



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB5791

Introduced 11/16/2022, by Rep. Martin McLaughlin - Daniel Swanson - Norine K. Hammond, Amy Grant, Chris Miller, et al.

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 805/805-570 new

Amends the Department of Natural Resources (Conservation) Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires, within one year following the effective date of the amendatory Act, the Department of Natural Resources, in collaboration with the Department of Public Health, to perform an assessment of State parks, including recreational trails, and other outdoor recreation areas and facilities to determine where it is appropriate to install signage to warn visitors of possible Lyme and other tick-borne diseases. Provides that the assessment shall include, but shall not be limited to, considerations related to the installation of signage in areas of reported new or increased contact with ticks and an evaluation of any relevant data on tick-borne diseases. Provides that the assessment shall be updated no less than once every 3 years, or more often as deemed necessary by both the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Public Health. Requires that a summary of the assessment be posted by the Department of Natural Resources on its website within 60 days of the completion of the assessment. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources shall thereafter install and maintain signs at all State-managed parks and outdoor recreation areas and facilities, including, but not limited to, recreational trail entryways, campgrounds, and any other location as defined and determined by the Department as necessary and based on the assessment, warning individuals that ticks may be found in the area and cause Lyme or other tick-borne diseases. Authorizes the Department to use models already in use throughout the State or in another state or any model the Department determines appropriate when determining the design for such signage. 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 Department of Natural Resources  
5 (Conservation) Law of the Civil Administrative Code of  
6 Illinois is amended by adding Section 805-570 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 805/805-570 new)

8 Sec. 805-570. Lyme and other tick-borne disease warning  
9 signs. Within one year following the effective date of this  
10 amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly, the Department,  
11 in collaboration with the Department of Public Health, shall  
12 perform an assessment of State parks, including recreational  
13 trails, and other outdoor recreation areas and facilities to  
14 determine where it is appropriate to install signage to warn  
15 visitors of possible Lyme and other tick-borne diseases. The  
16 assessment shall include, but shall not be limited to,  
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6 other location as defined and determined by the Department as  
7 necessary and based on the assessment, warning individuals  
8 that ticks may be found in the area and cause Lyme or other  
9 tick-borne diseases. The Department may use models already in  
10 use throughout the State or in another state or any model the  
11 Department determines appropriate when determining the design  
12 for such signage.

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