

1                                    AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 802

2            AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 802, AS AMENDED,  
3 with reference to page and line numbers of House Amendment  
4 No. 1, on page 5, immediately below line 21, by inserting the  
5 following:

6            "Section 40. Meigs Field.

7            (a) The General Assembly finds all of the following:

8                    (1) Prior to its closure on March 31, 2003, Meigs  
9 Field served an important role to the State and national  
10 air transportation system.

11                    (2) The closure of Meigs Field adversely affects  
12 air traffic and airports throughout the Chicago region,  
13 presently and significantly in the future with the  
14 planned expansion of Chicago O'Hare International  
15 Airport.

16                    (3) Meigs Field, if reopened, would immediately  
17 serve a vital role for air transportation in this State  
18 that would include medical flights, emergency services,  
19 and business and personal air travel.

20                    (4) It is estimated that the cost to repair and  
21 reopen Meigs Field is approximately \$500,000.

22                    (b) The City of Chicago shall forthwith restore and  
23 reopen Meigs Field as an airport for public use.

1 (c) The City of Chicago may not take any action  
2 regarding Meigs Field or the property upon which it is  
3 located that is inconsistent with this Section. This  
4 subsection is a limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6  
5 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent  
6 exercise of powers and functions exercised by the State.

7 (d) Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8 of the State  
8 Mandates Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for  
9 the implementation of any mandate created by this Section.";  
10 and

11 on page 15, immediately below line 31, by inserting the  
12 following:

13 "Section 97. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding  
14 Section 8.27 as follows:

15 (30 ILCS 805/8.27 new)

16 Sec. 8.27. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6  
17 and 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required  
18 for the implementation of any mandate created by Section 40  
19 of the O'Hare Modernization Act."