



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB3685

Introduced 2/18/2025, by Rep. Tracy Katz Muhl

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

210 ILCS 125/21.2 new

Amends the Swimming Facility Act. Creates the Task Force on Lake Michigan Beach Public Use to review current and potential future public coordination, consolidation, use, and access issues and to offer policy-making recommendations related to the efficient use of governmental bodies and structures in regulating the use of public bathing areas along Lake Michigan. Requires the Department of Natural Resources to provide administrative support for the Task Force. Provides that the Task Force shall be composed of specified members, and the Task Force shall elect a chairperson from its membership. Requires appointments to be made within 90 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Requires members to serve without compensation. Establishes duties of the Task Force. Provides that the Task Force shall submit a report of findings, recommendations, and other information to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2026. Provides that the Task Force is dissolved January 1, 2027. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

4 Section 5. The Swimming Facility Act is amended by adding
5 Section 21.2 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 125/21.2 new)

7 Sec. 21.2. Task Force on Lake Michigan Beach Public Use.

8 (a) The Task Force on Lake Michigan Beach Public Use is
9 created to review current and potential future public
10 coordination, consolidation, use, and access issues and to
11 offer policy-making recommendations related to the efficient
12 use of governmental bodies and structures in regulating the
13 use of public bathing areas along Lake Michigan.

14 (b) The Task Force shall consist of:

15 (1) One member of the General Assembly, appointed by
16 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

17 (2) One member of the General Assembly, appointed by
18 the President of the Senate.

19 (3) One member of the General Assembly, appointed by
20 the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

21 (4) One member of the General Assembly, appointed by
22 the Minority Leader of the Senate.

23 (5) One representative of the City of Chicago, either

1 the Mayor or the Mayor's designee and one representative
2 appointed by the governing body of each local municipality
3 that currently maintains at least one portion of a public
4 bathing beach as defined by the Swimming Facility Act.

5 (6) 2 representatives of the Illinois environmental
6 protection and conservation community, appointed by the
7 Governor.

8 (7) 2 experts in the incidences, causes, and impacts
9 of swimming-related injuries and deaths with regard to
10 large bodies of water, appointed by the Governor.

11 (8) 2 experts in the parks and recreation field,
12 appointed by the Governor.

13 (9) The Director of the Illinois Department of Natural
14 Resources or the Director's designee.

15 (b) The Department of Natural Resources shall provide
16 administrative support for the Task Force.

17 (c) The Task Force shall elect a chairperson from its
18 membership and shall have the authority to determine its
19 meeting schedules, hearing schedules, and agendas.

20 (d) Appointments shall be made within 90 days after the
21 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General
22 Assembly.

23 (e) Members shall serve without compensation and shall be
24 adults and residents of Illinois.

25 (f) The Task Force shall:

26 (1) review existing beach management structures,

1 admission policies, accessibility survey, and, at minimum,
2 10 years of safety & workplace safety data;

3 (2) review potential future government or management
4 structures that would provide uniform beach access,
5 safety, accessibility, and training while allowing local
6 variety of programming and enhancements;

7 (3) gather and analyze information on the cost and
8 other impacts in safety, nonuniform accessibility,
9 differing training standards, associated with
10 individualized municipal beach management; and

11 (4) provide recommendations on the feasibility and
12 cost-effectiveness of at least two intergovernmental or
13 governmental structures for public beach accessibility
14 that would provide positive changes to residents of
15 Illinois in the areas of cost of access, safety,
16 accessibility, and training.

17 (g) The Task Force shall submit a report of findings,
18 recommendations, and other information to the Governor and the
19 General Assembly by December 31, 2026.

20 (h) The Task Force shall be dissolved on January 1, 2027.

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