

# HB4591



## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB4591

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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 835/1

from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6801

Amends the Forest Preserve Zoological Parks Act. Provides that a zoological park shall be open to the public without charge for at least 1 day for every 30 days (rather than every 7 days) the zoological park is open. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

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 Forest Preserve Zoological Parks Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 1 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 835/1) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6801)

7 Sec. 1. The corporate authorities of forest preserve  
8 districts, containing a population of 140,000 or more located  
9 in counties of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, having the  
10 control or supervision of any forest preserves, may erect and  
11 maintain within such forest preserves, under the control or  
12 supervision of such corporate authorities, edifices to be used  
13 for the collection and display of animals as customary in  
14 zoological parks, and may collect and display such animals, or  
15 permit the directors or trustees of any zoological society  
16 devoted to the purposes aforesaid to erect and maintain a  
17 zoological park and to collect and display zoological  
18 collections within any forest preserve now or hereafter under  
19 the control or supervision of such forest preserve district,  
20 out of funds belonging to such zoological society, or to  
21 contract with the directors or trustees of any zoological  
22 society on such terms and conditions as may to such corporate  
23 authorities seem best, relative to the erection, operation and

1 maintenance of a zoological park and the collection and display  
2 of such animals within such forest preserve, out of the tax  
3 hereinafter in this Act provided.

4 This Act applies to any forest preserve district that  
5 maintains a zoological park that was established under this Act  
6 prior to 1964, regardless of whether the population  
7 requirements continue to be met.

8 A forest preserve district, containing a population of  
9 140,000 or more, or the directors or trustees of such  
10 zoological society when so authorized by the forest preserve  
11 district, may (a) police the property of the zoological park,  
12 (b) employ, establish, maintain and equip a security force for  
13 fire and police protection of the zoological park and (c)  
14 provide that the personnel of the security force shall perform  
15 other tasks relating to the maintenance and operation of the  
16 zoological park. Members of the security force shall be  
17 conservators of the peace with all the powers of policemen in  
18 cities and of sheriffs, other than to serve or execute civil  
19 processes, but such powers may be exercised only within the  
20 area comprising the zoological park when required to protect  
21 the zoological park's property and interests, its personnel and  
22 persons using the facilities or at the specific request of  
23 appropriate federal, State or local law enforcement officials.  
24 All otherwise lawful actions taken on or after August 13, 1978  
25 (the effective date of Public Act 80-1364) and before the  
26 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General

1 Assembly by a forest preserve district or a zoological society  
2 located in a county of 3,000,000 or more in exercising the  
3 powers provided in this paragraph are hereby validated,  
4 notwithstanding Public Act 80-1364, which was a  
5 non-substantive combining revisory Act.

6 A forest preserve district, containing a population of  
7 140,000 or more located in counties of less than 3,000,000  
8 inhabitants, may charge, or permit such zoological society to  
9 charge, an admission fee. The proceeds of such admission fee  
10 shall be devoted exclusively to the operation and maintenance  
11 of such zoological park and the collections therein. All such  
12 zoological parks shall be open to the public without charge (i)  
13 a total number of days, to be scheduled at any time during the  
14 calendar year, equivalent to at least one day for each 30 ~~7~~  
15 days the zoological park is open during the calendar year and  
16 (ii) to the children in actual attendance upon any of the  
17 schools in the State at all times. The managing authority of  
18 the zoological park may limit the number of school groups that  
19 may attend the zoo on any given day and may establish other  
20 rules and regulations that reasonably ensure public safety,  
21 accessibility, and convenience, including without limitation  
22 standards of conduct and supervision. Charges may be made at  
23 any time for special services and for admission to special  
24 facilities within any zoological park for the education,  
25 entertainment or convenience of visitors.

26 (Source: P.A. 98-500, eff. 8-16-13.)

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