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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 263

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 263 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Park District Aquarium and Museum Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 1 and by adding Section 3 as  
6 follows:

7 (70 ILCS 1290/1) (from Ch. 105, par. 326)

8 Sec. 1. Erect, operate, and maintain aquariums and museums.  
9 The corporate authorities of cities and park districts having  
10 the control or supervision of any public park or parks, are  
11 hereby authorized to purchase, erect and maintain within any  
12 public park or parks under the control or supervision of such  
13 corporate authorities, edifices to be used as aquariums or as  
14 museums of art, industry, science or natural or other history,  
15 or to permit the directors or trustees of any corporation or  
16 society organized for the construction or maintenance and

1 operation of an aquarium or museum as hereinabove described to  
2 erect, enlarge, ornament, build, rebuild, rehabilitate,  
3 improve, maintain and operate its aquarium or museum or museums  
4 within any public park now or hereafter under the control or  
5 supervision of any city or park district, and to contract with  
6 any such directors or trustees of any such aquarium, museum or  
7 museums relative to the erection, enlargement, ornamentation,  
8 building, rebuilding, rehabilitation, improvement, maintenance  
9 and operation thereof. Any city or park district may charge, or  
10 permit such an aquarium or museum to charge, an admission fee.  
11 Any such aquarium or museum, however, shall be open without  
12 charge, when accompanied by a teacher, to the children in  
13 actual attendance upon grades kindergarten through twelve in  
14 any of the schools in this State at all times. For a period of 3  
15 years beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
16 the 99th General Assembly, any ~~Any~~ such aquarium or museum,  
17 however, must be open to persons who reside in this State  
18 without charge for a period equivalent to: (i) for persons  
19 under 22 years of age, 52 days, at least 6 of which must be  
20 during the period from June through August, each year; and (ii)  
21 for persons 22 years of age and older, 26 days, at least 6 of  
22 which must be during the period from June through August, each  
23 year. Notwithstanding said provisions, charges may be made at  
24 any time for special services and for admission to special  
25 facilities within any aquarium or museum for the education,  
26 entertainment or convenience of visitors. The proceeds of such

1 admission fees and charges for special services and special  
2 facilities shall be devoted exclusively to the purposes for  
3 which the tax authorized by Section 2 hereof may be used. If  
4 any owner or owners of any lands or lots abutting or fronting  
5 on any such public park, or adjacent thereto, have any private  
6 right, easement, interest or property in such public park  
7 appurtenant to their lands or lots or otherwise, which would be  
8 interfered with by the erection and maintenance of any aquarium  
9 or museum as hereinbefore provided, or any right to have such  
10 public park remain open or vacant and free from buildings, the  
11 corporate authorities of the city or park district having  
12 control of such park, may condemn the same in the manner  
13 prescribed for the exercise of the right of eminent domain  
14 under the Eminent Domain Act.

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

16 (70 ILCS 1290/3 new)

17 Sec. 3. Illinois Arts Commission. The Illinois Arts  
18 Commission is hereby created to work with the Illinois Arts  
19 Council to create a sustainability plan that emphasizes the  
20 diversity of patrons and works towards finding resources to  
21 sustain funding for museums, the arts, community art  
22 initiatives, and art programs in schools. The Commission shall  
23 consist of the following members to be appointed by the  
24 Illinois Arts Council and the Chairperson of the House Museums,  
25 Arts & Cultural Enhancement Committee within 90 days of the

1 effective date of this amendatory Act:

2 (1) Four members of the General Assembly from the  
3 majority caucus.

4 (2) Four members of the General Assembly from the  
5 minority caucus.

6 (3) Three members of the public who are engaged in  
7 community arts programs.

8 One member shall be designated by the appointing  
9 authorities as the chairperson of the Commission. Members of  
10 the Commission shall serve without compensation. The Illinois  
11 Arts Council shall provide staff or other resources necessary  
12 to support the Commission. Beginning on July 1, 2016, and by  
13 the beginning of every other fiscal year thereafter, the  
14 Commission shall submit a report to the General Assembly  
15 detailing its findings and recommendations.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
17 becoming law.".