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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5433

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 5433 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Prairie Lawns Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Department" means the Department of Natural Resources.

8 "Pollinator habitat" means any lawn, planted area of a  
9 lawn, or planter box or pot where there grows native flowers,  
10 native vegetation, or pollinator-friendly plants.

11 Section 10. Prairie Lawns Program created.

12 (a) The Department shall establish and administer the  
13 Prairie Lawns Program to provide assistance for installing  
14 pollinator-friendly native plants in residential lawns in  
15 order to protect and support native species of bees,

1 butterflies, moths, beetles, flies, and other pollinators.

2 (b) To promote the Prairie Lawns Program, the Department  
3 shall:

4 (1) conduct outreach and publicity for the Program by,  
5 among other things:

6 (A) establishing and administering a public  
7 awareness campaign to raise awareness about creating  
8 pollinator habitats; and

9 (B) creating and providing a Prairie Lawns yard  
10 sign for grant recipients and making the sign  
11 available for download on the Department's website;

12 (2) provide educational assistance for installing  
13 pollinator-friendly native plants in residential lawns by,  
14 among other things:

15 (A) making educational materials available on the  
16 Department website; and

17 (B) offering units of local government and  
18 nonprofit organizations assistance with related  
19 education and outreach efforts;

20 (3) cooperate with units of local government and  
21 nonprofit organizations in creating demonstration  
22 neighborhoods, which are community projects intended to  
23 enhance pollinator habitats and raise awareness about  
24 pollinators.

25 A unit of local government or a nonprofit organization  
26 overseeing a demonstration neighborhood shall work with

1 local residents to install pocket gardens, trees, bushes,  
2 shrubs, meadows, and lawns that are beneficial to  
3 pollinators in residential lawns.

4 Section 15. Individual support grants.

5 (a) The Department shall adopt rules and develop criteria  
6 to award through the Prairie Lawns Program individual support  
7 grants that will allow eligible Illinois residents to be  
8 reimbursed for up to \$400 in costs associated with  
9 establishing a pollinator habitat in their yards.

10 (b) Individual support grant recipients must provide at  
11 least a 25% match for their total reimbursement request. This  
12 match can be in the form of purchasing materials, hiring  
13 contractors, or as in-kind time spent planting or maintaining  
14 plants.

15 (c) An individual support grant applicant shall submit a  
16 map of the applicant's completed project in the application  
17 for reimbursement.

18 (d) This Section is subject to appropriation.

19 Section 20. Demonstration neighborhood grants.

20 (a) The Department shall adopt rules and develop criteria  
21 to award demonstration neighborhood grants to units of local  
22 government and nonprofit organizations to create demonstration  
23 neighborhoods as described in paragraph (3) of subsection (b)  
24 of Section 10 of this Act.

1           (b) Units of local government and nonprofit organizations  
2 shall be invited to apply for individual support grants under  
3 this Act through a request for proposal process.

4           (c) This Section is subject to appropriation.

5           Section 25. No prohibition on pollinator habitats. Common  
6 interest communities, as defined in Section 1-5 of the Common  
7 Interest Community Association Act, shall not prohibit any  
8 resident or owner from planting a pollinator habitat within  
9 the boundaries of the resident's or owner's property or lot.  
10 Residents and owners shall not plant a pollinator habitat in  
11 or on a common area, property owned by the common interest  
12 community, or the property or lot owned by another owner  
13 without the prior written consent of the common interest  
14 community or other owner. Common interest communities shall  
15 not enact or enforce rules and regulations that impair the  
16 proper maintenance and care of pollinator habitats.

17           Section 97. Severability. The provisions of this Act are  
18 severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes."