

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 Department of Natural Resources
5 (Conservation) Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois
6 is amended by changing Section 805-40 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 805/805-40) (was 20 ILCS 805/63a41)

8 Sec. 805-40. Adopt-A-Park program. The Department shall
9 ~~may~~ establish and maintain Adopt-A-Park programs with
10 individual or group volunteers, if requested by an individual
11 or group volunteers, in an effort to reduce and remove litter
12 from parks and park lands and to provide services such as
13 mowing, trail maintenance, or repair projects. The Department
14 shall retain the ability to approve or deny an individual or
15 group volunteer's request; however, the Department must state
16 the reason for the request denial. These programs shall include
17 but not be limited to the following:

18 (1) Providing and coordinating services by volunteers
19 for mowing, trail maintenance, repair projects, or to
20 reduce the amount of litter, including providing trash bags
21 and trash bag pickup and, in designated areas where
22 volunteers may be in close proximity to moving vehicles,
23 providing safety briefings and reflective safety gear.

1 (2) Providing and installing signs identifying those
2 volunteers adopting particular parks and park lands. The
3 Department may request that the individual or group
4 volunteers pay for the sign.

5 The State and the Department and its employees are not
6 liable for any damages or injury suffered by any person
7 resulting from his or her participation in the program or from
8 the actions or activities of the volunteers.

9 (Source: P.A. 90-14, eff. 7-1-97; 91-239, eff. 1-1-00.)

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
11 becoming law.