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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 255

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 255 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
6 Illinois is amended by changing Section 805-30 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 805/805-30) (was 20 ILCS 805/63a38)

8 Sec. 805-30. ~~Illinois Veteran Conservation Corps and~~
9 ~~Illinois Youth and Young Adult Conservation Program Corps,~~
10 ~~Illinois Veteran Recreation Corps and Illinois Youth~~
11 ~~Recreation Corps.~~ The Department has the power to administer
12 the ~~Illinois Veteran Conservation Corps, Illinois Young Adult~~
13 ~~Conservation Corps, Illinois Veteran Recreation Corps, and the~~
14 ~~Illinois Youth Recreation Corps~~ programs created by the
15 Illinois ~~Veteran,~~ Youth, and Young Adult Conservation Program
16 ~~Jobs Act~~ and to adopt ~~promulgate~~ rules and ~~regulations~~ for the

1 administration of the programs.

2 (Source: P.A. 97-738, eff. 7-5-12.)

3 Section 10. The Illinois Veteran, Youth, and Young Adult
4 Conservation Jobs Act is amended by changing Sections 1, 2, 4,
5 5, 6, 7, and 8 as follows:

6 (525 ILCS 50/1) (from Ch. 48, par. 2551)

7 Sec. 1. This Article II shall be known and may be cited as
8 the Illinois ~~Veteran, Youth, and Young Adult Conservation~~
9 Program Jobs Act.

10 (Source: P.A. 97-738, eff. 7-5-12.)

11 (525 ILCS 50/2) (from Ch. 48, par. 2552)

12 Sec. 2. Declaration of Intent. The General Assembly finds
13 that youth, representing all segments of society, benefit from
14 education and employment in the healthful outdoor atmosphere
15 of the State's park systems, recreational facilities, and
16 other public land and water areas and, through those education
17 and employment opportunities, will develop, enhance, and
18 maintain the natural resources of the State of Illinois while
19 gaining an understanding and appreciation of the State's
20 environment and heritage ~~the level of unemployment among~~
21 ~~veterans, the youths of this State, particularly those age 14~~
22 ~~through 18, and young adults, age 18 through 25, is~~
23 ~~unsatisfactory. This situation is not conducive to the~~

1 ~~development of veterans and the youth and young adults of~~
2 ~~Illinois as the future of the State.~~ The General Assembly
3 further finds that the availability of conservation and
4 recreational programs for ~~veterans,~~ youth, ~~and young adults in~~
5 parks and recreational facilities and other lands operated by
6 the State, by units of local government, and by local
7 not-for-profit entities is severely limited. The General
8 Assembly therefore creates this ~~the Illinois Veteran, Youth,~~
9 ~~and Young Adult Conservation Jobs Act~~ to establish ~~(a) the~~
10 Illinois Youth and Young Adult Conservation Program ~~Veteran~~
11 ~~Conservation Corps and the Illinois Young Adult Conservation~~
12 ~~Corps to provide year-round employment for veterans and young~~
13 ~~adults of this State for the purpose of conservation,~~
14 ~~rehabilitation, protection and enhancement of the State's~~
15 ~~public land and (b) the Illinois Veteran Recreation Corps and~~
16 ~~the Illinois Youth Recreation Corps~~ to provide education and
17 potential employment opportunities for the ~~veterans and youth~~
18 and young adults of this State to further the development and
19 maintenance of the natural resources by Illinois' youth, and
20 in so doing to prepare them for the responsibility of
21 maintaining and managing these resources ~~for the purpose of~~
22 ~~administering and operating conservation or recreational~~
23 ~~programs operated by units of local government or local~~
24 ~~not-for-profit entities at conservation and open spaces,~~
25 ~~parks, or recreational facilities or other similar facilities~~
26 ~~or locations.~~

1 (Source: P.A. 97-738, eff. 7-5-12.)

2 (525 ILCS 50/4) (from Ch. 48, par. 2554)

3 Sec. 4. Definition of Terms. For the purposes of this Act:

4 (a) "Department" means the Department of Natural
5 Resources.

6 (b) "Director" means the Director of Natural Resources.

7 ~~(c) "Local sponsor" means any unit of local government or~~
8 ~~not for profit entity that can make available for a summer~~
9 ~~conservation or recreation program park lands, conservation or~~
10 ~~recreational lands or facilities, equipment, materials,~~
11 ~~administration, supervisory personnel, etc.~~

12 ~~(d) "Managing supervisor" means an enrollee in the~~
13 ~~Illinois Veteran Recreation Corps or the Illinois Youth~~
14 ~~Recreation Corps who is selected by the local sponsor to~~
15 ~~supervise the activities of the veterans or youth employee~~
16 ~~enrollees working on the conservation or recreation project. A~~
17 ~~managing supervisor in the Illinois Youth Recreation Corps may~~
18 ~~be 19 years of age or older.~~

19 ~~(e) "Veteran" means an Illinois resident who has served or~~
20 ~~is currently serving as a member of the United States Armed~~
21 ~~Forces, a member of the Illinois National Guard, or a member of~~
22 ~~a Reserve Component of the United States Armed Forces.~~

23 (Source: P.A. 97-738, eff. 7-5-12; 98-463, eff. 8-16-13.)

24 (525 ILCS 50/5) (from Ch. 48, par. 2555)

1 Sec. 5. Cooperation. The Department of Natural Resources
2 shall have the full cooperation of the Illinois State Board of
3 Education ~~Department of Veterans' Affairs~~, the Department of
4 Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Illinois State Job
5 Coordinating Council created by the Federal Job Training
6 Partnership Act (Public Law 97-300), and the Department of
7 Employment Security to carry out the purposes of this Act.

8 (Source: P.A. 97-738, eff. 7-5-12; 98-463, eff. 8-16-13.)

9 (525 ILCS 50/6) (from Ch. 48, par. 2556)

10 Sec. 6. Funding. Funding for the Illinois ~~Veteran~~, Youth,
11 and Young Adult Conservation Program ("Program") ~~Jobs Act~~
12 shall be from any State or federal funds or grants or other
13 funding so received by the Department and any matching funds
14 required by the Department from local sponsors ~~that choose to~~
15 ~~participate in the Illinois Veteran Recreation Corps or the~~
16 ~~Illinois Youth Recreation Corps programs.~~

17 (Source: P.A. 97-738, eff. 7-5-12.)

18 (525 ILCS 50/7) (from Ch. 48, par. 2557)

19 Sec. 7. Illinois Youth and Young Adult Conservation
20 Program Corps. ~~With respect to the Illinois Young Adult~~
21 ~~Conservation Corps program:~~

22 (a) ~~Enrollment~~. The Illinois Youth and Young Adult
23 Conservation Program Corps shall be limited to citizens of
24 this State who at the time of enrollment and participation are

1 ~~15 18~~ through 25 years of age ~~inclusive and who are unemployed.~~

2 ~~The Department shall make public notification of the~~
3 ~~availability of jobs for young adults in the Illinois Young~~
4 ~~Adult Conservation Corps by the means of newspapers,~~
5 ~~electronic media, educational facilities, units of local~~
6 ~~government and the Department of Employment Security offices.~~

7 The Department may adopt ~~shall promulgate~~ reasonable rules
8 pertaining to ~~application for jobs with the Illinois Youth and~~
9 ~~Young Adult Conservation Program Corps.~~

10 ~~Any applicant who knowingly and purposely provides~~
11 ~~wrongful information regarding age, employment or educational~~
12 ~~records shall be deemed ineligible to participate in the~~
13 ~~program. Any applicant who successfully gains employment in~~
14 ~~the program and is later proven to have falsified his or her~~
15 ~~application shall be dismissed immediately from the program.~~

16 (b) When applicable, participants ~~Terms of Employment.~~
17 ~~Once enrolled in the Illinois Young Adult Conservation Corps,~~
18 ~~each enrollee~~ shall receive at least the standard minimum wage
19 as set by the State of Illinois and shall work normal working
20 hours as determined by the Department. The participants
21 ~~enrollees~~ shall not be classified as employees of the State
22 for purposes of contributions to the State Employees'
23 Retirement System of Illinois or any other public employment
24 retirement system of the State.

25 (c) Permissible Activities. The Director shall designate
26 suitable projects and curriculum in which participants in

1 ~~enrollees of the program shall participate. No project~~
2 ~~designated for enrollee participation shall result in the~~
3 ~~displacement of individuals currently employed or positions~~
4 ~~currently existing, either directly or under contract with any~~
5 ~~private contractor, by the Department through the reduction of~~
6 ~~overtime or nonovertime hours, wages or employment benefits.~~

7 Projects and curriculum so designated by the Director
8 shall be for the purpose of: (1) development, enhancement, and
9 maintenance of the natural resources of the State of Illinois;
10 (2) environmental stewardship and civic responsibility; and
11 (3) enhancement of ~~enhancing~~ public lands owned or leased by
12 the Department or developing and enhancing projects or
13 initiatives undertaken in whole or part by the Department.
14 Such projects and curriculum shall include improving the
15 habitat of fauna and flora; improving utilization of
16 conservation or recreation facilities and lands by the public;
17 improving water quality; and any other project deemed by the
18 Department to improve the environmental, economic and
19 recreational quality of the State's natural resources ~~State~~
20 ~~owned or leased lands.~~

21 All projects designated for activity by the Director shall
22 be within a reasonable commuting time for each participant
23 ~~enrollee~~. To the extent possible, the Director shall designate
24 areas where a pool of participants ~~enrollees~~ may work. In no
25 circumstance shall participants ~~enrollees~~ be required to spend
26 more than 1 1/2 hours of commuting time to a project or a

1 designated area; provided, a participant ~~an enrollee~~ may agree
2 to spend more than 1 1/2 hours of commuting time to a project
3 or a designated area.

4 (Source: P.A. 97-738, eff. 7-5-12.)

5 (525 ILCS 50/8) (from Ch. 48, par. 2558)

6 Sec. 8. Contracts Illinois Youth Recreation Corps. The
7 Department may enter into contracts, intergovernmental
8 agreements, grants, cooperative agreements, memoranda of
9 understanding, or other instruments as necessary to implement
10 the Youth and Young Adult Conservation Program. The Illinois
11 Procurement Code shall not apply to contracts entered into for
12 the purpose of fulfilling the purposes of this Act with
13 not-for-profit organizations that have a documented commitment
14 to addressing the barriers to employment and education for
15 minority youth and young adults, as determined by the
16 Department. With respect to the Illinois Youth Recreation
17 ~~Corps:~~

18 ~~(a) Purpose. The Illinois Youth Recreation Corps is~~
19 ~~established for the purpose of making grants to local sponsors~~
20 ~~to provide wages to youth operating and instructing in~~
21 ~~conservation or recreational programs. Such programs shall~~
22 ~~provide conservation or recreational opportunities and shall~~
23 ~~include, but are not limited to, the coordination and teaching~~
24 ~~of natural resource conservation and management, physical~~
25 ~~activities, or learning activities directly related to natural~~

1 ~~resource conservation management or recreation. Such programs~~
2 ~~may charge user fees, but such fees shall be designed to~~
3 ~~promote as much community involvement as possible, as~~
4 ~~determined by the Department.~~

5 ~~(b) Application. Local sponsors who can provide necessary~~
6 ~~facilities, materials and management for summer conservation~~
7 ~~or recreational activities within the community and who desire~~
8 ~~a grant under this Act for the purpose of hiring managing~~
9 ~~supervisors as necessary and eligible youth for such~~
10 ~~conservation or recreational programs may make application to~~
11 ~~the Department of Natural Resources. Applications shall be~~
12 ~~evaluated on the basis of program content, location, need,~~
13 ~~local commitment of resources, and consistency with the~~
14 ~~purposes of this Act.~~

15 ~~(c) Enrollment. The Illinois Youth Recreation Corps shall~~
16 ~~be limited to citizens of this State who at the time of~~
17 ~~enrollment are 14 through 18 years of age inclusive and who~~
18 ~~have skills that can be utilized in the summer conservation or~~
19 ~~recreational program. The ratio of youth employee enrollees to~~
20 ~~a managing supervisor must not be less than 10 to 1 for any~~
21 ~~local sponsor with a total number of youth employee enrollees~~
22 ~~of 10 or more. Any local sponsor program with a total number of~~
23 ~~youth employee enrollees of less than 10 must be limited to one~~
24 ~~managing supervisor.~~

25 ~~The local sponsors shall make public notification of the~~
26 ~~availability of jobs for eligible youth in the Illinois Youth~~

1 ~~Recreation Corps by the means of newspapers, electronic media,~~
2 ~~educational facilities, units of local government and~~
3 ~~Department of Employment Security offices. Application for~~
4 ~~employment shall be made directly to the local sponsor.~~

5 ~~The Department shall adopt reasonable rules pertaining to~~
6 ~~the administration of the Illinois Youth Recreation Corps.~~

7 ~~(d) Terms of Employment. The enrollment period for any~~
8 ~~successful applicant of the program shall not be longer than~~
9 ~~60 working days during the months of June, July and August.~~
10 ~~Once enrolled in the program, each enrollee shall receive a~~
11 ~~reasonable wage as set by the Department and shall work hours~~
12 ~~as required by the conservation or recreation program but not~~
13 ~~in excess of a maximum number of hours as determined by the~~
14 ~~Department, except that an enrollee working as a managing~~
15 ~~supervisor shall receive a higher wage than an enrollee~~
16 ~~working in any other capacity on the conservation or~~
17 ~~recreation program. Enrollees shall be employees of the local~~
18 ~~sponsor and not contractual hires for the purpose of~~
19 ~~employment taxes, except that enrollees shall not be~~
20 ~~classified as employees of the State or the local sponsor for~~
21 ~~purposes of contributions to the State Employees' Retirement~~
22 ~~System of Illinois or any other public employee retirement~~
23 ~~system.~~

24 (Source: P.A. 97-738, eff. 7-5-12.)

1 (525 ILCS 50/9 rep.)

2 Section 15. The Illinois Veteran, Youth, and Young Adult
3 Conservation Jobs Act is amended by repealing Sections 7.5 and
4 9."