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In the second year of the 103rd Illinois General Assembly, lawmakers officially passed 469 bills through both houses for eventual consideration by the governor. Veto session is currently in process and while Governor Pritzker didn't veto any bills this year, the six-day session gives lawmakers a chance to address measures that remain pending from the Spring Session. As of this writing, 1052 new laws have been enacted in the 103rd General Assembly.

This summary report includes bills that were approved by the General Assembly that either affect, or are of interest, to county governments. The list is not all-inclusive. The synopsis of each bill is extremely brief and may not encompass the full content or impact of the legislation. For full meaning, you can obtain “enrolled” bill text on the Illinois Legislative Information System website at www.ilga.gov.

Special thanks to the IACBM Legislative Committee and all of our members who stayed involved with these important issues and who took the time to testify in committees and share their views with state lawmakers. Remember, as county officials you play an essential role in legislative and administrative state functions. Broadening and establishing a relationship with your legislators is critical to advancing the needs and initiatives of your county and its residents. We are here to assist you and will continue to keep you informed of relative executive orders and legislative actions that may impact county government.

If you have questions about any legislation please contact the IACBM office. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

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Agriculture



Behavioral and Mental Health



HB 2601 (P.A. 103-0726) MEAT INSPECTION

Permits the Director of Agriculture to exempt from inspection animals slaughtered or any meat or meat food products prepared on a custom basis and the Type I licensee plainly marks all such articles prepared on a custom basis "NOT FOR SALE". *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 2747 (P.A. 103-0620) EXOTIC WEEDS

Allows the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources to designate exotic weeds through administrative rule rather than statute. IDNR must consult with the Dept. of Agriculture before adding or removing any plant from the exotic weed list by administrative rule. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 3077 (P.A. 103-0772) LOCAL FOOD INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

Creates a special fund for the Dept. of Agriculture to administer the Local Food Infrastructure Grant Program. Allows the Dept. to work with a partner nonprofit and grant money from the newly created Local Food Infrastructure Grant Fund to select small farms for things like food processing, aggregation and storage. *Effective August 2, 2024.*

SB 3219 (P.A. 103-0957) FARMER-OWNED GROCERY STORES

Allows the Illinois DCEO, subject to appropriation, to award grants for equipment upgrades for farmer-owned grocery stores or markets un the Grocery Initiative Act. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

HB 4498 (P.A. 103-0674) MENTAL HEALTH DISCHARGE

Allows for the involuntary retention of a voluntary mental health facility recipient if, within five days of expressing a desire to leave, certain documentation is filed with the court, including a copy of the recipient's written notice, a petition, and two certificates from qualified mental health professionals supporting involuntary admissions. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

HB 5094 (P.A. 103-0690) WORKFORCE DIRECT CARE ACT

Establishes the Behavioral Health Administrative Burden Task Force within the Office of the Chief Behavioral Health Officer. The Task Force is to review policies and regulations affecting the behavioral health industry to identify inefficiencies, duplicate or unnecessary requirements, unduly burdensome restrictions, and other administrative barriers that prevent behavioral health professionals from providing services and to analyze the impact of administrative burdens on the delivery of quality care and access to behavioral health services. *Effective July 19, 2024.*

SB 3137 (P.A. 103-0942) MENTAL HEALTH-DEATH NOTICE – JORDAN'S LAW

Requires substance abuse programs and mental health or developmental disabilities facilities in the State to inform the personal representative of a patient verbally within 24 hours of the patient's death and provide written notice within five days of the death. Named in honor of an Evanston family who's son, Jordan, passed away while in a rehab facility. The family was not immediately notified of their son's death. *Effective August 9, 2024.*

SB 3432 (P.A. 103-0998) DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL

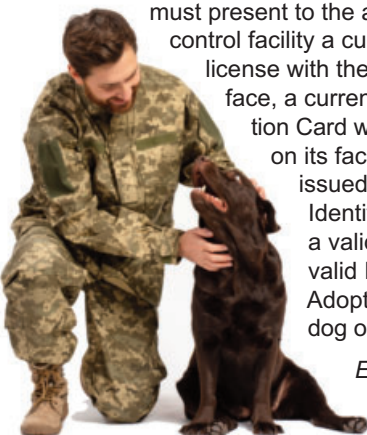
Delays the start date of the direct support professional credential pilot program implemented by IDHS Division of Mental Health to Fiscal Year 2025. *Effective August 9, 2024.*

Animals & Wildlife

HB 4590 (P.A. 103-0678) ANIMAL ADOPTION FEE WAIVER

An animal shelter or animal control facility may, rather than shall, waive the adoption fee for a dog or cat if the person adopting the dog or cat is a veteran and meets specified criteria. The person must present to the animal shelter or animal control facility a current and valid Illinois driver's license with the word "veteran" printed on its face, a current and valid Illinois Identification Card with the word "veteran" printed on its face, or an identification card issued under the federal Veterans Identification Card Act of 2015 and a valid Illinois driver's license or valid Illinois Identification Card. Adoptions may be limited to one dog or cat each in two year periods.

Effective January 1, 2025.



HB 5522 (P.A. 103-0611) WILDLIFE NUISANCE CONTROL

The Dept. of Natural Resources may issue a Nuisance Wildlife Control Permit not only to any person who is providing such services for a fee, but also to any person who solicits customers for themselves or on behalf of a nuisance wildlife control permit holder for a fee or compensation. **NOTE:** A drainage district or road district is exempt from the requirement to obtain a permit to control nuisance muskrats or beavers if certain requirements are met. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 2767 (P.A. 103-0622) WILD TURKEY HUNTING

Provides that it is unlawful to take wild turkey except by use of a bow and arrow or a shotgun of not larger than 10 gauge nor smaller than .410 bore. *Effective January 1, 2025.*



County Government

County Broadband Projects & Infrastructure



HB 2154 (P.A. 103-0796)

BATTERY-CHARGED FENCES

Provides that a county may not require a permit for non-residential battery-charged fences under specified conditions. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

HB 4226 (P.A. 103-0597)

CIRCUIT COURTS ACT

Clarifies the timeline for conversion of associate judgeships to resident circuit judgeships in Cook County. *Effective July 1, 2024.*

HB 4942 (P.A. 103-0842)

CORONER REPORTS – FENTANYL

County Coroners must report suspicious levels of fentanyl found in official toxicology reports of the deceased to relevant law enforcement agencies. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

HB 4993 (P.A. 103-0741)

VITAL RECORDS – DEATH NOTICE

Requires the local registrar of a district to send a copy of a death certificate to the deceased's county of residence, within 7 days after its filing, if the individual dies outside their county of residence. *Effective August 2, 2024.*

HB 5128 (P.A. 103-0693)

9-1-1 BOARDS

Elected officials, including county sheriffs and county board members, are eligible to serve on an Emergency Telephone System Board. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

HB 5190 (P.A. 103-0853)

HIGHWAY CODE – LAPSED FUNDS

Regarding allocations to road districts, provides that any funds allocated to a county that are not obligated within 48 months shall be considered lapsed funds and reappropriated in the same fund. Lapsed funds shall be used to provide additional monetary assistance to townships and road districts that have insufficient funding for construction of bridges that are 20 feet or more in length under the Code. *Effective August 9, 2024.*

HB 5287 (P.A. 103-0607)

COUNTY OFFICER STIPENDS

Unifies the stipend process for the county clerk, the county recorder, and the chief clerk of each county board of election commissioners. *Effective July 1, 2024.*

HB 4951 (P.A. 103-0592)

COUNTY OFFICIAL COMPENSATION TASK FORCE

The omnibus state revenue bill includes a provision creating the County Official Compensation Task Force. The task force will review the compensation of county-level officials as provided for in various State statutes and will make recommendations to the General Assembly on any appropriate changes to those statutes. The Director of Revenue or a designee will chair the Task Force which includes representatives from statewide organizations representing county officials. *Effective June 7, 2025.*

SB 3173 (P.A. 103-0947)

Enables counties to lease out their high-speed fiber optic cables. A county may lease or otherwise grant access to and use of infrastructure.

This includes fiber optic cables, that the county owns or controls to public and private entities to facilitate the delivery of broadband services on the condition that the lease, license, access, or use be granted on a nondiscriminatory, non-exclusive, and competitively neutral basis. The leases must comply with all other State and federal laws, rules, and regulations, including, but not limited to, all applicable safety codes and requirements.

The need for the legislation was brought up by Kane County officials seeking to lease out surplus fiber deployed several years ago.

Effective January 1, 2025.

HB 5574 (P.A. 103-0868)

IMPACT FEE REPEAL

Directs funds from repealed fee ordinances of DuPage County into a dedicated transportation account. *Effective Jan. 1, 2025.*

SB 317 (P.A. 103-0873)

TAXING DISTRICTS

Extends the ability of county treasurers to notify those leasing properties owned by governmental entities of delinquent property taxes to all Illinois counties. *Effective August 9, 2024.*

SB 694 (P.A. 103-0884)

COUNTY RECORDINGS

Modernizes storage techniques for county recordings and establishes fee changes. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 0691 (P.A. 103-0750)

COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Allows any joint regional planning commission to acquire property through gift, legacy or purchase under a twenty-year installment contract. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 2617 (P.A. 103-0903)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS

Allows counties without local health departments to contract with one in an adjacent county, among other technical changes. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 2779 (P.A. 103-0922)

AUTOPSIES INDEMNIFICATION

Requires counties to provide indemnification to physicians conducting autopsies in cases of unintentional misconduct. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 3275 (P.A. 103-0963)

REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX

Paper revenue stamps shall be phased out by December 31, 2025. Requires counties to issue electronic revenue stamps or alternative indicia thereafter. *Effective August 9, 2024.*

Courts, Criminal Law and Corrections



HB 277 (P.A. 103-0789) NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

Eliminates automatic driver's license suspensions for failure to appear for petty offenses. Allows the clerk of the court to establish a system to send text, email, and telephone notifications, if someone misses court regarding the continued court date. If the person fails to appear in court on or before the continued court date, satisfy the charge without a court appearance if allowed by the Illinois Supreme Court Rule, or satisfy the court that the person's appearance in and surrender to the court is impossible for no fault of the person, the court shall enter an ex parte judgment of conviction imposing a single assessment, plus the minimum fine allowed by statute. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

HB 5285 (P.A. 103-0702) PROBATION, CONVICTION, JUDGMENT

If judgment is withheld, the plea, verdict, or finding of guilty is not a conviction under Illinois law unless and until judgment is entered. Clarifies that someone does not have a felony conviction while they are in a special probation program or after the successful completion of such a program. Provides that a sentence, rather than discharge and dismissal, is not a conviction for purposes of disqualification or disabilities imposed by law upon conviction of a crime unless and until judgment is entered while someone is in a first-time offender provision for cannabis or controlled substances. *Effective January 1, 2025.*



SB 2626 (P.A. 103-0755) EXPUNGEMENT FILING

Allows a defendant's counsel to pre-file expungement petitions 61 days before the case is dismissed. *Effective August 2, 2024.*

SB 2803 (P.A. 103-0782) IDENTIFICATION CARDS

The Secretary of State must issue a standard Illinois Identification Card to a person committed to the Dept. of Corrections, the Dept. of Juvenile Justice, a Federal Bureau of Prisons facility located in Illinois, or a county jail or county department of corrections. *Effective August 6, 2024.*

SB 2934 (P.A. 103-0765) HAZING / CONSENT

Provides that it is not a defense to a prosecution for hazing that the person against whom the hazing was directed consented to or acquiesced in the hazing. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 3405 (P.A. 103-0988) PROBLEM SOLVING COURT

Allows a county to use funds designated by law or ordinance for transportation purposes to fund rides for persons to attend problem-solving courts. A county may enter into an intergovernmental agreement with another unit of local government for the purposes of the provisions. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

Juveniles



HB 5465 (P.A. 103-0717) HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Allows a minor in juvenile court to petition the court for immediate sealing or expungement of their records if the participation in the underlying offense was a result of human trafficking. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 426 (P.A. 103-0875) EMERGING ADULT PROGRAMS

Allows the Department of Juvenile Justice to establish and offer emerging adult programs for individuals ages 18-21 who are committed to the Dept. of Corrections. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 3463 (P.A. 103-0787) AUTOMATIC EXPUNGEMENT

On the date that the minor's sentence ends or the date that the court enters an order committing the minor to the Department of Juvenile Justice, the juvenile court judge shall schedule a date to enter the automatic expungement order. **NOTE:** The minor must be notified but shall not be required to be present for the scheduled court date when automatic expungement is to be ordered. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 3615 (P.A. 103-1026) RESIDENT'S BENEFIT FUND

Any interest or other income which may be earned from money deposited with the Department by a resident of the Department of Juvenile Justice shall accrue to the individual's account if the monthly interest attributable to an individual's account exceeds \$1. All other balances shall accrue to the Residents' Benefit Fund. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

Pregnant Prisoners

HB 5431 (P.A. 103-0745)

Bans the use of restraints for pregnant or postpartum people in jail or prison in Illinois under most conditions. Expands the prohibition on restraints throughout pregnancy and up to six weeks postpartum. Requires jails and prisons to provide pregnant people with at least 300 additional calories daily. Requires facilities to document the number of pregnant people in custody and their pregnancy outcomes each year.

NOTE: Requires jails and prisons to distribute and post certain information, including policies on abortion access, in units that house pregnant women. *Effective January 1, 2025.*



Elections



HB 4488 (P.A. 103-0600) ELECTIONS OMNIBUS

Among other provisions, removes all caps on transfers from political party committees to candidates during primary elections. Previously, caps were only absent in general elections. In provisions concerning the time and manner of filing, provides that in the case of petitions for the office of multi-township assessor, such petitions shall be filed with the election authority not more than 141 (instead of 113) nor less than 134 days before the consolidated election. *Effective July 1, 2024.*

SB 2412 (P.A. 103-0586) ELECTIONS OMNIBUS

In provisions regarding nominations for elections of members of the General Assembly, strikes the ability for a political party to appoint a person to the ballot within 75 days after the date of the primary election if no member of that party ran in the primary. Makes other minor changes regarding filing periods and filing vacancies. *Effective May 3, 2024.*

Energy & Public Utilities

HB 4118 (P.A. 103-0661) TERMINATION GRACE PERIOD

Provides that where customers have applied for assistance through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) or Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP), the customer shall be temporarily protected from disconnection for 30 days after the utility receives notice from a local administrative agency that the customer has applied to LIHEAP or PIPP. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

HB 4954 (P.A. 103-0739) COAL MINING ACT

Provides for State mine rescue stations that are maintained by the Department of Natural Resources for the sole purpose of responding to and preparing for emergencies in the coal mines of Illinois. *Effective January 1, 2025.*



SB 3481 (P.A. 103-1006) BATTERY STORAGE REGISTRATION

Battery storage sites at which 5,000 kilograms or more of used batteries are stored must register with the EPA prior to Feb. 2026 or prior to commencing operation if not in operation in Feb. 2026 and maintain records related to the weight or volume of batteries stored. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 3686 (P.A. 103-1033) BATTERY STEWARDSHIP

Requires those who sell, offer for sale, or distribute, covered batteries or battery-containing products containing one or more covered batteries in or into the State to implement and participate in a battery stewardship plan. *Effective August 9, 2024.*

Environment



HB 1837 (P.A. 103-0794) LANDSCAPE WASTE

Nothing shall prohibit the burning of landscape waste by a person engaged in the business of tree removal, at the person's registered place of business, provided the burning activity: is located in a county with a population of 50,000 or less, is more than 1,000 feet from the nearest residence, and is conducted in accordance with all federal, State, and local laws and ordinances. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 2960 (P.A. 103-0934) SMALL PLASTIC BOTTLE ACT

Bans small and single plastic bottles in hotels with 50 rooms or more starting July 1, 2025. Then beginning January 1, 2026, any hotel regardless the size cannot provide small and single use plastic bottles. *Effective January 1, 2025.*



SB 3279 (P.A. 103-0965) IEMA GROUNDWATER LOCAL

Finalizes closure of the Kerr-McGee Rare Earths Facility in West Chicago that ceased operation in 1973 and been in the process of decommissioning since 1994. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 3342 (P.A. 103-0976) PESTICIDE APPLICATION NOTICE

Mandates that government applicators, or those contracted by the government, must provide public notice before applying pesticides on public rights-of-way within municipal borders. The notice will also include contact information for the applicators. The law specifically excludes farmers, private individuals spraying their own property, and applicators working on private property from these requirements. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 3566 (P.A. 103-1017) EPA VEHICLE WASHING

Landfills in counties with a population over 250,000 shall provide and operate facilities to clean the wheels and undercarriages of vehicles departing the landfill. **NOTE:** Only applies to Madison and St. Clair Counties. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

EVENT RECYCLING



SB 2876 (P.A. 103-0927)

Requires event facilities with a maximum capacity of 3,500 to provide for the recycling of items generated at public events, the transfer of these materials to a recycling center, and the composting of organic waste, beginning Jan. 1, 2025. **NOTE:** County fairs, school stadiums, and hotels are not considered event facilities under the Act. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

Insurance



**HB 2385 (P.A. 103-0800)
COLONOSCOPY COVERAGE**

Requires insurers to cover all medically necessary colonoscopies beginning January 1, 2026. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

**HB 5559 (P.A. 103-0615)
AUTO INSURANCE**

Requires auto insurance companies to explain in detail how they decided a car was a total loss, including repair costs, salvage value, and market value. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

**SB 0773 (P.A. 103-0751)
PREGNANCY RELATED BENEFITS**

Requires group policy insurance to cover in vitro fertilization services and annual menopause visits issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2026. *Effective August 2, 2024.*

**SB 2573 (P.A. 103-0753)
CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENT**

Requires insurance coverage for wigs or scalp prostheses worn due to hair loss caused by alopecia, chemotherapy, or radiation treatment beginning Jan. 1, 2025. *Effective August 2, 2024.*

**SB 2672 (P.A. 103-0758)
GENERIC DRUG SHORTAGE**

Requires insurance companies to cover brand-name prescription drugs in situations where the generic version or a therapeutically equivalent drug is unavailable due to a shortage. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

Healthcare and Human Services



**HB 4899 (P.A. 103-0734)
HEALTH DEPARTMENT FEE**

Eliminates a fee paid by local health departments to the Dept. of Public Health in connection with the licensure of a hospice program or home health agency. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

**SB 857 (P.A. 103-0752)
AGENCY SITE VISITS**

Requires the Illinois Dept. of Human Services' Office of Inspector General to conduct unannounced site visits of community agencies at least annually for the purposes of review of systemic issues. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

**SB 2735 (P.A. 103-0618)
HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS**

Ensures healthcare providers in Illinois have a choice in how they receive payments from insurance companies and managed care plans, and that they are informed about any fees associated with the available payment methods. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

**SB 3111 (P.A. 103-0775)
ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY LICENSES**

Requires the Dept. of Public Health to renew 2-year assisted living facility licenses as long as the facility has met certain requirements. Removes a provision that would allow the Department to renew a facility's license for longer than 2 years at the facility's request. *Effective August 2, 2024.*

**SB 3134 (P.A. 103-0779)
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) SYSTEMS ACT**
Gives the Dept. of Public Health authority to suspend a licensee statewide if the licensee is charged with a crime while performing their official duties and poses a safety threat to the public. *Effective August 2, 2024.*

Labor

**HB 2161 (P.A. 0797)
UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION**

Makes it a civil rights violation for an employer to discriminate or harass based on an employee's family responsibilities. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

**HB 3763 (P.A. 103-0727)
PERSONNEL RECORD REVIEW**

Allows employees to request bargaining contracts, policies, handbooks, press releases, discrimination reports, or any similar documents about the employee. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

**HB 3773 (P.A. 103-0804)
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)**

Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act to protect employees from discrimination from the use of AI in the workplace, and ensures employers are transparent about their use of AI for employment-related decisions. *Effective January 1, 2026.*

**HB 5561 (P.A. 103-0867)
WHISTLEBLOWER ACT**

Prohibits employers from taking retaliatory action against whistleblowers. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

**SB 3208 (P.A. 103-0953)
WAGE PAYMENT STUBS**

Requires employers to maintain copies of pay stubs for 3 years after the date of payment and imposes a civil penalty on employers who fail to provide a pay stub to a current or former employee. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

**SB 3310 (P.A. 103-0973)
HUMAN RIGHTS REMEDIES**

Extends the time limit for filing charges of civil rights violations with the Illinois Department of Human Rights from 300 days to 2 years from the date of the alleged violation. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

Law Enforcement

HB 1168 (P.A. 103-0792)

SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE

Amends the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act. Except in certain medical examiner or coroner investigations, whenever a person's DNA profile is collected due to the person being a victim of a crime, as identified by law enforcement, that specific profile collected in conjunction with that criminal investigation shall not be entered into any DNA database. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

HB 2323 (P.A. 103-0798)

UNIFORM STATEWIDE CRIME STATISTICS TASK FORCE

The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority will create a task force that would meet at least quarterly to assist in the development of an integrated software system for gathering and publishing crime data from all law enforcement agencies throughout the State. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

HB 4409 (P.A. 103-0728)

ADULT REDEPLOY ILLINOIS

Grants Adult Redeploy Illinois more flexibility in funding allocation through its grant awards and adds two new membership positions to its Oversight Board. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 2683 (P.A. 103-0760)

ELECTRONIC STALKING

Prohibits and defines electronic stalking as using any electronic tracking system or acquiring tracking information to determine a targeted person's location, movement, or travel patterns. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 2778 (P.A. 103-0623)

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT – VETERAN EXAM

A veteran who was discharged honorably no later than 6 months before applying to deputy sheriff may request for expedited examination. Once the candidate passes the exam, they shall be immediately placed on the eligibility list. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 2879 (P.A. 103-0634)

COMPETITIVE BIDDING

For Fire Protection Districts seeking to purchase equipment through competitive bidding directly through a dealer or an original manufacturer in excess of \$50,000 will now be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder after advertising. *Effective January 1, 2025.*



Emergency Scenes Safety Scott's Law

HB 5370 (P.A. 103-0711)

Expands the state's "move over law," also known as Scott's law.

Scott's Law requires drivers to change lanes when approaching stationary emergency vehicles, including highway maintenance vehicles displaying flashing lights, and any stationary vehicle with their hazard lights activated. The measure also states, if changing would be impossible or unsafe, drivers would be required to proceed with due caution, reduce the speed of the vehicle and leave a safe distance until safely passing the stationary vehicle. **HB 5370** enhances Scott's Law to require vehicles entering a construction or maintenance zone to reduce speed and change into a lane that is not adjacent to construction workers, when possible. *Effective January 1, 2025.*



SB 2918 (P.A. 103-0929)

MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY

A police officer cannot be discharged for a mental or physical disability that is the basis for their benefits application under the Downstate Police Article of the Illinois Pension Code. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 3201 (P.A. 103-0949)

AUTISM TRAINING

Requires law enforcement and correctional officers to go through training on autism-informed responses, as well as best procedures and techniques when engaging with individuals with autism. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

Public Safety

SB 1102 (P.A. 103-0895)

SHELBY COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD

Allows the Shelby County Board to form and operate a volunteer rescue squad to provide assistance within Shelby County to any public entity providing law enforcement, firefighting, emergency disaster response, or first responder services. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 3538 (P.A. 103-1011)

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Requires certain health insurance plans to cover mental health counseling for first responders beginning June 1, 2025. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 3402 (P.A. 103-0987)

AMBULANCE SERVICES

Allows county governments to take over ambulance services from fire protection districts. *Effective August 9, 2024.*



Local Government

HB 3046 (P.A. 103-0801) **MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER**

Allows the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to adopt rules allowing the use of treated wastewater for potable use. Allows treated municipal wastewater from a publicly owned treatment works to be used for irrigation with a permit. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

HB 4804 (P.A. 103-0833) **UNPLANNED WATER SUPPLY DISRUPT**

Allows public water distribution entities to use customer contact information to notify customers of any disruptions in public water distribution systems. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 536 (P.A. 103-0880) **PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTMENT ACT**

A public agency may adopt an ordinance or resolution to allow for investment of public funds in instruments that are not specifically listed as authorized investments. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 2849 (P.A. 103-0925) **UNMANNED AIRCRAFT REGULATION**

Allows local governments to adopt reasonable rules for private party use of airspace for unmanned aircraft that is above public property under specific circumstances. *Effective August 9, 2024.*



SB 2919 (P.A. 103-0930) **FORECLOSED PROPERTY**

Establishes parameters in which foreclosed property may be sold online. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 3389 (P.A. 103-0986) **CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING**

Raises the voting threshold for the CMAP Board to take any action from simple majority to 4/5ths, except for voting on contracts and other circumstances. Removes an outdated requirement for CMAP to create a Wastewater Committee that would otherwise make policy recommendations to IEPA. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 3418 (P.A. 103-0992) **HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS**

Allows non-residents to serve as highway commissioners and clerks in smaller townships and road districts. Allows contracting with neighboring districts when no qualified resident candidates are available. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 3429 (P.A. 103-0996) **SANITARY DISTRICT**

Territory within and on the border of a sanitary district can be disconnected if there are no outstanding debts, via an ordinance or resolution by both the sanitary district and the local government or another sanitary district where the territory is located. *Effective August 9, 2024.*



Electric Scooter Regulation

SB 1960 (P.A. 103-0899) Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code to add provisions regarding low-speed electric scooters. Allows municipalities, park districts, forest preserve districts, or conservation districts to authorize and regulate the operation of low-speed electric scooters within their respective units of local government on any or all highways under their jurisdiction, sidewalks, trails, or other public rights-of-way where the operation of bicycles is permitted. *Effective August 9, 2024.*

SB 3513 (P.A. 103-1009) **NOTARY PUBLIC RENEWAL**

Allows attorneys and judges as well as their employees to renew their appointment as a notary public without taking additional classes or examinations. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 3567 (P.A. 103-1018) **TAXING DISTRICTS – LEVIES**

Requires notices by a taxing district of raising tax levies by more than five percent to be conspicuously posted for a minimum of thirty (30) days. *Effective August 9, 2024.*

Special Districts

HB 4179 (P.A. 103-0807) **EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICTS**

Allows emergency service districts to raise levies. Limits some of the changes to apply only to counties outside of Cook County, DuPage County, Kane County, Lake County, McHenry County, and Will County. *Effective August 9, 2024.*

SB 2938 (P.A. 103-0932) **MOSQUITO ABATEMENT**

Allows mosquito abatement districts to annex additional territory as long as certain requirements are met, including the passage of an ordinance. *Effective January 1, 2025.*



SB 3679 (P.A. 103-0646) **BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS**

Creates Business Improvement Districts (BID) to fund business-related activities and improvements through the levy of district charges upon the owners of real property that receive benefits. *Effective July 1, 2024.*

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HB 4621 (P.A. 103-0602)

PRETRIAL SERVICES

Creates the Office of Statewide Pretrial Services within the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts. *Effective July 1, 2024.*

HB 4720 (P.A. 103-0604)

ADOPTION TAX CREDITS

Mandates that the Dept. of Revenue provide the State Treasurer with the adjusted gross income of tax filers claiming dependents or adoption tax credits. Allows the State Treasurer to make supplementary deposits to children in financially insecure households if funds are deposited into omnibus accounts. *Effective July 1, 2024.*

HB 4921 (P.A. 103-0737)

HOME IMPROVEMENT LOAN PROGRAM

Establishes the Low Interest Home Improvement Loan Program that provides funds to be used to repair or prevent damages to a residence due to natural disasters. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 2743 (P.A. 103-0917)

WATER PLAN TASK FORCE ACT

Creates the Water Plan Task Force Act to provide recommendations on addressing a variety of water-related issues. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 2747 (P.A. 103-0620)

EXOTIC WEEDS / PERMITS

Allows the Department of Natural Resources to adjust exotic weeds list via rule. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 2976 (P.A. 103-0768)

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT

Creates the State Historic Preservation Board, a 9-person board that advises the Department of Natural Resources on the preservation, management, acquisition, and deaccession of historic properties. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 2781 (P.A. 103-0923)

HEALTH FORESTS GRANT FUND

Creates the Healthy Forests, Wetlands, and Prairies Grant Fund to allow the Department of Natural Resources to make grants for the purpose of forest, prairie, and other landscape management, development, maintenance, and study to mitigate climate change impacts. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 2960 (P.A. 103-0934)

JOB TRAINING AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

DCEO shall compile a report concerning all State and federally funded job training and workforce development programs in this State. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 3077 (P.A. 103-0772)

LOCAL FOOD INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT ACT

Aims to enhance local food processing. *Effective August 2, 2024.*

The FY 2025 General Funds budget reflects projected revenues of \$53.28 billion and expenditures of \$53.07 billion.

P.A. 103-0588 establishes the FY 2025 Budget Implementation Act, which is necessary to implement the State Budget. P.A. 103-0592 is the state revenue bill changing certain provisions to increase taxes. P.A. 103-0589 is the FY 2025 General Appropriations Bill.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BUDGET PACKAGE INCLUDE:

- \$198 million into the Budget Stabilization “Rainy Day” Fund
- \$3.5 billion for infrastructure and \$400 million for additional road projects
- \$900 million for renovation at state prisons
- \$90 million increase for Home Illinois to address homelessness
- \$182 million for the migrant crisis / \$440 million for immigrants’ healthcare

NOTE: There is no increase or a reduction in the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) funding formula in the SFY 2025 budget.

Taxes

SB 2859 (P.A. 103-0631)

WASTEWATER FACILITIES

Not-for-profit wastewater facilities will be assessed at 33 1/3% of the fair cash value of the facility. *Effective July 1, 2024.*

SB 2936 (P.A. 103-0931)

PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT

Provides that the abatement for property located in an area of urban decay also applies to newly remodeled single-family or duplex residential dwelling units, rather than just newly constructed units. *Effective August 9, 2024.*

SB 3426 (103-0995)

MOTOR FUEL TAX

Amends the method for calculating percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for the purpose of annual adjustment in the tax rate and makes a clarification to the sales tax exemption for certain aircraft materials. *Effective August 9, 2024.*

SB 3475 (P.A. 103-0642)

HOTEL OPERATORS’ TAX

Provides for defined fund allocation percentages to all funds currently receiving distributions from the Hotel Operators’ Occupation Tax. *Effective July 1, 2024.*

SB 3455 (P.A. 103-1002)

PROPERTY TAX STUDY

The Department of Revenue, in consultation with the DCEO, shall conduct a study to evaluate the property tax system in the State. **NOTE:** The Department of Revenue may also consult with units of local government. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

Transportation



HB 1742 (P.A. 103-0654) ROLLING STOCK DONATIONS

Allows the Regional Transportation Authority and the Service Boards to donate rolling stock, including locomotives and equipment, to museums in this State that are not-for-profit corporations. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

HB 4711 (P.A. 103-0680) DRIVERS EXAM

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code by adding that if an applicant gives an incorrect response to a question on the written portion of the driver's license examination concerning driver responsibilities when approaching a stationary emergency vehicle, disabled vehicle, or highway construction, then the Secretary of State shall provide the applicant with information concerning those provisions. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

HB 4848 (P.A. 103-0730) GARBAGE HAULERS TAILGATE AND TARP

No person shall operate or cause to be operated, on a highway, a commercial motor vehicle, with the exception of a highway maintenance vehicle, transporting garbage or refuse unless the tailgate on the vehicle is in good working repair, good operating condition, and closes securely, with a cover or tarpaulin of sufficient size attached so as to prevent any load, residue, or other material from escaping. A violation of the provisions shall be a petty offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$150. A person convicted of 4 or more violations within a 12-month period shall be fined an additional amount. *Effective January 1, 2025.*



HB 5138 (P.A. 103-0694) IDOT STUDIES

Requires the Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) to make public any study or survey completed by the agency that involves traffic or the environmental impact of road construction projects.

NOTE: It makes an exception for studies prohibited from disclosure by State or federal law. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

HB 5325 (P.A. 103-0706) ILLINOIS VEHICLE CODE – REGISTRATION STICKERS

Requires registration stickers issued as evidence of renewed registration issued by the Secretary of State to be displayed on the upper right corner of the rear registration plate or in a manner otherwise provided by the Secretary. Also, allows the State Police to use an online payment system for fees. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

HB 5349 (P.A. 103-0707) IDOT ROLLING STOCK ESCROW

Relates to the lease and rental of rolling stock so money can be withdrawn from the escrow account as needed and not just when account is abolished. Establishes a revenue stream for the High Speed Rail Rolling Stock Fund. *Effective January 1, 2025.*



Tow Truck Lights

HB 4255 (P.A. 103-0667) Allows for the use of green lights on specified vehicles when at an emergency scene. Green lights can be used along with amber and white and can be oscillating, flashing, or rotating. Vehicles authorized to use the green lights include tow trucks, fire department and police vehicles, and various types of vehicles utilized by federal, state, or local authorities. The new law is aimed at helping protect local responders and tow truck operators who are working at emergency scenes while vehicles pass by them. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 275 (P.A. 103-0872) EIGHT-YEAR DRIVER'S LICENSE

The Secretary of State shall offer to qualified applicants the option to be issued an 8-year driver's license. Implementation will be July 1, 2027. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 2654 (P.A. 103-0756) VEHICLE LIEN – MEDICAL DEVICES

Prohibits medical devices, including hearing instruments, from being subject to the liens ordinarily imposed on personal property in a vehicle that is subject to removal. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 3175 (P.A. 103-0638) NOISE SUPPRESSION PROGRAM

On or before July 1, 2024, IDOT may create and implement a Type II Noise Suppression Program to provide noise abatement on existing highways in the State. *Effective July 1, 2024.*

SB 3202 (P.A. 103-0950) BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Allows cities and counties to create bicycle transportation plans. Plans may include estimating the number of cyclists coming through the area, allowing planners and developers to use a data-informed approach when determining the number of bike lanes needed and potential new routes. Creates four different classifications of bikeways — exclusive, shared, semi-exclusive or completely separate from motorists and pedestrians. Local governments will be required to include maps of the existing bikeways and their classifications in the transportation plans. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 3471 (P.A. 103-1005) STOLEN LICENSE PLATES

Allows the Secretary of State to issue a new set of license plates, without a fee, to an owner of a vehicle whose plates were stolen. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

Veterans



HB 612 (P.A. 103-0596) HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Expands the homestead exemption for veterans with disabilities to World War II veterans. Requires a veteran to have a service-related disability and receive disability compensation to receive the homestead exemption for veterans with disabilities. *Effective July 1, 2024.*

HB 4757 (P.A. 103-0828) VETERANS BENEFITS POSTER

Mandates the Dept. of Veteran's Affairs to create, and the Illinois Dept. of Labor to make available, at no cost, a veterans and service members' benefits, services and protections poster. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

HB 4934 (P.A. 103-0841) CEMETERY PROTECTION

If remains over 100 years old are identified as belonging to a veteran, the Department of Natural Resources will allow a veteran's organization to place a marker to designate the grave. All costs for memorialization shall be entirely borne by the veteran's organization. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 2751 (P.A. 103-0621) DISABLED VETERANS PERMIT FEE

Amends the Counties Code, Township Code, and Illinois Municipal Code. Allows for home improvements for disabled veterans to be done without permit fees. Requires a veteran or caregiver to provide proof of veteran status and attest to the fact that the improvements to the residence are required to accommodate the veteran's disability.

NOTE: What constitutes proof of veteran status shall be determined by the county, township, or municipality. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

Zoning

SB 692 (P.A. 103-0882) INDUSTRIAL ZONING TASK FORCE

Creates the Task Force on Interjurisdictional Industrial Zoning Impacts to study State and local zoning laws and policies related to large industrial developments. Sets forth the membership of the Task Force. *Effective August 9, 2024.*

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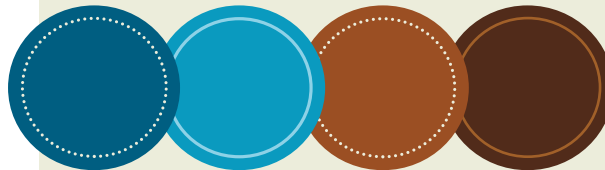
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