

AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

Section 5. The Fox Waterway Agency Act is amended by changing Section 7.2 as follows:

(615 ILCS 90/7.2) (from Ch. 19, par. 1209)

Sec. 7.2. The Agency may charge reasonable user fees for recreational and commercial boating, and has the authority to issue revenue bonds and to borrow funds from any financial lending institution, but shall not have the authority to impose any property tax. The Agency shall devise a schedule of user fees. The Agency shall conduct public hearings before establishing or changing user fees or soliciting the issuance of revenue bonds or the borrowing of funds. The Agency may issue stickers as evidence of the payment of user fees. The Agency may impose a civil penalty on persons who knowingly use the waterway without paying a required user fee in an amount not exceeding \$500 for each violation. Such civil penalty may be recovered by the Agency in a civil action.

The Agency may also sell its dredging materials from the waterway as reclaimed topsoil.

At least 75% of the gross income ~~from fees~~ collected under this Section shall be used exclusively for projects designed to

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maintain and improve the waterway. Such projects may include, but are not limited to, dredging, site acquisition for silt deposit, water safety, and water quality projects. Any funds which have not been expended by the end of a fiscal year may be accumulated in a revolving fund.

(Source: P.A. 89-162, eff. 7-19-95.)

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