



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB3612

Introduced 2/18/2025, by Rep. Joyce Mason

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

615 ILCS 90/7.2

from Ch. 19, par. 1209

Amends the Fox Waterway Agency Act. Removes language providing that the Fox Waterway Agency shall not have the authority to impose any property tax. Allows the board of directors to levy and collect a general property tax on any property within the corporate limits of the Agency for the purpose of paying the cost of operating and maintaining the waterway and any other corporate expenses of the Agency.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

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

6 (615 ILCS 90/7.2) (from Ch. 19, par. 1209)

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

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

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

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

6 The Board may levy and collect a general property tax on
7 any property within the corporate limits of the Agency for the
8 purpose of paying the cost of operating and maintaining the
9 waterway and any other corporate expenses of the Agency. The
10 tax shall be authorized by a majority vote of the Board.

11 (Source: P.A. 96-960, eff. 7-2-10.)