101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

HB3874

Introduced 10/17/2019, by Rep. Thaddeus Jones

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 490/143 new

Amends the State Commemorative Dates Act. Provides that the holiday known as Halloween shall be officially celebrated in the State of Illinois on the last Saturday of October of each year, which may include "trick-or-treating" and any other forms of celebration deemed appropriate for the day. Provides that any laws or ordinances established by State or local government pertaining to the regulation of Halloween activities shall apply to celebrations occurring on the day designated for official Halloween celebrations. Provides that nothing shall be construed to otherwise limit the application of previously established State laws or local ordinances regulating Halloween activities. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

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AN ACT concerning government.

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

4 Section 5. The State Commemorative Dates Act is amended by 5 adding Section 143 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 490/143 new)

7 Sec. 143. Official Halloween celebration. The holiday known as Halloween, which is traditionally celebrated on 8 9 October 31, shall be officially celebrated in the State of Illinois on the last <u>Saturday of October of each year.</u> 10 Halloween celebrations may include "trick-or-treating" and any 11 12 other forms of celebration deemed appropriate for the day. Any laws or ordinances established by State or local government 13 14 pertaining to the regulation of Halloween activities shall apply to celebrations occurring on the day designated under 15 16 this Section. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to otherwise limit the application of previously established 17 State laws or local ordinances regulating Halloween 18 19 activities.

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