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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 263

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 263 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Park District Aquarium and Museum Act is
5 amended by changing Section 1 and by adding Section 3 as
6 follows:

7 (70 ILCS 1290/1) (from Ch. 105, par. 326)

8 Sec. 1. Erect, operate, and maintain aquariums and museums.
9 The corporate authorities of cities and park districts having
10 the control or supervision of any public park or parks, are
11 hereby authorized to purchase, erect and maintain within any
12 public park or parks under the control or supervision of such
13 corporate authorities, edifices to be used as aquariums or as
14 museums of art, industry, science or natural or other history,
15 or to permit the directors or trustees of any corporation or
16 society organized for the construction or maintenance and

1 operation of an aquarium or museum as hereinabove described to
2 erect, enlarge, ornament, build, rebuild, rehabilitate,
3 improve, maintain and operate its aquarium or museum or museums
4 within any public park now or hereafter under the control or
5 supervision of any city or park district, and to contract with
6 any such directors or trustees of any such aquarium, museum or
7 museums relative to the erection, enlargement, ornamentation,
8 building, rebuilding, rehabilitation, improvement, maintenance
9 and operation thereof. Any city or park district may charge, or
10 permit such an aquarium or museum to charge, an admission fee.
11 Any such aquarium or museum, however, shall be open without
12 charge, when accompanied by a teacher, to the children in
13 actual attendance upon grades kindergarten through twelve in
14 any of the schools in this State at all times. For a period of 3
15 years beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of
16 the 99th General Assembly, any ~~Any~~ such aquarium or museum,
17 however, must be open to persons who reside in this State
18 without charge for a period equivalent to: (i) for persons 23
19 years of age and younger, 52 days, at least 6 of which must be
20 during the period from June through August, each year; and (ii)
21 for persons older than 23 years of age, 26 days, at least 6 of
22 which must be during the period from June through August, each
23 year. Notwithstanding said provisions, charges may be made at
24 any time for special services and for admission to special
25 facilities within any aquarium or museum for the education,
26 entertainment or convenience of visitors. The proceeds of such

1 admission fees and charges for special services and special
2 facilities shall be devoted exclusively to the purposes for
3 which the tax authorized by Section 2 hereof may be used. If
4 any owner or owners of any lands or lots abutting or fronting
5 on any such public park, or adjacent thereto, have any private
6 right, easement, interest or property in such public park
7 appurtenant to their lands or lots or otherwise, which would be
8 interfered with by the erection and maintenance of any aquarium
9 or museum as hereinbefore provided, or any right to have such
10 public park remain open or vacant and free from buildings, the
11 corporate authorities of the city or park district having
12 control of such park, may condemn the same in the manner
13 prescribed for the exercise of the right of eminent domain
14 under the Eminent Domain Act.

15 (Source: P.A. 97-187, eff. 7-22-11.)

16 (70 ILCS 1290/3 new)

17 Sec. 3. Illinois Arts Commission. The Illinois Arts
18 Commission is hereby created to work with the Illinois Arts
19 Council to create a sustainability plan that emphasizes the
20 diversity of patrons and works towards finding resources to
21 sustain funding for museums, the arts, community art
22 initiatives, and art programs in schools. The Commission shall
23 consist of the following members to be appointed by the
24 Illinois Arts Council and the Chairperson of the House Museums,
25 Arts & Cultural Enhancement Committee within 90 days of the

1 effective date of this amendatory Act:

2 (1) Four members of the General Assembly from the
3 majority caucus.

4 (2) Four members of the General Assembly from the
5 minority caucus.

6 (3) Three members of the public who are engaged in
7 community arts programs.

8 One member shall be designated by the appointing
9 authorities as the chairperson of the Commission. Members of
10 the Commission shall serve without compensation. The Illinois
11 Arts Council shall provide staff or other resources necessary
12 to support the Commission. Beginning on July 1, 2016, and by
13 the beginning of every other fiscal year thereafter, the
14 Commission shall submit a report to the General Assembly
15 detailing its findings and recommendations.

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