

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 Equal
5 Economic Opportunity Task Force Act.

6 Section 5. The Equal Economic Opportunity Task Force.

7 (a) There is hereby created the Equal Economic Opportunity
8 Task Force.

9 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

10 (1) Four members of the General Assembly, appointed one
11 each by the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of
12 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
13 and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;

14 (2) The Governor, or his or her designee;

15 (3) The Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
16 or his or her designee;

17 (4) The Secretary of Human Services, or his or her
18 designee;

19 (5) The Attorney General of the State of Illinois, or
20 his or her designee; and

21 (6) Two members from entities representing the
22 interests of the retail and banking industries in this
23 State appointed by the Governor.

1 (c) The Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, or
2 his or her designee, shall serve as chairperson of the task
3 force, and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
4 shall provide technical support and assistance to the task
5 force and shall be responsible for administering its operations
6 and ensuring that the requirements of this Act are met.

7 (d) The task force may consult with any persons or entities
8 it deems necessary to carry out its purposes.

9 (e) Members of the task force shall be appointed no later
10 than 90 days after the effective date of this Act. The members
11 of the task force shall receive no compensation for serving as
12 members of the task force.

13 (f) The task force shall examine: (1) barriers to economic
14 opportunity in economically depressed communities; (2) issues
15 discouraging local investment and business development; (3)
16 local community concerns; and (4) current economic conditions,
17 and shall establish a comprehensive economic development
18 policy for small, medium, and large businesses. The task force
19 shall give members of the public the opportunity to provide
20 input during the task force's examinations.

21 (g) The task force shall prepare a report summarizing the
22 findings of the examinations undertaken pursuant to subsection
23 (f) and shall provide recommendations as to whether further
24 legislation is needed to address the problems identified by the
25 task force. The report shall be submitted to the General
26 Assembly on or before January 1, 2017.

1 Section 10. Expiration. This Act is repealed on January 1,
2 2018.