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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 373

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 373 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 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 1290/1) (from Ch. 105, par. 326)

7 Sec. 1. Erect, operate, and maintain aquariums and museums.
8 The corporate authorities of cities and park districts having
9 ~~the~~ control or supervision over ~~of~~ any public park or parks,
10 including parks located on formerly submerged land, are hereby
11 authorized to purchase, erect, and maintain within any such
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 including presidential libraries, centers, and museums, such
16 aquariums and museums consisting of all facilities for their

1 collections, exhibitions, programming, and associated
2 initiatives, or to permit the directors or trustees of any
3 corporation or society organized for the construction or
4 maintenance and operation of an aquarium or museum as
5 hereinabove described to erect, enlarge, ornament, build,
6 rebuild, rehabilitate, improve, maintain, and operate its
7 aquarium or museum ~~or museums~~ within any public park now or
8 hereafter under the control or supervision of any city or park
9 district, and to contract with any such directors or trustees
10 of any such aquarium or ~~7~~ museum ~~or museums~~ relative to the
11 erection, enlargement, ornamentation, building, rebuilding,
12 rehabilitation, improvement, maintenance, ownership, and
13 operation of such aquarium or museum. Notwithstanding the
14 previous sentence, a city or park district may enter into a
15 lease for an initial term not to exceed 99 years, subject to
16 renewal, allowing a corporation or society as hereinabove
17 described to erect, enlarge, ornament, build, rebuild,
18 rehabilitate, improve, maintain, and operate its aquarium or
19 museum, together with grounds immediately adjacent to such
20 aquarium or museum, and to use, possess, and occupy grounds
21 surrounding such aquarium or museum as hereinabove described
22 for the purpose of beautifying and maintaining such grounds in
23 a manner consistent with the aquarium or museum's purpose, and
24 on the conditions that (1) the public is allowed access to such
25 grounds in a manner consistent with its access to other public
26 parks, and (2) the city or park district retains a reversionary

1 interest in any improvements made by the corporation or society
2 on the grounds, including the aquarium or museum itself, that
3 matures upon the expiration or lawful termination of the lease.
4 It is hereby reaffirmed and found that the aquariums and
5 museums as described in this Section, and their collections,
6 exhibitions, programming, and associated initiatives, serve
7 valuable public purposes, including, but not limited to,
8 furthering human knowledge and understanding, educating and
9 inspiring the public, and expanding recreational and cultural
10 resources and opportunities ~~and operation thereof~~. Any city or
11 park district may charge, or permit such an aquarium or museum
12 to charge, an admission fee. Any such aquarium or museum,
13 however, shall be open without charge, when accompanied by a
14 teacher, to the children in actual attendance upon grades
15 kindergarten through twelve in any of the schools in this State
16 at all times. In addition, 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 52 days, at least 6
19 of which must be during the period from June through August,
20 each year. Notwithstanding said provisions, charges may be made
21 at any time for special services and for admission to special
22 facilities within any aquarium or museum for the education,
23 entertainment, or convenience of visitors. The proceeds of such
24 admission fees and charges for special services and special
25 facilities shall be devoted exclusively to the purposes for
26 which the tax authorized by Section 2 hereof may be used. If

1 any owner or owners of any lands or lots abutting or fronting
2 on any such public park, or adjacent thereto, have any private
3 right, easement, interest or property in such public park
4 appurtenant to their lands or lots or otherwise, which would be
5 interfered with by the erection and maintenance of any aquarium
6 or museum as hereinbefore provided, or any right to have such
7 public park remain open or vacant and free from buildings, the
8 corporate authorities of the city or park district having
9 control of such park, may condemn the same in the manner
10 prescribed for the exercise of the right of eminent domain
11 under the Eminent Domain Act. The changes made to this Section
12 by this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly are
13 declaratory of existing law and shall not be construed as a new
14 enactment.

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