

STATE EXPORT PROMOTION COORDINATING ACT  
(Ill. Compiled Statutes, Ch. , par. )

AN ACT concerning the promotion of Illinois exports. P.A. 88-456, effective August 20, 1993.

**§ 1. Short title**

§ 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the State Export Promotion Coordinating Act.

**§ 5. Purpose**

§ 5. Purpose. The General Assembly declares that:

(a) a significant portion of Illinois' gross State product and workforce is employed in jobs that are either directly or indirectly involved in the production of manufactured goods, services or commodities for foreign export.

(b) in the interdependent global economy, promoting the export of Illinois goods and services enhances the general welfare of the people and economy of Illinois.

(c) the availability and competitiveness of Illinois exports abroad, in part, depend on the strong support by Illinois State government.

(d) effective and efficient government action in support of export promotion requires cooperative effort from government agencies, higher education and the private sector.

(e) the State should occupy a more prominent role in the strategic and coordinated planning of export development and delivery of State export assistance to small and medium sized businesses.

**§ 10. Export Promotion Coordinating Council**

§ 10. Export Promotion Coordinating Council. There is created an Export Promotion Coordinating Council within the Department of Agriculture composed of the Directors of the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, the Department of Natural Resources, the Executive Directors of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Development Finance Authority, and 5 persons from the private sector appointed by the Governor. In making private sector appointments, the Governor shall appoint one person experienced in export finance, one person experienced in organized labor, one person experienced in small business as an exporter, one person experienced in economic development and one person experienced in international economic development.

Private sector appointees shall serve 2-year terms and may be reappointed. Any private sector vacancy occurring on the Council prior to the expiration of the term for which the predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of that term. Members of the Council shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for ordinary and contingent expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The Governor shall appoint one member to serve as chair of the Council for a term of 2 years.

The Governor shall make initial appointments to the Council no later than 60 days following the effective date of this Act.

Necessary staff and administrative support shall be provided to the Council by the Department of Agriculture.

Amended by P.A. 89-445, §9B-2.5, eff. Feb. 7, 1996.

### **§ 15. Scope and functions**

§ 15. Scope and functions. The Export Promotion Coordinating Council shall:

(a) develop a strategic plan for the promotion of Illinois produced goods, services and commodities for export and the methods to be utilized to expand those exports.

(b) provide for a coordinated system of delivery for all State sponsored export promotion and assistance programs.

(c) recommend the development of appropriate State policies to ensure timely access to information by small and medium sized businesses regarding State and federal export programs.

(d) continuously monitor and review export promotion programs administered by State agencies in order to prevent or eliminate the unnecessary duplication of programs and activities.

(e) encourage and assist the expansion of international trade activities of the chambers of commerce, trade associations, world trade centers and other locally based economic development organizations in the State.

(f) emphasize the development of innovative programs for expansion of Illinois exports in conjunctions with the business community, with special emphasis directed toward assisting small and medium sized businesses in Illinois.

### **§ 20. Annual report**

§ 20. Annual report. Beginning April 1, 1994, and on or before January 1 of each year thereafter, the Council shall prepare and submit a written report to the Governor and the General Assembly on its activities for the preceding calendar year. The report shall also include its specific recommendations for administrative or legislative policies and programs to enhance the promotions of Illinois exports.