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- 1 AN ACT concerning aquariums and museums.
- 2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
- 3 represented in the General Assembly:

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- 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)
- The corporate authorities of cities and park 7 Sec. 1. 8 districts having the control or supervision of any public park or parks, are hereby authorized to purchase, erect and 9 maintain within any public park or parks under the control or 10 supervision of such corporate authorities, edifices to be 11 12 used as aquariums or as museums of art, industry, science or 13 natural or other history, or to permit the directors or trustees of any corporation or society organized for the 14 15 construction or maintenance and operation of an aquarium or 16 museum as hereinabove described to erect, enlarge, ornament, 17 build, rebuild, rehabilitate, improve, maintain and operate 18 its aquarium or museum or museums within any public park now 19 or hereafter under the control or supervision of any city or 20 park district, and to contract with any such directors or trustees of any such aquarium, museum or museums relative to 21 22 erection, enlargement, ornamentation, building, 23 rebuilding, rehabilitation, improvement, maintenance operation thereof. Any city or park district may charge, or 24 permit such an aquarium or museum to charge, an admission 25 26 fee. +--Provided, --that Any such aquarium or museum, however, 27 shall be open to-the-public without charge for-at--least--one 28 day--each--week,--and, when accompanied by a teacher, to the 29 children in actual attendance upon grades kindergarten through twelve in any of the schools in this State at all 30

times. During-a-2-year-period-beginning-on-the-effective-date

1 of-this-amendatory-Act-of-the-91st-General-Assembly, Any such 2 aquarium or museum, however, must be open to the public without charge for a period equivalent to 52 days, at least 6 3 4 of which must be during the period from June through August, each year,--instead--of--at--least--one---day---each---week. 5 6 Notwithstanding said provisions, charges may be made at any 7 time for special services and for admission to special 8 facilities within any aquarium or museum for the education, 9 entertainment or convenience of visitors. The proceeds of such admission fees and charges for special services and 10 11 special facilities shall be devoted exclusively to the purposes for which the tax authorized by Section 2 hereof may 12 be used. If any owner or owners of any lands or lots abutting 13 or fronting on any such public park, or adjacent 14 15 have any private right, easement, interest or property in 16 such public park appurtenant to their lands or otherwise, which would be interfered with by the erection and 17 18 maintenance of any aquarium or museum as hereinbefore provided, or any right to have such public park remain open 19 or vacant and free from buildings, the corporate authorities 20 21 of the city or park district having control of such park, may condemn the same in the manner prescribed for the exercise of 22 23 the right of eminent domain under Article VII of the Code of Civil Procedure, as now or hereafter amended. 24

25 (Source: P.A. 91-918, eff. 7-7-00.)