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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 921

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 921 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Recreational Trails of Illinois Act is
5 amended by changing Section 15 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 862/15)

7 Sec. 15. Off-Highway Vehicle Trails Fund.

8 (a) The Off-Highway Vehicle Trails Fund is created as a
9 special fund in the ~~the~~ State treasury. Money from federal,
10 State, and private sources may be deposited into the Fund.
11 Fines assessed by the Department of Natural Resources for
12 citations issued to off-highway vehicle operators shall be
13 deposited into the Fund. All interest accrued on the Fund shall
14 be deposited into the Fund.

15 (b) All money in the Fund shall be used, subject to
16 appropriation, by the Department for the following purposes:

1 (1) Grants for construction of off-highway vehicle
2 recreational trails on county, municipal, other units of
3 local government, or private lands where a recreational
4 need for the construction is shown.

5 (2) Grants for maintenance and construction of
6 off-highway vehicle recreational trails on federal lands,
7 where permitted by law.

8 (3) Grants for development of off-highway vehicle
9 trail-side facilities in accordance with criteria approved
10 by the National Recreational Trails Advisory Committee.

11 (4) Grants for acquisition of property from willing
12 sellers for off-highway vehicle recreational trails when
13 the objective of a trail cannot be accomplished by other
14 means.

15 (5) Grants for development of urban off-highway
16 vehicle trail linkages near homes and workplaces.

17 (6) Grants for maintenance of existing off-highway
18 vehicle recreational trails, including the grooming and
19 maintenance of trails across snow.

20 (7) Grants for restoration of areas damaged by usage of
21 off-highway vehicle recreational trails and back country
22 terrain.

23 (8) Grants for provision of features that facilitate
24 the access and use of off-highway vehicle trails by persons
25 with disabilities.

26 (9) Grants for acquisition of easements for

1 off-highway vehicle trails or for trail corridors.

2 (10) Grants for a rider education and safety program.

3 (11) Administration, enforcement, planning, and
4 implementation of this Act and Sections 11-1426 and 11-1427
5 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

6 Of the money used from the Fund for the purposes set forth
7 in this subsection, at least 92% shall be allocated for
8 motorized recreation and not more than 8% shall be used by the
9 Department for administration, enforcement, planning, and
10 implementation of this Act or diverted from the Fund. The
11 Department shall establish, by rule, measures to verify that
12 recipients of money from the Fund comply with the specified
13 conditions for the use of the money.

14 (c) The Department may not use the money from the Fund for
15 the following purposes:

16 (1) Condemnation of any kind of interest in property.

17 (2) Construction of any recreational trail on National
18 Forest System land for motorized uses unless those lands
19 have been allocated for uses other than wilderness by an
20 approved forest land and resource management plan or have
21 been released to uses other than wilderness by an Act of
22 Congress, and the construction is otherwise consistent
23 with the management direction in the approved land and
24 resource management plan.

25 (3) Construction of motorized recreational trails on
26 Department owned or managed land.

1 (d) The Department shall establish a program to administer
2 grants from the Fund to units of local government,
3 not-for-profit organizations, and other groups to operate,
4 maintain, and acquire land for off-highway vehicle parks that
5 are open and accessible to the public.

6 (Source: P.A. 93-1050, eff. 11-16-04.)".