

HB0263



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB0263

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 1290/1

from Ch. 105, par. 326

Amends the Park District Aquarium and Museum Act. Provides that any aquarium or museum organized under this Act must be open to the public without charge for a period equivalent to 26 days each year (now 52 days). Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Park District Aquarium and Museum Act is
5 amended by changing Section 1 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 1290/1) (from Ch. 105, par. 326)

7 Sec. 1. Erect, operate, and maintain aquariums and museums.
8 The corporate authorities of cities and park districts having
9 the control or supervision of any public park or parks, are
10 hereby authorized to purchase, erect and maintain within any
11 public park or parks under the control or supervision of such
12 corporate authorities, edifices to be used as aquariums or as
13 museums of art, industry, science or natural or other history,
14 or to permit the directors or trustees of any corporation or
15 society organized for the construction or maintenance and
16 operation of an aquarium or museum as hereinabove described to
17 erect, enlarge, ornament, build, rebuild, rehabilitate,
18 improve, maintain and operate its aquarium or museum or museums
19 within any public park now or hereafter under the control or
20 supervision of any city or park district, and to contract with
21 any such directors or trustees of any such aquarium, museum or
22 museums relative to the erection, enlargement, ornamentation,
23 building, rebuilding, rehabilitation, improvement, maintenance

1 and operation thereof. Any city or park district may charge, or
2 permit such an aquarium or museum to charge, an admission fee.
3 Any such aquarium or museum, however, shall be open without
4 charge, when accompanied by a teacher, to the children in
5 actual attendance upon grades kindergarten through twelve in
6 any of the schools in this State at all times. Any such
7 aquarium or museum, however, must be open to persons who reside
8 in this State without charge for a period equivalent to 26 ~~52~~
9 days, at least 6 of which must be during the period from June
10 through August, each year. Notwithstanding said provisions,
11 charges may be made at any time for special services and for
12 admission to special facilities within any aquarium or museum
13 for the education, entertainment or convenience of visitors.
14 The proceeds of such admission fees and charges for special
15 services and special facilities shall be devoted exclusively to
16 the purposes for which the tax authorized by Section 2 hereof
17 may be used. If any owner or owners of any lands or lots
18 abutting or fronting on any such public park, or adjacent
19 thereto, have any private right, easement, interest or property
20 in such public park appurtenant to their lands or lots or
21 otherwise, which would be interfered with by the erection and
22 maintenance of any aquarium or museum as hereinbefore provided,
23 or any right to have such public park remain open or vacant and
24 free from buildings, the corporate authorities of the city or
25 park district having control of such park, may condemn the same
26 in the manner prescribed for the exercise of the right of

1 eminent domain under the Eminent Domain Act.

2 (Source: P.A. 97-187, eff. 7-22-11.)

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
4 becoming law.