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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3455

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 3455 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Natural Resources  
5 (Conservation) Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois  
6 is amended by adding Section 805-45 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 805/805-45 new)

8 Sec. 805-45. Adopt-a-Trail Program.

9 (a) The Department shall establish an "Adopt-a-Trail"  
10 program that will allow volunteer groups to assist in  
11 maintaining and enhancing trails on State owned land.

12 (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this Section, volunteer  
13 groups in the Adopt-a-Trail program may adopt any available  
14 trail or trail segment and may choose any one or more of the  
15 following volunteer activities:

16 (1) spring cleanups;

1           (2) accessibility projects;

2           (3) special events;

3           (4) trail maintenance, enhancement, or realignment;

4           (5) public information and assistance; or

5           (6) training.

6           The Department shall designate and approve specific  
7 activities to be performed by a volunteer group in the  
8 Adopt-a-Trail program which shall be executed with an approved  
9 Adopt-a-Trail agreement. The Department may provide for more  
10 than one volunteer group to adopt an eligible trail or trail  
11 segment.

12          (c) If the Department operates other programs in the  
13 vicinity of the trail that allows volunteers to participate in  
14 the Department's Adopt-a-park program or other resource, the  
15 Department shall coordinate these programs to provide for  
16 efficient and effective volunteer programs in the area.

17          (d) A volunteer group that wishes to participate in the  
18 Adopt-a-Trail program shall submit an application to the  
19 Department on a form provided by the Department. Volunteer  
20 groups shall agree to the following:

21           (1) volunteer groups participate in the program for at  
22 least a 2-year period;

23           (2) volunteer groups shall consist of at least 6 people  
24 who are 18 years of age or older, unless the volunteer  
25 group is a school or scout organization, in which case the  
26 volunteers may be under 18 years of age, but supervised by

1 someone over the age of 18;

2 (3) volunteer groups shall contribute a total of at  
3 least 200 service hours over a 2-year period;

4 (4) volunteer groups shall only execute Adopt-a-Trail  
5 projects and activities after a volunteer project  
6 agreement has been completed and approved by the  
7 Department; and

8 (5) volunteer groups shall comply with all reasonable  
9 requirements of the Department.

10 (e) A State park superintendent or staff designated by the  
11 Department may issue to volunteers who are actively working on  
12 Adopt-a-Trail project, free camping permits that last more than  
13 one day, not to exceed 4 sites, if campsites are available.

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