



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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**HB4542**

Introduced 1/21/2022, by Rep. Dave Vella

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 835/6

from Ch. 105, par. 468b

Amends the State Parks Act. Specifies that certain actions that violations of the Act are violations if they are done without approval by the Department of Natural Resources. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The State Parks Act is amended by changing  
5 Section 6 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 835/6) (from Ch. 105, par. 468b)

7 Sec. 6. It is a violation of this Section for any person to  
8 do any of the following without approval by the Department of  
9 Natural Resources:

10 (1) cut, break, injure, destroy, take or remove any  
11 tree, shrub, timber, plant, or natural object in any park  
12 or parkway, except that the Department of Natural  
13 Resources may, by administrative rule, authorize edible  
14 fungi, nut, and berry collection in those areas of  
15 Department owned, leased, or managed lands where the  
16 collecting would not be in conflict or incompatible with  
17 (i) Department of Natural Resources natural resource  
18 management or recreational programs for that area and (ii)  
19 the Natural Areas Preservation Act;

20 (2) kill, cause to be killed, or pursue with intent to  
21 kill any bird or animal in a park or parkway, provided that  
22 the Department of Natural Resources may by administrative  
23 order authorize hunting in those areas of state parks

1 where such hunting would not be in conflict or  
2 incompatible with Department of Natural Resources  
3 recreational programs for that area;

4 (3) take any fish from the waters of any park or  
5 parkway, contrary to the rules and regulations of the  
6 Department of Natural Resources;

7 (4) wilfully mutilate, injure, deface, or destroy any  
8 guide post, notice, tablet, fence, enclosure or work for  
9 the protection or ornamentation of any park or parkway;

10 (5) light any fire upon any park or parkway, except in  
11 an authorized place or places or wilfully or carelessly  
12 permit any fire which he has lighted or caused to be  
13 lighted, or which shall be under his charge, to spread or  
14 extend to or burn any shrubbery, trees, timber, ornaments,  
15 or improvements upon any State park, nature preserve or  
16 parkways, or leave any camp fires which he shall have  
17 lighted or caused to be lighted, or which shall have been  
18 left in his charge, unattended by a competent person;

19 (6) place within any park or parkway or affix to any  
20 object therein contained, any work, character, or device  
21 designed to advertise any business, profession, article,  
22 thing, exhibition, matter or event;

23 (7) violate any rule or regulation adopted and  
24 published by the Department of Natural Resources pursuant  
25 to the provisions of this Act.

26 A person who violates this Section shall, for each

1 offense, be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

2 (Source: P.A. 93-341, eff. 7-24-03.)

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