

1 AN ACT concerning former prisoners of war.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Historic Preservation Agency Act is amended  
5 by adding Section 27 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3405/27 new)

7 Sec. 27. Former POWs; free admission. Every veteran who is  
8 a resident of Illinois and a former prisoner of war is exempt  
9 from all admission fees in museums that receive State funds.  
10 For the purposes of this Section, a former prisoner of war is a  
11 veteran who was taken and held prisoner by a hostile foreign  
12 force while participating in an armed conflict as a member of  
13 the United States Armed Forces. Any identification card or  
14 other form of identification issued by the Veterans'  
15 Administration or other governmental agency that indicates the  
16 card-holder's former prisoner of war status is sufficient to  
17 accord the card-holder the fee-exempt admission privileges  
18 under this Section.

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
20 becoming law.