

1 AN ACT concerning energy efficiency.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Development Finance Authority  
5 Act is amended by adding Sections 7.90, 7.92, 7.94, and 7.96  
6 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 3505/7.90 new)

8 Sec. 7.90. Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund;  
9 findings and declaration of policy. It is hereby found and  
10 declared that there exists an urgent need to provide  
11 financial incentives for the improvement of energy  
12 efficiency. It is in the public interest to reduce the costs  
13 of energy supplies and services by providing loans, loan  
14 guarantees, and interest rate write downs and by financing  
15 the administration of loans, loan guarantees, and interest  
16 rate write downs and the provision of technical assistance  
17 related thereto to fund energy efficiency improvements in  
18 governmental, commercial, and certain multi-family and other  
19 buildings.

20 (20 ILCS 3505/7.92 new)

21 Sec. 7.92. Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund. There  
22 is hereby created the Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund,  
23 hereafter referred to in Sections 7.90 through 7.96 as the  
24 "Fund". The Treasurer of the Authority shall have custody of  
25 the Fund, which shall be held outside the State treasury. The  
26 Authority is authorized to issue both tax exempt and taxable  
27 bonds on behalf of the Fund. The Authority is authorized to  
28 accept any and all loan repayments, interest earnings,  
29 proceeds from defaults or delinquencies, appropriations,  
30 grants, gifts, loans, or other payments from public or

1 private entities, including public utilities, for deposit  
2 into the Fund.

3 (20 ILCS 3505/7.94 new)

4 Sec. 7.94. Loan program.

5 (a) The Authority, in cooperation with the Department of  
6 Commerce and Community Affairs, shall administer a program to  
7 provide loans at no more than 2% interest for energy  
8 efficiency improvements. The Department shall assist in the  
9 loan application and review process, including the provision  
10 of statewide access to technical assistance for the proper  
11 completion and submission of applications. Loans may be made  
12 either by the Authority or by other lenders using loan  
13 guarantees or interest rate write downs provided by the  
14 Authority. Loans may be made for either of the following:

15 (1) Projects in governmental, commercial, and  
16 certain multi-family buildings in the following  
17 categories:

18 (A) In an existing building, with a peak  
19 demand of 50 kilowatts or more, to reduce electric  
20 demand to achieve an electric load shape that  
21 exhibits a ratio of no more than 1.3 to 1.0,  
22 peak-to-average load.

23 (B) In a new building, with an anticipated  
24 peak electric demand of 50 kilowatts or more, to  
25 design an electric load shape to exhibit a ratio of  
26 no more than 1.3 to 1.0, peak-to-average load.

27 (C) In an existing building, to reduce natural  
28 gas consumption by at least 20% and by at least  
29 8,000 therms.

30 (2) The bulk purchase, by an entity with 100 or  
31 more members, of domestic high-efficiency energy  
32 appliances, energy monitoring devices, or clean  
33 small-scale energy production devices.

1       (b) The loan repayment period shall be no longer than 8  
2       years.

3       (c) The Authority must require suitable proof of  
4       expected project performance as a condition for approval of a  
5       loan.

6       (d) The Authority shall give priority to projects that  
7       (i) demonstrate innovative and efficient ways to achieve  
8       demand reductions, (ii) may serve as a model for replication  
9       in other locations, or (iii) are proposed by governmental or  
10       nonprofit organizations to promote both energy efficiency and  
11       improved reliability of service.

12       (20 ILCS 3505/7.96 new)

13       Sec. 7.96. Report. The Authority shall submit an annual  
14       report on or before January 15 of each year to the Governor  
15       and the General Assembly on the effects of the projects  
16       supported by the loan program on the total, statewide demand  
17       for and consumption of natural gas and electricity, including  
18       recommendations on the need to continue or modify the  
19       program.

20       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
21       becoming law.