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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 637

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 637 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Cook County Forest Preserve District Act
5 is amended by changing Section 40 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 810/40) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6443)

7 Sec. 40. The corporate authorities of forest preserve
8 districts, having the control or supervision of any forest
9 preserves, may erect and maintain within such forest
10 preserves, under the control or supervision of such corporate
11 authorities, edifices to be used for the collection and
12 display of animals as customary in zoological parks, and may
13 collect and display such animals, or permit the directors or
14 trustees of any zoological society devoted to the purposes
15 aforesaid to erect and maintain a zoological park and to
16 collect and display zoological collections within any forest

1 preserve now or hereafter under the control or supervision of
2 such forest preserve district, out of funds belonging to such
3 zoological society, or to contract with the directors or
4 trustees of any zoological society on such terms and
5 conditions as may to such corporate authorities seem best,
6 relative to the erection, operation and maintenance of a
7 zoological park and the collection and display of such animals
8 within such forest preserve, out of the tax provided in
9 Section 41.

10 Such forest preserve district may charge, or permit such
11 zoological society to charge an admission fee. The proceeds of
12 such admission fee shall be devoted exclusively to the
13 operation and maintenance of such zoological park and the
14 collections therein. All such zoological parks shall be open
15 to the public without charge for a period equivalent to 52 days
16 each year. Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory
17 Act of the 101st General Assembly through June 30, 2022, any
18 such zoological parks shall be open to the public without
19 charge for a period equivalent to 52 days. All such zoological
20 parks shall be open without charge to organized groups of
21 children in attendance at schools in the State. The managing
22 authority of the zoological park may limit the number of any
23 such groups in any given day and may establish other rules and
24 regulations that reasonably ensure public safety,
25 accessibility, and convenience, including but not limited to
26 standards of conduct and supervision. Charges may be made at

1 any time for special services and for admission to special
2 facilities within any zoological park for the education,
3 entertainment or convenience of visitors.

4 Subject to approval by the forest preserve district board,
5 the managing authority of the zoological park may sublease or
6 license no more than 15 acres of land within its boundaries for
7 recreational use by a governmental entity or a not-for-profit
8 organization to gain revenue in support of the zoological
9 park's mission. A sublease or license under this Section shall
10 expire after 15 years or upon the expiration of the contract
11 between the forest preserve district and the zoological
12 society, including renewal terms, whichever occurs first. The
13 authority to sublease or license under this Section expires
14 December 31, 2030.

15 (Source: P.A. 101-640, eff. 6-12-20.)

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