



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5421

Introduced 2/9/2024, by Rep. Kimberly Du Buclet

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

615 ILCS 5/14a

from Ch. 19, par. 61a

Amends the Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act. Removes a provision requiring the Environmental Protection Agency to work with the City of Chicago and affected units of government for specified concerns. Removes a provision that require the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct water quality and lake bed surveys to evaluate the ecology and the quality of water in Lake Michigan. Removes a provision concerning reporting requirements. Provides that the Environmental Protection Agency shall regularly monitor water quality from nearshores, harbors, and public water supply intakes in Lake Michigan and provide an executive summary biennially on conditions of the water quality in Lake Michigan to the Governor and members of the General Assembly.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act is amended
5 by changing Section 14a as follows:

6 (615 ILCS 5/14a) (from Ch. 19, par. 61a)

7 Sec. 14a. It is the express intention of this legislation
8 that close cooperation shall exist between the Pollution
9 Control Board, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the
10 Department of Natural Resources and that every resource of
11 State government shall be applied to the proper preservation
12 and utilization of the waters of Lake Michigan.

13 ~~The Environmental Protection Agency shall work in close~~
14 ~~cooperation with the City of Chicago and other affected units~~
15 ~~of government to: (1) terminate discharge of pollutional waste~~
16 ~~materials to Lake Michigan from vessels in both intra state~~
17 ~~and inter state navigation, and (2) abate domestic,~~
18 ~~industrial, and other pollution to assure that Lake Michigan~~
19 ~~beaches in Illinois are suitable for full body contact sports,~~
20 ~~meeting criteria of the Pollution Control Board.~~

21 The Environmental Protection Agency shall regularly
22 monitor ~~conduct~~ water quality from nearshores, harbors, and
23 public water supply intakes in Lake Michigan and provide an

1 ~~executive summary biennially on conditions of the water~~
2 ~~quality in Lake Michigan and lake bed surveys to evaluate the~~
3 ~~ecology and the quality of water in Lake Michigan. Results of~~
4 ~~such surveys shall be made available, without charge, to all~~
5 ~~interested persons and agencies. It shall be the~~
6 ~~responsibility of the Director of the Environmental Protection~~
7 ~~Agency to report biennially or at such other times as the~~
8 ~~Governor shall direct; such report shall provide hydrologic,~~
9 ~~biologic, and chemical data together with recommendations to~~
10 the Governor and members of the General Assembly.

11 ~~The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly~~
12 ~~shall be satisfied by filing copies of the report as required~~
13 ~~by Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization Act, and~~
14 ~~filing such additional copies with the State Government Report~~
15 ~~Distribution Center for the General Assembly as is required~~
16 ~~under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State Library Act.~~

17 In meeting the requirements of this Act, the Pollution
18 Control Board, Environmental Protection Agency and Department
19 of Natural Resources are authorized to be in direct contact
20 with individuals, municipalities, public and private
21 corporations and other organizations which are or may be
22 contributing to the discharge of pollution to Lake Michigan.

23 (Source: P.A. 100-1148, eff. 12-10-18.)