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AN ACT to authorize the commissioner of parks and recreation of the city of New York to enter into an agreement for the operation of a children's program known as the Bronx Children's Museum in a portion of a building located in Mill Pond Park in the borough of the Bronx

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subject to the provisions of this act, the commissioner of parks and recreation of the city of New York is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Kids' Powerhouse Discovery Center Limited Liability Corporation for the maintenance and operation of a children's program known as the Bronx Children's Museum on the second floor of building J, as such building is presently constructed and situated, in Mill Pond Park in the borough of the Bronx. The terms of the agreement may allow the placement of signs identifying the museum.

S 2. The authorization provided in section one of this act shall be effective only upon the condition that the city of New York dedicate an amount equal to or greater than the fair market value of any portion of parkland which may be authorized to be used by this act for a non-park purpose for an acquisition of additional parklands and/or for capital improvements to existing park and recreational facilities within the borough of the Bronx.

S 3. The portion of parkland authorized to be used for the Bronx Children's Museum pursuant to section one of this act consists of the second floor comprised of approximately 12,500 square feet of Building J situated in Mill Pond Park in the borough of the Bronx.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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S 4. Upon termination of the agreement or discontinuance of the purpose identified in section one of this act, such parkland shall thereafter be used for park and recreational purposes.

S 5. If the portion of parkland subject to this act has received funding pursuant to the federal land and water conservation fund, the use of any of such parkland for non-park purpose authorized by the provisions of this act shall not occur until the municipality has complied with the federal requirements pertaining to the conversion of parklands, including satisfying the secretary of the interior that the discontinuance will include all conditions which the secretary of the interior deems necessary to assure the substitution of other lands equivalent in fair market value and recreational usefulness to the lands being discontinued.

S 6. If the parkland that is subject to this act is also the subject of an agreement between the city of New York and the New York state historic preservation office, the use of any parkland for the purpose identified in section one of this act shall not occur until the city of New York has complied with the conditions of such agreement.

S 7. This act shall take effect immediately.