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1	AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2568
2	AMENDMENT NO Amend House Bill 2568 by replacing
3	everything after the enacting clause with the following:
4 5	"Section 5. The Park District Aquarium and Museum Act is amended by changing Section 1 as follows:
6	(70 ILCS 1290/1) (from Ch. 105, par. 326)
7	Sec. 1. The corporate authorities of cities and park
8	districts having the control or supervision of any public park
9	or parks, are hereby authorized to purchase, erect and maintain
10	within any public park or parks under the control or
11	supervision of such corporate authorities, edifices to be used
12	as aquariums or as museums of art, industry, science or natural
13	or other history, or to permit the directors or trustees of any
14	corporation or society organized for the construction or
15	maintenance and operation of an aquarium or museum as
16	hereinabove described to erect, enlarge, ornament, build,

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1 rebuild, rehabilitate, improve, maintain and operate its 2 aquarium or museum or museums within any public park now or hereafter under the control or supervision of any city or park 3 4 district, and to contract with any such directors or trustees 5 of any such aquarium, museum or museums relative to the 6 erection, enlargement, ornamentation, building, rebuilding, improvement, maintenance 7 rehabilitation, and operation 8 thereof. Any city or park district may charge, or permit such 9 an aquarium or museum to charge, an admission fee. Any such 10 aquarium or museum, however, shall be open without charge, when 11 accompanied by a teacher, to the children in actual attendance upon grades kindergarten through twelve in any of the schools 12 13 in this State at all times. Any such aquarium or museum, 14 however, must be open to the public without charge for a period 15 equivalent to 26 $\frac{52}{52}$ days, at least 6 of which must be during 16 the period from June through August, each year. Notwithstanding said provisions, charges may be made at any time for special 17 services and for admission to special facilities within any 18 19 aquarium or museum for the education, entertainment or 20 convenience of visitors. The proceeds of such admission fees 21 and charges for special services and special facilities shall 22 be devoted exclusively to the purposes for which the tax 23 authorized by Section 2 hereof may be used. If any owner or 24 owners of any lands or lots abutting or fronting on any such 25 public park, or adjacent thereto, have any private right, 26 easement, interest or property in such public park appurtenant

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1 to their lands or lots or otherwise, which would be interfered 2 with by the erection and maintenance of any aquarium or museum 3 as hereinbefore provided, or any right to have such public park 4 remain open or vacant and free from buildings, the corporate 5 authorities of the city or park district having control of such 6 park, may condemn the same in the manner prescribed for the 7 exercise of the right of eminent domain under the Eminent 8 Domain Act.

9 (Source: P.A. 94-1055, eff. 1-1-07.)

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