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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3243

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3243 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by changing
5 Section 6z-32 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/6z-32)

7 Sec. 6z-32. Partners for Planning and Conservation.

8 (a) The Partners for Conservation Fund (formerly known as
9 the Conservation 2000 Fund) and the Partners for Conservation
10 Projects Fund (formerly known as the Conservation 2000 Projects
11 Fund) are created as special funds in the State Treasury. These
12 funds shall be used to establish a comprehensive program to
13 protect Illinois' natural resources through cooperative
14 partnerships between State government and public and private
15 landowners. Moneys in these Funds may be used, subject to
16 appropriation, by the Department of Natural Resources,

1 Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of
2 Agriculture for purposes relating to natural resource
3 protection, planning, recreation, tourism, and compatible
4 agricultural and economic development activities. Without
5 limiting these general purposes, moneys in these Funds may be
6 used, subject to appropriation, for the following specific
7 purposes:

8 (1) To foster sustainable agriculture practices and
9 control soil erosion and sedimentation, including grants
10 to Soil and Water Conservation Districts for conservation
11 practice cost-share grants and for personnel, educational,
12 and administrative expenses.

13 (2) To establish and protect a system of ecosystems in
14 public and private ownership through conservation
15 easements, incentives to public and private landowners,
16 natural resource restoration and preservation, water
17 quality protection and improvement, land use and watershed
18 planning, technical assistance and grants, and land
19 acquisition provided these mechanisms are all voluntary on
20 the part of the landowner and do not involve the use of
21 eminent domain.

22 (3) To develop a systematic and long-term program to
23 effectively measure and monitor natural resources and
24 ecological conditions through investments in technology
25 and involvement of scientific experts.

26 (4) To initiate strategies to enhance, use, and

1 maintain Illinois' inland lakes through education,
2 technical assistance, research, and financial incentives.

3 (5) To partner with private landowners and with units
4 of State, federal, and local government and with
5 not-for-profit organizations in order to integrate State
6 and federal programs with Illinois' natural resource
7 protection and restoration efforts and to meet
8 requirements to obtain federal and other funds for
9 conservation or protection of natural resources.

10 (b) The State Comptroller and State Treasurer shall
11 automatically transfer on the last day of each month, beginning
12 on September 30, 1995 and ending on June 30, 2011 ~~2021~~, from
13 the General Revenue Fund to the Partners for Conservation Fund,
14 an amount equal to 1/10 of the amount set forth below in fiscal
15 year 1996 and an amount equal to 1/12 of the amount set forth
16 below in each of the other specified fiscal years:

17 Fiscal Year	Amount
18 1996	\$ 3,500,000
19 1997	\$ 9,000,000
20 1998	\$10,000,000
21 1999	\$11,000,000
22 2000	\$12,500,000
23 2001 through 2004	\$14,000,000
24 2005	\$7,000,000
25 2006	\$11,000,000
26 2007	\$0

1 2008 through 2011 ~~2021~~\$14,000,000

2 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
3 contrary and in addition to any other transfers that may be
4 provided for by law, on the last day of each month beginning on
5 July 31, 2006 and ending on June 30, 2007, or as soon
6 thereafter as may be practical, the State Comptroller shall
7 direct and the State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,000,000 from
8 the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Fund to the
9 Conservation 2000 Fund.

10 (d) There shall be deposited into the Partners for
11 Conservation Projects Fund such bond proceeds and other moneys
12 as may, from time to time, be provided by law.

13 (Source: P.A. 94-91, eff. 7-1-05; 94-839, eff. 6-6-06; 95-139,
14 eff. 1-1-08.)

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law."