

SB1843



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/5/2025, by Sen. Chapin Rose

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 862/12

Amends the Recreational Trails of Illinois Act. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources may expend funds for the maintenance and restoration of the existing part of the National Road located in southeastern Illinois. Provides that the Department may make grants to contractors for the maintenance and restoration of the existing part of the National Road located in southeastern Illinois. Provides that the grants shall be made from State appropriations and to the extent permitted by federal law from federal funds for this purpose. Provides that moneys for this purpose may be received from local units of government or appropriate and allowable not-for-profit or private organizations.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Recreational Trails of Illinois Act is
5 amended by changing Section 12 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 862/12)

7 Sec. 12. Recreational Trail Programs; powers and
8 authorities.

9 (a) The Department may expend funds for recreational trail
10 program purposes and for the maintenance and restoration of
11 the existing part of the National Road located in southeastern
12 Illinois. The Department may: plan, survey, design, develop,
13 operate, and maintain recreational trails and related
14 facilities of the State; maintain and restore the existing
15 part of the National Road located in southeastern Illinois;
16 prepare, or cause to be prepared, those plans, specifications,
17 and other documents as are necessary to advertising for and
18 the taking and acceptance of bids and letting of construction
19 contracts for those recreational trail projects and for the
20 maintenance and restoration of the existing part of the
21 National Road located in southeastern Illinois, as required in
22 the Illinois Procurement Code; enter into contracts for
23 construction management or supervision on all recreational

1 trail projects constructed; enter into contracts for
2 professional services for planning, testing, design, or
3 consulting on all recreational trail projects constructed; and
4 acquire land, waters, structures, and interests in land,
5 waters, and structures for those areas and related facilities.
6 The Department may enter into contracts and agreements with
7 the United States or any appropriate or allowable federal
8 entity, keep financial and other records, and furnish to
9 appropriate officials and agencies of the United States
10 reports and information as may be reasonably necessary to
11 enable those officials and agencies to perform their duties
12 under those programs. In connection with obtaining for the
13 State the benefits of any program, the Department shall
14 coordinate its activities with and represent the interest of
15 all agencies of the State and units of local government and
16 with appropriate and allowable not-for-profit and private
17 organizations having interests in the acquisition, planning,
18 development, and maintenance of recreational trail resources
19 and related facilities within the State.

20 (b) The Department may execute projects for recreational
21 trail purposes and for the maintenance and restoration of the
22 existing part of the National Road located in southeastern
23 Illinois using funds made available to the Department from
24 State appropriations, the federal government, and other public
25 and private sources in the exercise of its statutory powers
26 and duties. Projects involving participating federal-aid funds

1 may be undertaken by the Department after it has been
2 determined that sufficient funds are available to the
3 Department for meeting the non-federal share of project costs.
4 It is the legislative intent that, to the extent as may be
5 necessary to assure the proper operation, maintenance, and
6 preservation of areas and facilities surveyed, acquired, or
7 developed under any program participated in by this State
8 under authority of this Act, the areas and facilities shall be
9 maintained for public recreational trail purposes. The
10 Department may enter into and administer agreements with the
11 United States or any appropriate federal agency for survey,
12 planning, acquisition, development, and preservation projects
13 involving participating federal-aid funds on behalf of any
14 federal, State, or local unit of government or appropriate and
15 allowable not-for-profit or private organizations, provided
16 the federal, State, or local unit of government or appropriate
17 and allowable not-for-profit or private organization, gives
18 necessary assurances to the Department that it has available
19 sufficient funds to meet its share of the cost of the project
20 and that the surveyed, acquired, or developed areas and
21 facilities will be operated and maintained at its expense for
22 public recreational trail use.

23 (c) The Department may enter into agreements as necessary
24 with the Federal Highway Administration, or any successor
25 agency, for the purpose of authorizing federal obligation
26 limitations for projects under the federal Recreational Trails

1 Program. The Department and the Department of Transportation
2 shall enter into an inter-agency agreement to closely
3 coordinate the obligation of projects authorized by the
4 Illinois Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration
5 to maximize federal funding opportunities.

6 (d) The Department may make grants to contractors for the
7 maintenance and restoration of the existing part of the
8 National Road located in southeastern Illinois. The grants
9 shall be made from State appropriations and to the extent
10 permitted by federal law from federal funds for this purpose.
11 Moneys for this purpose may be received from local units of
12 government or appropriate and allowable not-for-profit or
13 private organizations.

14 (Source: P.A. 100-798, eff. 1-1-19.)