Department shall examine the topics identified in  
3 subsection (b) of this Section and report its findings and  
4 recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by June  
5 30, 2012. During preparation of the report, the Department is  
6 not expected to fund or perform original scientific studies.

7 (b) In preparing a report, the Department shall evaluate  
8 all of the following:

9 (1) Appropriate criteria for the Department to use to  
10 review applications for offshore wind development of Lake  
11 Michigan lakebed leases.

12 (2) Criteria for identifying areas that are favorable,  
13 acceptable, and unacceptable for offshore wind  
14 development, including, but not limited to, impacts to  
15 wildlife, protected habitats, navigation, commercial  
16 fisheries, and recreational uses of Lake Michigan.

17 (3) A recommended process for ensuring public  
18 engagement in the Department's process for leasing Lake  
19 Michigan lakebed for offshore wind energy projects.

20 (4) Options for how the State shall be compensated for  
21 Lake Michigan lakebed leasing.

22 (5) A summary of the lessons learned from other  
23 domestic and international offshore wind development  
24 experiences, including, but not limited to, those related  
25 to public policy, regulatory, and siting concerns for  
26 offshore wind development.

1           (6) Identification of local, State, and federal  
2 authorities with permitting, siting, or other approval  
3 authority for wind power development in Lake Michigan.

4           (7) Recommendations for needed State legislation and  
5 regulations governing offshore wind farm development.

6           Section 15. The Lake Michigan Offshore Wind Energy Advisory  
7 Council.

8           (a) The Council is created as a separate entity within the  
9 Department of Natural Resources and shall consist of the  
10 Director or Chairman, or their designee, of the following 5  
11 State agencies:

12                 (1) The Department of Natural Resources.

13                 (2) The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

14                 (3) The Illinois Power Agency.

15                 (4) The Illinois Commerce Commission.

16                 (5) The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

17           (b) The Director of Natural Resources shall serve as  
18 chairperson of the Council. The chairperson shall select the  
19 following public members to serve on the Council:

20                 (1) One individual representing a statewide  
21 environmental organization.

22                 (2) One individual representing the tourism industry.

23                 (3) One resident of the State representing an Illinois  
24 institution of higher education.

25                 (4) Two residents of the State representing lakefront

1 communities.

2 (5) One individual representing an electrical utility  
3 industry.

4 (6) One individual representing an independent  
5 transmission company.

6 (7) One individual representing the offshore wind  
7 energy industry.

8 (8) One individual representing local government  
9 officials.

10 (9) One individual representing a regional  
11 environmental organization.

12 (10) One individual representing the commercial  
13 fishing industry.

14 (11) One individual representing the recreational  
15 boating community.

16 (c) At his or her discretion, the chairperson may appoint  
17 additional public members to the Council.

18 (d) The Speaker of the House, Minority Leader of the House,  
19 Senate President, and Minority Leader of the Senate shall each  
20 appoint one member of the General Assembly to serve on the  
21 Council.

22 (e) Members of the Council shall serve without  
23 compensation.

24 (f) The Council shall examine the topics identified in  
25 subsection (b) of Section 10 of this Act and shall make  
26 recommendations to the Department during the preparation of the

1 report to the General Assembly and Governor.

2 Section 20. Repeal of Act. This Act shall be repealed on  
3 July 1, 2012.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
5 2011.".