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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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**AN ACT**

To repeal sections 67.1706 and 67.1754, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the duties of the metropolitan park and recreation system.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 67.1706 and 67.1754, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 67.1706 and 67.1754, to read as follows:

67.1706. The metropolitan district shall have as its [primary] duty the development, operation and maintenance of a public system of interconnecting trails and parks throughout the counties comprising the district. **Nothing in this section shall restrict the district's entering into and initiating projects dealing with parks not necessarily connected to trails.** The metropolitan district shall supplement but shall not substitute for the powers and responsibilities of the other parks and recreation systems within the metropolitan district **or other conservation and environmental regulatory agencies** and shall have the power to contract with other parks and recreation systems as well as with other public and private entities. **Nothing in this section shall give the metropolitan district authority to regulate water quality, watershed or land use issues in the counties comprising the district.**

67.1754. The sales tax authorized in sections 67.1712 to 67.1721 shall be collected and allocated as follows:

(1) Fifty percent of the sales taxes collected from each county shall be deposited in the metropolitan park and recreational fund to be administered by the board of directors of

**EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

the district to pay costs associated with the establishment, administration, operation and maintenance of public recreational facilities, parks, and public recreational grounds associated with the district. Costs for office administration beginning in the second fiscal year of district operations may be up to but shall not exceed fifteen percent of the amount deposited pursuant to this subdivision;

(2) Fifty percent of the sales taxes collected from each county shall be returned to the source county for park purposes, except that forty percent of such fifty percent amount shall be reserved for distribution to municipalities within the county in the form of grant revenue sharing funds. Each county in the district shall establish its own process for awarding the grant proceeds to its municipalities for park purposes **provided the purposes of such grants are consistent with the purpose of the district.** In the case of a county of the first classification with a charter form of government having a population of at least nine hundred thousand inhabitants, such grant proceeds shall be awarded to municipalities by a municipal grant commission as described in section 67.1757.

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