

1 AN ACT concerning conservation.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Natural Resources
5 (Conservation) Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois
6 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 Young Adult Conservation Corps; Illinois Veteran
10 Recreation Corps and Illinois Youth Recreation Corps. The
11 Department has the power to administer the Illinois Veteran
12 Conservation Corps, Illinois Young Adult Conservation Corps,
13 Illinois Veteran Recreation Corps, Program and the Illinois
14 Youth Recreation Corps programs ~~Program~~ created by the Illinois
15 Veteran, Youth, and Young Adult Conservation Jobs Act
16 ~~Employment Act of 1986~~ and to promulgate rules and regulations
17 for the administration of the programs.

18 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00.)

19 (20 ILCS 2805/9 rep.)

20 Section 10. The Department of Veterans Affairs Act is
21 amended by repealing Section 9.

1 Section 15. The Illinois Youth and Young Adult Employment
2 Act of 1986 is amended by changing Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7,
3 and 8 and by adding Sections 7.5 and 9 as follows:

4 (525 ILCS 50/1) (from Ch. 48, par. 2551)

5 Sec. 1. This Article II shall be known and may be cited as
6 the "Illinois Veteran, Youth, and Young Adult Conservation Jobs
7 ~~Employment Act of 1986~~".

8 (Source: P.A. 84-1430.)

9 (525 ILCS 50/2) (from Ch. 48, par. 2552)

10 Sec. 2. Declaration of Intent. The General Assembly finds
11 that the level of unemployment among veterans, the youths of
12 this State, particularly those age 14 ~~16~~ through 18, and young
13 adults, age 18 through 25, is unsatisfactory. This situation is
14 not conducive to the development of veterans and the youth and
15 young adults of Illinois as the future of the State. The
16 General Assembly further finds that the availability of
17 conservation and recreational programs for veterans, youth,
18 and young adults in parks and recreational facilities and other
19 lands operated by the State, by units of local government, and
20 by ~~other~~ local not-for-profit entities is severely limited,
21 ~~decreasing the variety of constructive activities available to~~
22 ~~the children of this State during those months when they are~~
23 ~~not in school.~~ The General Assembly therefore creates the
24 Illinois Veteran, Youth, and Young Adult Conservation Jobs

1 ~~Employment~~ Act to establish (a) the Illinois Veteran
2 Conservation Corps and the Illinois Young Adult Conservation
3 Corps to provide year-round ~~temporary summer~~ employment for
4 ~~youth and year around~~ employment for veterans and young adults
5 of this State for the purpose of conservation, rehabilitation,
6 protection and enhancement of the State's public land and (b)
7 the Illinois Veteran Recreation Corps and the Illinois Youth
8 Recreation Corps to provide ~~temporary summer~~ employment for the
9 veterans and youth of this State for the purpose of
10 administering and operating conservation or recreational
11 programs operated by units of local government or local
12 not-for-profit entities ~~for youth~~ at conservation and open
13 spaces, parks, or recreational facilities or other similar
14 facilities or locations ~~operated by the State, units of local~~
15 ~~government or other local not-for-profit entities.~~

16 (Source: P.A. 84-1430.)

17 (525 ILCS 50/4) (from Ch. 48, par. 2554)

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

19 (a) "Department" means the Department of Natural
20 Resources.

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

22 (c) "Local sponsor" means any unit of local government or
23 not-for-profit entity that can make available for a summer
24 conservation or recreation program park lands, conservation or
25 recreational lands or facilities, equipment, materials,

1 administration, supervisory personnel, etc.

2 (d) "Managing supervisor" means an enrollee in the Illinois
3 Veterans Recreation Corps or the Illinois Youth Recreation
4 Corps who is selected by the local sponsor to supervise the
5 activities of the veterans or youth employee enrollees working
6 on the conservation or recreation project. A managing
7 supervisor in the Illinois Youth Recreation Corps may be 19
8 years of age or older.

9 (e) "Veteran" means an Illinois resident who has served or
10 is currently serving as a member of the United States Armed
11 Forces, a member of the Illinois National Guard, or a member of
12 a Reserve Component of the United States Armed Forces.

13 (Source: P.A. 89-445, eff. 2-7-96.)

14 (525 ILCS 50/5) (from Ch. 48, par. 2555)

15 Sec. 5. Cooperation. The Department of Natural Resources
16 shall have the full cooperation of the Illinois Department of
17 Veterans' Affairs, Department of Commerce and Economic
18 Opportunity, the Illinois State Job Coordinating Council
19 created by the Federal Job Training Partnership Act (Public Law
20 97-300), and the Department of Employment Security to carry out
21 the purposes of this Act.

22 (Source: P.A. 94-793, eff. 5-19-06.)

23 (525 ILCS 50/6) (from Ch. 48, par. 2556)

24 Sec. 6. Funding. Funding for the Illinois Veteran, Youth,

1 and Young Adult Conservation Jobs Employment Act shall be from
2 any State or federal funds or grants or other funding so
3 received by the Department ~~so appropriated by the General~~
4 ~~Assembly~~ and any matching funds required by the Department from
5 local sponsors that choose to participate in the Illinois
6 Veteran Recreation Corps or the Illinois Youth Recreation Corps
7 programs ~~program~~.

8 (Source: P.A. 84-1430.)

9 (525 ILCS 50/7) (from Ch. 48, par. 2557)

10 Sec. 7. Illinois Young Adult Conservation Corps. With
11 respect to the Illinois Young Adult Conservation Corps program:

12 (a) Enrollment. The Illinois Young Adult Conservation
13 Corps ~~Youth Component shall be limited to citizens of this~~
14 ~~State who at the time of enrollment are 16 through 18 years of~~
15 ~~age inclusive and who are unemployed. The Illinois Conservation~~
16 ~~Corps Young Adult Component~~ shall be limited to citizens of
17 this State who at the time of enrollment are 18 through 25
18 years of age inclusive and who are unemployed.

19 The Department shall make public notification of the
20 availability of jobs for ~~eligible youths and~~ young adults in
21 the Illinois Young Adult Conservation Corps by the means of
22 newspapers, electronic media, educational facilities, units of
23 local government and the Department of Employment Security
24 offices.

25 The Department shall promulgate reasonable rules

1 pertaining to application for jobs with the Illinois Young
2 Adult Conservation Corps.

3 Any applicant who knowingly and purposely provides
4 wrongful information regarding age, employment or educational
5 records shall be deemed ineligible to participate in the
6 program. Any applicant who successfully gains employment in the
7 program and is later proven to have falsified his or her
8 application shall be dismissed immediately from the program.

9 (b) Terms of Employment. ~~The enrollment period for any~~
10 ~~successful applicant of the Illinois Conservation Corps Youth~~
11 ~~Component shall not be longer than 60 working days during the~~
12 ~~months of June, July and August.~~ Once enrolled in the Illinois
13 Young Adult Conservation Corps ~~program~~, each enrollee shall
14 receive at least the standard minimum wage as set by the State
15 of Illinois and shall work normal working hours as determined
16 by the Department. The enrollees shall not be classified as
17 employees of the State for purposes of contributions to the
18 State Employees' Retirement System of Illinois or any other
19 public employment retirement system of the State.

20 (c) Permissible Activities. The Director shall designate
21 suitable projects in which enrollees of the program shall
22 participate. No project designated for enrollee participation
23 shall result in the displacement of individuals currently
24 employed or positions currently existing, either directly or
25 under contract with any private contractor, by the Department
26 through the reduction of overtime or nonovertime hours, wages

1 or employment benefits.

2 Projects so designated by the Director shall be for the
3 purpose of enhancing public lands owned or leased by the
4 Department or developing and enhancing projects or initiatives
5 undertaken in whole or part by the Department. Such projects
6 shall include improving the habitat of fauna and flora;
7 improving utilization of conservation or recreation facilities
8 and lands by the public; improving water quality; and any other
9 project deemed by the Department to improve the environmental,
10 economic and recreational quality of the State owned or leased
11 lands.

12 All projects designated for activity by the Director shall
13 be within a reasonable commuting time for each enrollee. To the
14 extent possible, the Director shall designate areas where a
15 pool of enrollees may work. In no circumstance shall enrollees
16 be required to spend more than 1 1/2 hours of commuting time to
17 a project or a designated area; provided, an enrollee, ~~or an~~
18 ~~enrollee who is a minor with the express concurrence of his~~
19 ~~parent or guardian,~~ may agree to spend more than 1 1/2 hours of
20 commuting time to a project or a designated area.

21 (Source: P.A. 84-1430.)

22 (525 ILCS 50/7.5 new)

23 Sec. 7.5. Illinois Veteran Conservation Corps. With
24 respect to the Illinois Veteran Conservation Corps program:

25 (a) Enrollment. The Illinois Veteran Conservation Corps

1 shall be limited to citizens of this State who at the time of
2 enrollment are veterans who are unemployed. Preference may be
3 given to veterans with a disability.

4 The Department shall make public notification of the
5 availability of jobs for eligible veterans in the Illinois
6 Veteran Conservation Corps by the means of newspapers,
7 electronic media, educational facilities, units of local
8 government, and the Department of Employment Security offices.

9 The Department shall adopt reasonable rules pertaining to
10 application for jobs with the Illinois Veteran Conservation
11 Corps.

12 Any applicant who knowingly and purposely provides
13 wrongful information regarding employment or veteran status
14 shall be deemed ineligible to participate in the program. Any
15 applicant who successfully gains employment in the program and
16 is later proven to have falsified his or her application shall
17 be dismissed immediately from the program.

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

26 (c) Permissible activities. The Director shall designate

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

8 Projects so designated by the Director shall be for the
9 purpose of enhancing public lands owned or leased by the
10 Department or developing and enhancing projects or initiatives
11 undertaken in whole or part by the Department. Such projects
12 shall include improving the habitat of fauna and flora;
13 improving utilization of conservation or recreation facilities
14 and lands by the public; improving water quality; and any other
15 project deemed by the Department to improve the environmental,
16 economic, and recreational quality of the State owned or leased
17 lands.

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

1 (525 ILCS 50/8) (from Ch. 48, par. 2558)

2 Sec. 8. Illinois Youth Recreation Corps. With respect to
3 the Illinois Youth Recreation Corps:

4 (a) Purpose. The Illinois Youth Recreation Corps is
5 established for the purpose of making grants to local sponsors
6 to provide wages to youth operating and instructing in
7 conservation or recreational programs ~~for the benefit of other~~
8 ~~youth~~. Such programs shall provide conservation or
9 recreational opportunities ~~for local children of all age levels~~
10 and shall include, but are not limited to, the coordination and
11 teaching of natural resource conservation and management,
12 physical activities, or ~~arts and handiercraft,~~ and learning
13 activities directly related to natural resource conservation
14 management or recreation. Such programs may charge user fees,
15 but such fees shall be designed to promote as much community
16 involvement as possible ~~by the children of the community,~~ as
17 determined by the Department.

18 (b) Application. Local sponsors who can provide necessary
19 facilities, materials and management for summer conservation
20 or recreational activities ~~for youth~~ within the community and
21 who desire a grant under this Act for the purpose of hiring
22 managing supervisors as necessary and eligible youth ~~as~~
23 ~~supervisors, instructors, instructional aides or maintenance~~
24 ~~personnel~~ for such conservation or recreational programs may
25 make application to the Department of Natural Resources.
26 Applications shall be evaluated on the basis of program

1 content, location, need, local commitment of resources, and
2 consistency with the purposes of this Act.

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

13 The local sponsors shall make public notification of the
14 availability of jobs for eligible youth in the Illinois Youth
15 Recreation Corps by the means of newspapers, electronic media,
16 educational facilities, units of local government and
17 Department of Employment Security offices. Application for
18 employment shall be made directly to the local sponsor.

19 The Department shall adopt reasonable rules pertaining to
20 the administration of the Illinois Youth Recreation Corps.

21 (d) Terms of Employment. The enrollment period for any
22 successful applicant of the program shall not be longer than 60
23 working days during the months of June, July and August. Once
24 enrolled in the program, each enrollee shall receive a
25 reasonable wage as set by the Department and shall work hours
26 as required by the conservation or recreation program but not

1 in excess of a maximum number of hours as determined by the
2 Department, except that an enrollee working as a managing
3 supervisor shall receive a higher wage than an enrollee working
4 in any other capacity on the conservation or recreation
5 program. Enrollees shall be employees of the local sponsor and
6 not contractual hires for the purpose of employment taxes,
7 except that. ~~The~~ enrollees shall not be classified as employees
8 of the State or the local sponsor for purposes of contributions
9 to the State Employees' Retirement System of Illinois or any
10 other public employee retirement system.

11 (Source: P.A. 89-445, eff. 2-7-96.)

12 (525 ILCS 50/9 new)

13 Sec. 9. Illinois Veteran Recreation Corps. With respect to
14 the Illinois Veteran Recreation Corps:

15 (a) Purpose. The Illinois Veteran Recreation Corps is
16 established for the purpose of making grants to local sponsors
17 to provide wages to veterans of any age operating and
18 instructing in conservation or recreational programs. Such
19 programs shall provide conservation or recreational
20 opportunities and shall include, but are not limited to, the
21 coordination and teaching of natural resource conservation and
22 management, physical activities, or learning activities
23 directly related to natural resource conservation management
24 or recreation. Such programs may charge user fees, but such
25 fees shall be designed to promote as much community involvement

1 as possible, as determined by the Department.

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

11 (c) Enrollment. The Illinois Veterans' Recreation Corps
12 shall be limited to citizens of this State who at the time of
13 enrollment are veterans of any age and are unemployed and who
14 have skills that can be utilized in the summer conservation or
15 recreational program. Preference may be given to veterans with
16 a disability.

17 The ratio of veterans employee enrollees to a managing
18 supervisor must not be less than 10 to 1 for any local sponsor
19 with a total number of veterans employee enrollees of 10 or
20 more. Any local sponsor program with a total number of veteran
21 employee enrollees of less than 10 must be limited to one
22 managing supervisor. Veterans who are unemployed shall be given
23 preference for employment as managing supervisors.

24 The local sponsors shall make public notification of the
25 availability of jobs for eligible veterans in the Illinois
26 Veterans Recreation Corps by the means of newspapers,

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

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

7 (d) Terms of employment. The enrollment period for any
8 successful applicant of the program shall not be longer than 6
9 total months. Once enrolled in the program, each enrollee shall
10 receive a reasonable wage as set by the Department and shall
11 work hours as required by the conservation or recreation
12 program but not in excess of a maximum number of hours as
13 determined by the Department, except that an enrollee working
14 as a managing supervisor shall receive a higher wage than an
15 enrollee working in any other capacity on the conservation or
16 recreation program. Enrollees shall be employees of the local
17 sponsor and not contractual hires for the purpose of employment
18 taxes, except that enrollees shall not be classified as
19 employees of the State or the local sponsor for purposes of
20 contributions to the State Employees' Retirement System of
21 Illinois or any other public employee retirement system.

22 (525 ILCS 50/3 rep.)

23 Section 20. The Illinois Youth and Young Adult Employment
24 Act of 1986 is amended by repealing Section 3.

1 Section 25. The Clerks of Courts Act is amended by changing
2 Section 27.3a as follows:

3 (705 ILCS 105/27.3a)

4 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 97-46)

5 Sec. 27.3a. Fees for automated record keeping and State and
6 Conservation Police operations.

7 1. The expense of establishing and maintaining automated
8 record keeping systems in the offices of the clerks of the
9 circuit court shall be borne by the county. To defray such
10 expense in any county having established such an automated
11 system or which elects to establish such a system, the county
12 board may require the clerk of the circuit court in their
13 county to charge and collect a court automation fee of not less
14 than \$1 nor more than \$15 to be charged and collected by the
15 clerk of the court. Such fee shall be paid at the time of
16 filing the first pleading, paper or other appearance filed by
17 each party in all civil cases or by the defendant in any
18 felony, traffic, misdemeanor, municipal ordinance, or
19 conservation case upon a judgment of guilty or grant of
20 supervision, provided that the record keeping system which
21 processes the case category for which the fee is charged is
22 automated or has been approved for automation by the county
23 board, and provided further that no additional fee shall be
24 required if more than one party is presented in a single
25 pleading, paper or other appearance. Such fee shall be

1 collected in the manner in which all other fees or costs are
2 collected.

3 1.5. Starting on the effective date of this amendatory Act
4 of the 96th General Assembly, a clerk of the circuit court in
5 any county that imposes a fee pursuant to subsection 1 of this
6 Section, shall charge and collect an additional fee in an
7 amount equal to the amount of the fee imposed pursuant to
8 subsection 1 of this Section. This additional fee shall be paid
9 by the defendant in any felony, traffic, misdemeanor, or local
10 ordinance case upon a judgment of guilty or grant of
11 supervision. This fee shall not be paid by the defendant for
12 any conservation violation listed in subsection 1.6 of this
13 Section.

14 1.6. Starting on July 1, 2012 (the effective date of Public
15 Act 97-46) ~~this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly~~, a
16 clerk of the circuit court in any county that imposes a fee
17 pursuant to subsection 1 of this Section shall charge and
18 collect an additional fee in an amount equal to the amount of
19 the fee imposed pursuant to subsection 1 of this Section. This
20 additional fee shall be paid by the defendant upon a judgment
21 of guilty or grant of supervision for a conservation violation
22 under the State Parks Act, the Recreational Trails of Illinois
23 Act, the Illinois Explosives Act, the Timber Buyers Licensing
24 Act, the Forest Products Transportation Act, the Firearm Owners
25 Identification Card Act, the Environmental Protection Act, the
26 Fish and Aquatic Life Code, the Wildlife Code, the Cave

1 Protection Act, the Illinois Exotic Weed Act, the Illinois
2 Forestry Development Act, the Ginseng Harvesting Act, the
3 Illinois Lake Management Program Act, the Illinois Natural
4 Areas Preservation Act, the Illinois Open Land Trust Act, the
5 Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Act, the Illinois
6 Prescribed Burning Act, the State Forest Act, the Water Use Act
7 of 1983, the Illinois Veteran, Youth, and Young Adult
8 Conservation Jobs Employment Act ~~of 1986~~, the Snowmobile
9 Registration and Safety Act, the Boat Registration and Safety
10 Act, the Illinois Dangerous Animals Act, the Hunter and
11 Fishermen Interference Prohibition Act, the Wrongful Tree
12 Cutting Act, or Section 11-1426.1, 11-1426.2, 11-1427,
13 11-1427.1, 11-1427.2, 11-1427.3, 11-1427.4, or 11-1427.5 of
14 the Illinois Vehicle Code.

15 2. With respect to the fee imposed under subsection 1 of
16 this Section, each clerk shall commence such charges and
17 collections upon receipt of written notice from the chairman of
18 the county board together with a certified copy of the board's
19 resolution, which the clerk shall file of record in his office.

20 3. With respect to the fee imposed under subsection 1 of
21 this Section, such fees shall be in addition to all other fees
22 and charges of such clerks, and assessable as costs, and may be
23 waived only if the judge specifically provides for the waiver
24 of the court automation fee. The fees shall be remitted monthly
25 by such clerk to the county treasurer, to be retained by him in
26 a special fund designated as the court automation fund. The

1 fund shall be audited by the county auditor, and the board
2 shall make expenditure from the fund in payment of any cost
3 related to the automation of court records, including hardware,
4 software, research and development costs and personnel related
5 thereto, provided that the expenditure is approved by the clerk
6 of the court and by the chief judge of the circuit court or his
7 designate.

8 4. With respect to the fee imposed under subsection 1 of
9 this Section, such fees shall not be charged in any matter
10 coming to any such clerk on change of venue, nor in any
11 proceeding to review the decision of any administrative
12 officer, agency or body.

13 5. With respect to the additional fee imposed under
14 subsection 1.5 of this Section, the fee shall be remitted by
15 the circuit clerk to the State Treasurer within one month after
16 receipt for deposit into the State Police Operations Assistance
17 Fund.

18 6. With respect to the additional fees imposed under
19 subsection 1.5 of this Section, the Director of State Police
20 may direct the use of these fees for homeland security purposes
21 by transferring these fees on a quarterly basis from the State
22 Police Operations Assistance Fund into the Illinois Law
23 Enforcement Alarm Systems (ILEAS) Fund for homeland security
24 initiatives programs. The transferred fees shall be allocated,
25 subject to the approval of the ILEAS Executive Board, as
26 follows: (i) 66.6% shall be used for homeland security

1 initiatives and (ii) 33.3% shall be used for airborne
2 operations. The ILEAS Executive Board shall annually supply the
3 Director of State Police with a report of the use of these
4 fees.

5 7. ~~6.~~ With respect to the additional fee imposed under
6 subsection 1.6 of this Section, the fee shall be remitted by
7 the circuit clerk to the State Treasurer within one month after
8 receipt for deposit into the Conservation Police Operations
9 Assistance Fund.

10 (Source: P.A. 96-1029, eff. 7-13-10; 97-46, eff. 7-1-12;
11 97-453, eff. 8-19-11; revised 10-4-11.)

12 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes
13 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text
14 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
15 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does
16 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes
17 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other
18 Public Act.

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