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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1417

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1417 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Article 1.

5 Section 1-1. Short title. This Article may be cited as the
6 New Salem Preservation Commission Act. References in this
7 Article to "this Act" mean this Article.

8 Section 1-5. Findings. The General Assembly finds that:

9 (1) Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site provides
10 historic, interactive interpretation at the reconstructed
11 1830s village where Abraham Lincoln lived, which at one
12 time, when it was a premier site, hosted more than 400,000
13 visitors per year from around the world.

14 (2) Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site has
15 experienced extensive deterioration of the reconstructed

1 log homes, roofs, buildings, foundations, chimneys,
2 fences, steps, footbridge, flatboat, cemetery, and the
3 iconic Grist Mill.

4 (3) Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site attracts
5 students on field trips, volunteers, campers, hikers,
6 canoeing enthusiasts, kayakers, college interns, cyclists,
7 children to the Pioneer Day Camp, historians, visitors
8 from around the world, and descendants of those who lived,
9 worked and are buried there.

10 (4) Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site serves as
11 a living history museum with volunteer interpreters in the
12 homes, provides music festivals including the Traditional
13 Music Festivals, concessions, a gift shop, Theater in the
14 Park, campgrounds, exercise areas, trails, Summer Frolic,
15 Independence Day Celebration where the Declaration of
16 Independence is read, Boy Scout jamborees including hikes
17 that trace Lincoln's footsteps to Springfield during the
18 Annual Abraham Lincoln Pilgrimage, Fall Festival and the
19 popular Annual Fall Candlelight Walk.

20 (5) Since the 1980s, the New Salem Lincoln League has
21 invested more than \$1,000,000 in site improvement and
22 programs, such as cultural and educational programs in the
23 village and outdoor theater, production costs for the
24 Visitor Center orientation video and a new
25 state-of-the-art system to replace the Center's aging
26 audio-visual equipment. The League has worked with Theater

1 in the Park, which attracts over 10,000 visitors a year,
2 funding new seating and a new sound board. When the
3 village structures needed new roofs, the League bought the
4 traditional wood shingles and treated wood to replace
5 cabin porches and steps. As New Salem's iconic statues
6 have begun to age, the League has paid to have them
7 professionally cleaned, treated and restored. Site staff
8 requested the League replace lighting systems in the
9 Visitors Center and Visitors Parking Lot. The League
10 funded new LED lighting which saved the Site thousands of
11 dollars. The League has funded the veterinarian care and
12 transportation for the Site's animals, including the
13 purchase of a horse, horse trailer, feed, and hay. The
14 League provides supplies and materials for volunteer
15 efforts, such as clothing, materials for demonstrations,
16 candles for the annual candlelight tour, and meals during
17 the annual candlelight tour for all volunteers and staff.
18 The League partners with the Illinois College Explorer
19 program to fund up to 6 college summer interns.

20 Section 1-10. New Salem Preservation Commission created.

21 (a) The New Salem Preservation Commission is created
22 within the Department of Natural Resources for the following
23 purposes:

24 (1) to monitor and recommend repairs and maintenance
25 for the structures, signage, statues, overall condition of

1 the grounds, and accessibility at the Site;

2 (2) to make recommendations for volunteer coordination
3 efforts, including interactions and communications with
4 current and potential volunteers; and

5 (3) to make recommendations regarding guidelines for
6 volunteer eligibility and retention.

7 (b) The New Salem Preservation Commission shall consist of
8 the following members, who shall serve without compensation:

9 (1) the President of the New Salem Lincoln League;

10 (2) one member from the Senate, appointed by the
11 President of the Senate;

12 (3) one member from the House of Representatives,
13 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

14 (4) one member from the Senate, appointed by the
15 Minority Leader of the Senate;

16 (5) one member from the House of Representatives,
17 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
18 Representatives;

19 (6) one expert in 1830s log cabin construction and
20 maintenance, appointed by the President of the New Salem
21 Lincoln League;

22 (7) two members who are representatives of and are
23 from the community in and around Menard County surrounding
24 Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, appointed by the
25 President of the New Salem Lincoln League;

26 (8) one member who is a representative of the Division

1 of Historic Preservation of the Department of Natural
2 Resources, appointed by the Division Manager of Historic
3 Preservation of the Department of Natural Resources;

4 (9) one member who is a representative of the Illinois
5 State Museum, appointed by the Director of the Illinois
6 State Museum;

7 (10) one member who is a representative of the Abraham
8 Lincoln Association, appointed by the President of the
9 Abraham Lincoln Association;

10 (11) one member who is a descendant of a New Salem
11 resident, appointed by the President of the New Salem
12 Lincoln League;

13 (12) one member who is a representative of the
14 Department of Transportation, appointed by the Secretary
15 of Transportation; and

16 (13) one member who is a member of a labor
17 organization representing a plurality of Department of
18 Natural Resources employees nominated by the labor
19 organization and appointed by the Director of Natural
20 Resources.

21 (c) The chairperson of the New Salem Preservation
22 Commission shall be appointed by the Governor from the members
23 of the General Assembly listed in subsection (b).

24 (d) The New Salem Preservation Commission shall convene
25 and meet at the call of the chairperson and shall meet as
26 frequently as necessary to carry out its duties as required by

1 this Act.

2 (e) The Department of Natural Resources shall provide
3 administrative and other support to the New Salem Preservation
4 Commission, including assistance with scheduling,
5 dissemination of information to members, maintaining the
6 minutes of meetings, and other similar support as required.

7 (f) The members of the New Salem Preservation Commission
8 shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for
9 their reasonable and necessary expenses from funds
10 appropriated for that purpose.

11 (g) The site superintendent at Lincoln's New Salem State
12 Historic Site shall submit an annual report regarding the
13 volunteer program and its continuing education programs to the
14 New Salem Preservation Commission. This report shall be
15 reviewed and approved by the members of the New Salem
16 Preservation Commission, and any suggestions will be made to
17 the Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site volunteer
18 coordinator and the Division Manager of Historic Preservation
19 of the Department of Natural Resources for implementation.

20 (h) The New Salem Preservation Commission shall meet once
21 a year to tour the Site and assess the condition of the
22 structures and grounds. A report compiled by members of the
23 New Salem Preservation Commission shall be submitted to the
24 members of the General Assembly annually regarding the
25 condition of Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site,
26 including any recommended repairs or maintenance revealed to

1 be deficient during the course of their inspection tour or
2 reports submitted to the New Salem Preservation Commission by
3 any other concerned parties.

4 Article 2.

5 Section 2-1. Short title. This Article may be cited as the
6 New Salem Historic Site Restoration Act. References in this
7 Article to "this Act" mean this Article.

8 Section 2-5. Findings and purpose.

9 (a) The General Assembly finds the following:

10 (1) New Salem is a historic site of significant
11 cultural and historical value.

12 (2) The Grist Mill and other structures within New
13 Salem have fallen into disrepair.

14 (3) The preservation and restoration of New Salem's
15 structures are in the public interest to maintain
16 historical integrity and promote tourism.

17 (b) The purpose of this Act is to do the following:

18 (1) require the Department of Natural Resources to
19 conduct an immediate site assessment of New Salem,
20 including the Grist Mill; and

21 (2) require the Department of Natural Resources to
22 submit a comprehensive report to the General Assembly
23 detailing the current conditions of New Salem's structures

1 and a plan for restoration.

2 Section 2-10. Definitions. As used in this Act,
3 "Department" means the Department of Natural Resources.

4 Section 2-15. Site assessment and reporting requirements.

5 (a) The Department shall, within 30 days after the
6 effective date of this Act, conduct a thorough site assessment
7 of New Salem, including the Grist Mill and any other
8 structures deemed necessary.

9 (b) The assessment shall include, but not be limited to,
10 the following:

11 (1) the structural integrity evaluations of all
12 buildings and facilities;

13 (2) an identification of necessary restorations to
14 return each structure to its original condition;

15 (3) the estimated costs of and a time line for full
16 restoration; and

17 (4) any recommendations for ongoing maintenance to
18 prevent future deterioration.

19 (c) No later than 90 days after the commencement of the
20 site assessment under this Section, the Department shall
21 submit a report detailing its findings and a proposed
22 renovation plan to the General Assembly.

23 Article 3.

1 Section 3-5. The Historic Preservation Act is amended by
2 changing Section 8 and by adding Sections 9 and 10 as follows:

3 (20 ILCS 3405/8)

4 Sec. 8. Business plans. The Department shall create an
5 individual business plan for each historic site related to
6 Abraham Lincoln that is listed in the relevant administrative
7 rule. Each business plan must address ways to enhance tourism
8 at the historic site and the historic aspect of each site. The
9 Department shall seek advice from local Friends of Abraham
10 Lincoln support groups and may seek assistance from the
11 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity when creating
12 the business plans. The Department shall complete the business
13 plans no later than December 31, 2025 ~~January 1, 2008~~.

14 (Source: P.A. 103-768, eff. 8-2-24.)

15 (20 ILCS 3405/9 new)

16 Sec. 9. New Salem Historic Site Restoration Act duties.
17 The Department shall exercise all rights, powers, and duties
18 set forth in the New Salem Historic Site Restoration Act.

19 (20 ILCS 3405/10 new)

20 Sec. 10. New Salem Preservation Act duties. The Department
21 shall exercise all rights, powers, and duties set forth in the
22 New Salem Preservation Act.

1 Article 99.

2 Section 99-99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.".