

AN ACT concerning environmental safety.

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

Section 5. The Environmental Protection Act is amended by adding Section 22.50 as follows:

(415 ILCS 5/22.50 new)

Sec. 22.50. Computer Equipment Disposal and Recycling Commission.

(a) The General Assembly finds that improper disposal of computer equipment presents a serious environmental threat. Computer equipment contains quantities of lead, mercury, other heavy metals, and plastics that, when improperly disposed of, can lead to environmental contamination.

(b) There is hereby created the Computer Equipment Disposal and Recycling Commission consisting of 7 members appointed as follows: 2 members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall serve as Chairperson of the Commission; one member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor who shall serve as vice-chairperson; one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; one member appointed by the President of the Senate; and one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; all of whom shall serve without compensation. The Commission may accept and expend for its purposes any funds granted to the Commission by any agency of State or federal government or through private donation dealing exclusively with computer equipment disposal.

(c) The Commission shall have all of the following objectives:

(1) To investigate problems and concerns related to the disposal and recycling of computer equipment.

(2) To advise the General Assembly and State agencies

with respect to legislative, regulatory, or other actions within the area of computer equipment disposal, and any related subject matter (i.e. fax machines, printers, etc.).

(3) To make recommendations regarding the development and establishment of pilot programs and ongoing programs for the recycling and proper disposal of computer equipment.

(d) The Commission shall issue a report of its findings and recommendations in relation to the objectives listed in subsection (c) of this Section to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Director of the Environmental Protection Agency on or before May 31, 2006. In preparing its report, the Commission shall seek input from and consult with business organizations, trade organizations, trade associations, solid waste agencies, and environmental organizations with expertise in computer equipment disposal and recycling.

(e) Beginning on May 31, 2007, the Commission shall evaluate the implementation of programs by the State relating to computer equipment disposal and recycling, and shall issue a report of its finding and recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Director of the Environmental Protection Agency on or before December 31, 2008.

(f) The Commission, upon issuing the report described in subsection (e) of this Section, is dissolved.

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