

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2009 and 2010 HB2536

Introduced 2/20/2009, by Rep. Raymond Poe

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 3405/27 new

Amends the Historic Preservation Agency Act. Provides that every veteran who is a resident of Illinois and a former prisoner of war is exempt from all admission fees in museums that receive State funds. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning former prisoners of war.

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

- Section 5. The Historic Preservation Agency Act is amended
- 5 by adding Section 27 as follows:
- 6 (20 ILCS 3405/27 new)
- Sec. 27. Former POWs; free admission. Every veteran who is
- 8 a resident of Illinois and a former prisoner of war is exempt
- 9 from all admission fees in museums that receive State funds.
- 10 For the purposes of this Section, a former prisoner of war is a
- 11 veteran who was taken and held prisoner by a hostile foreign
- force while participating in an armed conflict as a member of
- 13 the United States armed forces. Any identification card or
- 14 other form of identification issued by the Veterans'
- 15 Administration or other governmental agency that indicates the
- 16 card-holder's former prisoner of war status is sufficient to
- 17 accord the card-holder the fee-exempt admission privileges
- 18 under this Section.
- 19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 20 becoming law.