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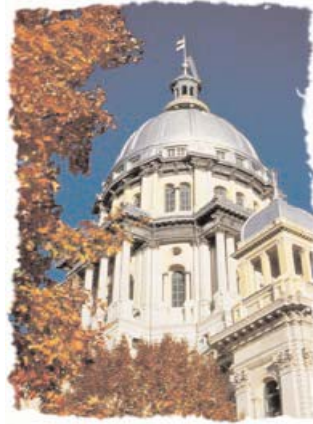
# *2014*

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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The 98th Illinois General Assembly spring session constitutionally adjourned on May 31, 2014. This summary report includes bills that were approved by the General Assembly that either affect, or are of interest, to county governments. 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](http://www.ilga.gov).

The Illinois Constitution provides that each bill passed by the General Assembly shall be presented to the Governor within 30 days of its passage. The Governor has 60 days from that date in which to act on a bill by either signing it into law, amending it, or vetoing the bill in its entirety. If the Governor chooses not to act on the legislation it automatically becomes law after the 60 day period. Public Act numbers are included in this report for bills already signed into law by the Governor. Measures that are amended or vetoed will be considered by lawmakers when they return in November for Veto Session or as special sessions may be called.

We want to thank the IACBMC legislative committee and all of our members who stayed involved with these important issues and who took the time to share their views with state lawmakers. There is still much work to be done over the rest of the year and we will continue to keep you informed of important information as it is made available.

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

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# State Government



## **SB 220 (P.A. 98-0674)**

### **FY2015 BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION ACT**

During the final days of Session, lawmakers sent the Governor a \$35.7 billion spending plan that neither enacted spending cuts nor included an extension of a 2011 tax increase. The state's 5% temporary income tax rate is set to roll back to 3.75% on January 1, causing a \$1.8 billion revenue shortfall. Indications are that the General Assembly will take another look at the tax issue after the November election during the veto session.

SB 220 preserves the Local Government Distributive Fund but once again raids the Personal Property Replacement Tax Fund (PPRT) at the expense of local governments. It allows salaries for court reporters to be paid out of PPRT which traditionally have been paid by the state (FY14 \$4.6 million).

On June 30, Governor Quinn used veto authority to reduce the FY2015 budget by \$250 million.

## **HB 2453 (P.A. 98-0634)**

### **UNIFORM STATEWIDE 9-1-1 SYSTEM**

Creates a Division of the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator to develop, implement, and oversee a uniform statewide 9-1-1 system for all areas of the State outside of municipalities having a population of more than 500,000. Permits the corporate authorities of a municipality with a population of 500,000 or more to impose a monthly surcharge until July 1, 2015, but not greater than the highest monthly surcharge imposed as of January 1, 2014 by a county or municipality. Requires the Illinois Commerce Commission to create uniform accounting procedures that any emergency telephone system board, governmental entity, or unit of local government imposing a wireless carrier surcharge must follow.

## **HB 4075**

### **RIDESHARING REGULATIONS**

Imposes stricter regulations on ridesharing services such as Uber, Lyft and Sidecar. Ridesharing services match individuals with drivers through internet, text messages or smartphone apps. All drivers would be required to undergo background checks, vehicle safety checks and have commercial insurance. Those who drive more than 18 hours per week would need to get a chauffeur license. Currently, ridesharing services operate only in Chicago.

## **HB 4157**

### **SEXUAL HARASSMENT – UNPAID INTERNS**

Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act to provide that "employee" includes unpaid interns under provisions concerning sexual harassment in the workplace.

## **HB 4205**

### **ILLINOIS PROCUREMENT CODE**

Provides that the requisite notice regarding every contract that is let shall include the number of unsuccessful bidders (currently unsuccessful responsive bidders).

## **HB 5433**

### **DIRECT DEPOSIT PAYMENTS**

Provides that all State payments to an entity from a payroll or retirement voluntary deduction must be made through direct deposit. Authorizes the Comptroller to charge a fee (\$2.50 per transaction) if an entity receives a payment from a payroll or retirement voluntary deduction without using direct deposit.

## **HB 5853**

### **GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY**

Requires Central Management Services (CMS) to provide contact information and a link on the Illinois Transparency and Accountability Portal (ITAP) website for all agencies under the Governor.

## **SB 229**

### **GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEES**

Requires an annual report detailing the demographic composition of gubernatorial appointees on each board, commission, and task force.

## **SB 274 (P.A. 98-0682)**

### **LEGISLATIVE FUNDING**

Creates a continuing appropriation for legislative operations and salaries of members of the judiciary and legislature.

## **SB 498 (P.A. 98-0750)**

### **REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Broadens powers of some regional economic development authorities including increasing the amount of bonds that can be sold by the Tri-County River Valley authority from \$100 million to \$250 million and gives the Tri-County authority the ability to sell bonds with interest that is exempt from state income taxes. The Tri-County authority covers Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford counties.

## **SB 822**

### **FACILITY CLOSURES**

Provides that when a mental health facility closes and is sold, the Department of Human Services may use up to 25% of the proceeds, if necessary, for infrastructure. From the remainder of the net proceeds, 40% must remain in the facility's geographical area. If another mental health facility closes and is sold within one year, 20% of the proceeds must be used to provide services in the geographical area of that facility. The remainder of the proceeds may be spent anywhere in the state.

# State Government *continued*



## **SB 2803 (P.A. 98-0759)**

### **FLEX FUEL EXEMPTION**

Exempts the Secretary of State from a 25% flexible fuel vehicle requirement when purchasing new vehicles, except for mid-sized sedans. Reason being, certain police and other large vehicles are not practical as flex-fuel options.

## **SB 3137**

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY**

Requires Senate confirmation of Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority members.

## **SB 3176**

### **MOBILE STRUCTURE SAFETY ACT**

Places strict definitions on the approved sizes, sales and manufacturing methods of manufactured housing. Adds additional duties and oversight responsibilities for the Department of Public Health to enforce the Act's guide-

lines. Sets steep penalties that can be levied against unit owners and/or lot owners. Nothing in the Act prohibits a county, municipality, village or township from adopting construction standards for mobile structures or modular dwellings under local ordinances, provided such ordinances incorporate the rules under the Act and are approved by the Department of Public Health.

## **SB 3309**

### **ERRONEOUS PENSION OVERPAYMENTS**

If a state pension system mistakenly sets any benefit at an incorrect amount it shall recalculate the benefit as soon as possible. If the benefit was set to low, the system shall pay a lump sum to the annuitant equal to the mistake. If the benefit was too high, the system may recover the amount either in a lump sum payment or by deducting an amount from remaining benefits.

# Local Government



## **HB 3798**

### **VIDEO CONFERENCING QUORUM**

Provides that members of a local workforce investment area are not required to be physically present for an open meeting if the area covers more than 4,500 square miles. Members can participate via video conferencing.

## **HB 5438**

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDIT REPORTS**

Provides that the amount of fees owed by a governmental unit for delinquent audits or reports may be reduced at the Comptroller's discretion.

## **HB 5623**

### **EMAIL ADDRESS ACCESS**

Requires each unit of local government which maintains a website other than a social media or networking website, to post an email address which members of the public can use to communicate with elected officials of that unit of local government. The requirement does not apply if such officials have an individual email address for that purpose. Requires the information to be easily accessible from the local government's home page through a hyperlink.

## **HB 5785**

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATION**

Allows various local government bodies the authority to annex, consolidate or dissolve following a majority vote of that entity's board. Provides that all of the rights, powers, duties, assets, liabilities, indebtedness, obligations, bonding authority, taxing authority, and responsibilities of the entity shall vest in and be assumed by the governmental

unit assuming the former entity's functions. An amendment exempts Multi-Township Assessment Districts from the list.

## **SB 1778**

### **RESALE DEALERS ACT**

Authorizes counties or municipalities to impose stricter regulations on retail dealers than provided under state law. Permits law enforcement agencies to place a hold order on property in the possession of a resale dealer under certain circumstances.

## **SB 2829**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS**

Amends the Code of Civil Procedure to provide that in a successful appeal under the Administrative Review Law of an adverse decision by a unit of local government, the court shall award the plaintiff all reasonable costs, including court costs and attorney's fees, associated with the appeal. If the court finds the decision by the local government was erroneous or that the plaintiff's rights to due process were abridged, the court may award the plaintiff all reasonable costs associated with the entire case dating back to the inception of the administrative proceeding.

## **SB 3294**

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT – RECYCLING BINS**

Provides that a household goods recycling bin shall have a permanent, written, printed label affixed to the bin and prominently displayed. Sets forth the required information that must be contained within the label.

# County Government



## **HB 4208**

### **COUNTY ETHICS**

Provides that any member of a governmental entity appointed by the president or chairperson of the county board, or by any member or members of the county board, shall abide by certain ethics laws of the county in which they serve. This legislation closes a loophole in a bill passed last year which did not cover appointees that were appointed by individual members of a county board.

## **HB 4743 (P.A. 98-0734)**

### **VEHICLE IMPOUNDMENT**

Allows counties to adopt administrative procedures for the release of impounded vehicles and charge reasonable fees to cover administrative costs. Counties that do not wish to set up an administrative review of the hearing officer's decisions shall direct appeals to the circuit court having jurisdiction over the county.

## **HB 5613**

### **RECORDER ELECTRONIC STAMP**

Requires the county recorder to remit the real estate transfer tax electronically if the recorder uses an electronic stamp. The tax must be remitted within the first 10 days of the month following the month in which the tax is paid and the return shall include information required by the DOR.

## **HB 5812**

### **COUNTIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS**

Adds county board members and other county officers to existing state law that allows them to hold a position on the board of a not-for-profit corporation, even if the not-for-profit has an interest in a contract, work or business of the public body. This came about when it was discovered that it was a conflict-of-interest for members of the Stephenson County Board to serve on the board of a regional economic development organization, because the County provides a portion of the funding for the organization.

## **SB 499**

### **PORT DISTRICT NAME CHANGE**

Renames the Tri-City Regional Port District Act to the America's Central Port District Act and expands the geographical boundaries to include parts of Jersey County. Also gives the Port District more borrowing authority.

## **SB 506**

### **CORONER CONFLICTS**

States that a coroner who has a conflict of interest must recuse him or herself from an active investigation and turn the investigation over to a deputy coroner.

## **SB 2721 (P.A. 98-0655)**

### **JACKSON COUNTY LEVEE**

Allows a local flood control district in Jackson County to access funds from a 1994 referendum for levee repairs.

## **SB 3312 (P.A. 98-0644)**

### **POKER RUNS**

Removes "poker runs" from the Charitable Games Act, which is regulated by the state, and moves them into the Raffles Act, which is regulated by counties. Authorizes counties to establish a system for the licensing of poker runs at the "key location" (i.e. concluding location where prizes are given). The license shall cover the entire poker run, including locations other than the key location. The license may include a fee not to exceed \$25 for each license which is valid for one poker run or for a specified number of poker runs to be conducted during a specified period not to exceed one year. The legislation outlines certain limitations of the licensing system such as aggregate and maximum retail value of prizes, maximum price charged for each poker run, and maximum number of days during which the poker run can be conducted. It also amends the Criminal Code to clarify that poker runs when conducted in accordance with the Raffles Act, is not considered a gambling activity or syndicated gambling.

## **SB 3495**

### **QUICK TAKE – MCHENRY COUNTY**

Allows McHenry County to quick take certain properties to ensure a reconstruction of the intersection at Miller Road and Illinois Highway 31.

## **SB 3027**

### **MOBILE HOME ADMINISTRATIVE SALE IN ERROR**

Provides that the county collector may declare an administrative sale in error under certain circumstances.

## **SB 3447**

### **COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAXES**

This measure addresses a recent audit issue. Directs 2% of the county motor fuel tax imposed by DuPage, Kane and McHenry counties is to be transferred into the Tax Compliance and Administration (TCA) fund. Currently, the Illinois Department of Revenue receives 2% of the County Option Motor Fuel Tax and was transferring it every month, but an audit finding said statutory language is needed to allow those transfers.

## **SB 3552 (P.A. 98-0779)**

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Permits a county with a population greater than 300,000 but less than 2,000,000 (Lake, Kane, McHenry, Will, DuPage) to establish a code of conduct by ordinance for appointees appointed by the county board chairman or county executive. Appointees may be removed from office for violating the code of conduct with a 2/3 majority approval of the county board at a hearing. Exempts the county superintendent of highways or county engineer due to provisions already in existence for removal due to neglect, malfeasance, or incompetence.



## Agriculture & Animals

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### HB 5657 (P.A. 98-0660)

#### FARMERS' MARKET REGULATION

Streamlines regulation of local farmer's markets under one statewide code. Provides that regulation of farmer's markets by local authorities may not be more stringent than regulation by the Department of Public Health. Also authorizes a State-certified local public health department to impose a fee in connection with the registration of a cottage food operation.

### HB 5911

#### TRAP LOCATIONS

Exempts from the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) the locations of traps or snares authorized by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and any other governmental body with similar authority to control species. This bill grew out of a case where a park district golf course hired a contractor remove nuisance animals. An individual used FOIA to learn the location of the traps in order to destroy them.

### SB 3049

#### PROTECTED SPECIES

Adds the American black bear, cougar and gray wolf to the list of protected species in Illinois. In recent years, all three species have started to return to Illinois in limited numbers and this is an effort to manage that reintroduction. The bill does spell out conditions that allow landowners to kill the animals if they cause an immediate threat of physical harm or death to a person, domestic animals, livestock, or harm to structures or other property.

## Business, Commerce & Labor

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### HB 3814 (P.A. 98-0657)

#### MINIMUM WAGE

Places an advisory question (non-binding) on the November 4, 2014 ballot asking: "Shall the minimum wage in Illinois for adults over the age of 18 be raised to \$10 per hour by January 1, 2015?"

### HB 4769

#### SURETY BONDS

Requires surety bond ratings of at least an "A-" on contractors doing business with any state agency or local government for contracts exceeding \$50,000.

### HB 5354 (P.A. 98-0643)

#### FOOD HANDLING

Known as the "cupcake" bill, creates a new category of "home kitchen operators" for those who make less than \$1,000 from producing food in their own homes to sell either by themselves or for a religious, charitable or non-

## Consumers

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### HB 5735

#### HOME REPAIR LICENSING

Creates the Home Repair and Construction Task Force to decide whether Illinois would benefit from the licensing of anyone providing home repair and construction services. The legislation was introduced as a result of the Attorney General's office receiving a significant number of consumer complaints about home repair and construction following the November 2013 tornadoes which devastated several Illinois towns including Brookport, Coal City/Braidwood, Gifford, New Minden, Pekin, and Washington. During debate, opponents raised concern that this action is a first step toward requiring licensing of home "handyman" services, potentially driving out independent and small contractors and raising costs to consumers. The Task Force would operate at the discretion of the Attorney General and include one member representing the interests of Illinois counties.

### HB 5938 (P.A. 98-0749)

#### MANUFACTURED HOMES

Creates the Conveyance and Encumbrance of Manufactured Homes as Real Property and Severance Act. Allows a homeowner to claim that a manufactured or mobile home is the same as affixed "real property". The intent is to bring Illinois in line with other states regarding "real property" definitions in relation to home loan rules and regulations while also making the loan application and approval process easier for prospective homeowners. The decision made by the homeowner would be voluntary.



profit organization. The bill was drafted after county health officials shut down an 11-year-old girl's home cupcake baking business. Such operators cannot be regulated or shut down by local governments or health departments unless there is a complaint or health safety issue.

### HB 5606 (P.A. 98-0740)

#### PREVAILING WAGE

Exempts soil and water conservation protection from the Prevailing Wage Act.

### SB 3287 (P.A. 98-0633)

#### WORKER'S COMPENSATION EXPANSION

Allows an employee to sue in civil court (outside of the workers' compensation system) for the negligent act of an outside safety service organization contracted by their employer.

# Municipalities & Special Districts



## **HB 3885**

### **ACCESS TO SALES TAX INFORMATION**

Provides that the Department of Revenue may provide net revenue (instead of receipts) distributed to the requesting municipality that is directly related to the requesting municipality's local share of the proceeds under the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, and any locally imposed retailers' occupation tax or service occupation tax.

## **HB 4418 (P.A. 98-0666)**

### **FIRE FACILITY CLOSURE**

Prohibits a city or village from closing its fire department without referendum approval. A municipality with less than 500 residents is not subject to the referendum requirement.

## **HB 4483**

### **OPEN MEETINGS ACT TRAINING**

Authorizes an elected or appointed member of a public body of a park district, forest preserve district, or conservation district to satisfy the training requirements of the Act through an alternative training arrangement sponsored or conducted by the Illinois Association of Park Districts.

## **HB 4597**

### **PARK DISTRICT BORROWING**

Permits park districts to borrow money for any corporate purpose from any bank or financial institution as long as the money is repaid within two years.

## **HB 5619 (P.A. 98-0741)**

### **SCHOOL GROUND IMPROVEMENTS**

Amend the Illinois Municipal Code to provide that, for the purposes of implementation of ordinances by a plan commission or planning department regarding developer donations or impact fees, the definition of "school grounds" includes technological infrastructure.

## **HB 5709**

### **REAL ESTATE VALUATION WAIVER**

Allows municipal employees, with the proper training, to complete federal valuation waivers for right-of-way or temporary easements if the value of the parcel or easement is under \$10,000 without hiring a licensed appraiser.

## **HB 5815**

### **CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION ACT**

Provides that sealing for orders of supervision and convictions includes orders on municipal ordinance violations that are not otherwise excluded from sealing by the Act.

## **HB 5856**

### **FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ANNEXATION**

Allows voters of a fire protection district to simultaneously dissolve and consolidate the district into an adjoining fire protection district.

## **SB 1681**

### **REGIONAL FIRE PROTECTION AGENCY ACT**

Creates an alternative option for fire service consolidation involving a petition and referendum process toward the creation of "Regional Fire Protection Agencies." The intent is to allow fire protection districts to combine and provide service to underserved areas.

## **SB 2814**

### **SANITARY DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

Clarifies that sanitary district boundaries are only those of the corporate authority and not cover areas that the district might contract with for service.

## **SB 2690 (P.A. 98-0662)**

### **FIRE TRUCK REVOLVING LOAN CAP**

Increase the amount of money that can be loaned out to fire departments or fire protection districts for the purchase of a fire or brush truck from \$250,000 to \$350,000. The cap of \$100,000 per truck is kept intact.

## **SB 3071**

### **LIBRARY PROCUREMENT**

Allows local libraries and library districts to accept contracted bids other than the lowest bid for certain projects when the cost of those projects exceed \$20,000 and the lowest bid fails to meet the library's established specifications, including terms of delivery and quality.

## **SB 3314**

### **MUNICIPAL CLERK TRAINING ACT**

Extends provisions of the Act to deputy municipal clerks. Also reduces the number of ex-officio members of the Municipal Clerk Training Institute Committee to one member (currently, 9 members).

## **SB 3427**

### **FIRE DISTRICT BIDDING**

Requires a Fire Protection District to use competitive bidding on personal property purchases for supplies, materials or work involving expenditures in excess of \$20,000.

## **SB 3507**

### **WATERWORKS CHARGE**

Restricts the amount municipalities and townships may charge for water and sewer connection fees to 1/6 of the annual rate of the estimated annual charges for the class of service. Specifically, the charge may only be up to a 2 month average of the estimated cost of the charge for supplying water or water services. Several communities use this fee for the repayment of loans for new water and sewer plants and for future repairs. If these fees are mandated or reduced, it may force municipalities to raise other fees or raise water and sewer rates.

## Townships

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### HB 4811

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITS

Requires units of local government that have budgets under \$850,000 (mainly townships) to have an audit of accounts once every four years starting in fiscal year 2016 as a means to increase accountability.

### SB 497

#### TOWNSHIP MEETINGS (P.A. 98-0653)

Extends from 10 to 15 the number of days a posting notice of a township meeting and hearing on certain issues, and adoption of an agenda by the township board. Amends the requirements to place advisory referenda on the ballot by providing that any group of registered voters may request an advisory question of public policy for consideration by electors at the annual meeting by giving notice of the question to the township clerk. If it is timely filed, the question appears on the agenda and can be voted upon by electors present at the meeting as to whether it shall appear on the ballot.

### SB 2980

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Provides that the full statement of financial affairs of the township prepared by the township supervisor may be printed and distributed at the annual township meeting rather than being read aloud by the township clerk.

## Health & Human Services

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### HB 4523

#### AMBULANCE CERTIFICATION

Provides that if the Department of Public Health approves a service upgrade for an ambulance service provider that serves a rural population of 7,500 or fewer inhabitants, then the ambulance service provider is authorized to operate at the highest level of EMT license or pre-hospital RN certification held by any person staffing the ambulance.

### HB 4694

#### CORONER ACCESS TO RECORDS

Allows coroners access to all mental health records of patients when conducting a preliminary investigation into the patient's death. Removes requirements that records be limited to those relating to the factual circumstances of the incident being investigated.

### SB 2636 (P.A. 98-0775)

#### MEDICAL MARIJUANA – EPILEPSY

Amends the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Act to allow children under 18, with a parent's consent, to be treated with non-smokable forms of medical marijuana for

## Elections

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### HB 105 (P.A. 98-0691)

#### OMNIBUS ELECTIONS BILL

This bill is intended to increase access to voting in Illinois. It includes a number of changes pertaining to the 2014 general election including same day grace period voter registration and voting; early voting until the Sunday before the election; extended early voting hours the week before the election; absentee ballots to be made available 90 days prior to the election (rather than 40); and other minor changes.

Requires public institutions of higher education to send an email to students with voter registration information (in general election year). The email shall include a link to the State Board of Elections website's application to register to vote in any election jurisdiction and a statement that the student can register in the local jurisdiction or at a previous residence (parent's) if the student intends to return to that residence.

The legislation also creates the Minimum Wage Increase Referendum Act. Requires the State Board of Elections to submit a statewide advisory public question (non-binding) to the voters on the November 4, 2014 ballot asking: "Shall the minimum wage in Illinois for adults over the age of 18 be raised to \$10 per hour by January 1, 2015?"



the same range of conditions now available to adults. The bill also adds seizures, including those characteristic of epilepsy, to the list of debilitating medical conditions that can legally be treated with medical marijuana. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) will create rules for the treatment of children using medical marijuana.

### SB 3313

#### 9-1-1 DIALING

Requires private businesses to alter their switchboard services to accommodate 9-1-1 callouts directly with EMS-related agencies. This bill is in response to the murder of a Texas woman, who was stabbed by her estranged husband in a hotel room while their daughter attempted to dial 9-1-1. Because the hotel was on a closed business circuit the girl was not able to reach emergency personnel. Like many hotels and offices nationwide, she needed to dial a 9 to reach an outside line. A violation is a business offense with a fine of \$1,000-\$5,000.



# Courts & Law Enforcement



## **HB 4113**

### **PRISONER JOB TRAINING**

A request of the Cook County sheriff, authorizes county sheriffs to enter into contracts with non-profit housing development corporations and units of local government to develop job training programs to rehabilitate houses.

## **HB 4417 (P.A. 98-0725)**

### **PROBATION OFFICERS**

Gives probation officers more access to firearms training.

## **HB 4534**

### **COURT FEES**

Creates an additional fee in counties that impose a fee for automated record keeping of up to \$15. The fee will be charged to the defendant in any felony, traffic, misdemeanor, or local ordinance case upon a judgment of guilty or a grant of supervision. All monies shall be remitted to the State Police Operations Assistance Fund.

## **HB 5688 (P.A. 98-0743)**

### **BULLETPROOF VESTS**

Requires each law enforcement agency within the State to provide a bulletproof vest for every officer who is employed as a new recruit by that agency on or after the effective date of the Act as part of the officer's initial equipment issue. Outlines requirements that local governments must pursue to provide funding for the cost of these vests.

## **HB 5889**

### **WILL COUNTY JUDICIAL FACILITIES**

Allows the Will County Board to impose a new fee of up to \$30 per party in a civil case and \$30 for a defendant in a criminal or traffic case. The proceeds are to be used to assist with the building of new judicial facilities.

## **SB 1381**

### **FLASHING YELLOW RIGHT-OF-WAY**

Allows a vehicle or pedestrian to enter an intersection under direction of a flashing yellow traffic-control signal, but yield to pedestrians and other vehicles already lawfully within the intersection. Pedestrians must yield the right-of-way to vehicles lawfully within the intersection at the time that the flashing yellow indication is first displayed.

## **SB 2695**

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT MISCONDUCT**

Provides that an employee of a law enforcement agency commits misconduct when he or she knowingly uses or communicates, directly or indirectly, information acquired in the course of employment, which obstructs, impedes, or prevents the investigation, apprehension, or prosecution of any criminal offense or person. An employee who violates this provision is guilty of a Class 3 felony and shall forfeit his or her office or employment.

## **SB 2808**

### **LOCATION SURVEILLANCE**

Requires a court order based on probable cause of crime before law enforcement can obtain current or future location information from an individual's electronic device unless under emergency situations or specified exceptions. Allows for suppression of evidence obtained in violation of the Act.

## **SB 2852**

### **SEARCH WARRANTS**

Allows a search warrant to be issued by email.

## **SB 2928**

### **TRANSPORT OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

Authorizes law enforcement agencies to collect, store, and transport controlled substances from residential sources to a site or facility permitted by the Illinois EPA. Establishes standards for facilities that accept these pharmaceuticals.

## **SB 2937**

### **DRONE SURVEILLANCE**

Prohibits a law enforcement agency from using a drone owned by a private third party to acquire information (with certain exceptions). Allows use of a drone without a search warrant during a disaster or public health emergency. It does not require an official declaration of a disaster or public health emergency prior to use.

## **SB 3096**

### **AUTOMATED SPEED CAMERAS**

Requires the calibration of automated speed enforcement systems on an annual basis.

## **SB 3411 (P.A. 98-0650)**

### **TICKET QUOTAS**

Prohibits counties and municipalities from requiring police officers to meet ticket quotas. Also prevents quotas from being used to evaluate an officer's performance. The new law applies to local, county and state police officers, and is effective January 1, 2015.

## **SB 3434 (P.A. 98-0699)**

### **WATERCRAFT SEIZURE**

Allows for the seizure and forfeiture of a watercraft used with the knowledge and consent of the owner in the commission of specified offenses.

## **SB 3522**

### **CRIMINAL DIVERSIONARY PROGRAMS**

Creates a funding mandate through the Department of Human Services to provide that moneys appropriated to the Department shall be used to reimburse counties for costs in running two criminal diversionary programs.

## Ethics & Transparency

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### **HB 1040 (P.A. 98-0627)** **OPEN DATA PORTAL**

Creates the Open Operating Standards Act. Each agency of State government under the jurisdiction of the Governor shall make available public data sets of public information (not be limited to state government grants and contracts). Any unit of local government may adopt the State standard for itself. Public data sets that are made available on the Internet by agencies shall be accessible through a single web portal that is linked to [data.illinois.gov](http://data.illinois.gov). Mandates each state agency to submit a compliance plan and encourages them to incorporate "cloud data" management as a less expensive way to store and access data.

### **HB 2747 (P.A. 98-0706)** **GRANT TRANSPARENCY**

Creates the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act to strengthen and streamline requirements for grants across all state agencies. The bill's reforms include stronger state grant procedures to bring them up to federal standards; improved conflict of interest disclosure requirements; and strict, real-time auditing of all state grants to protect against mismanagement.

### **SB 221 (P.A. 98-0631)** **ACTING INSPECTOR GENERAL**

Allows the Legislative Ethics Commission to appoint an acting inspector general shall a vacancy in the office occur. Introduced in response to the retirement of Tom Homer, a former appellate court justice, who served 10 years following the creation of the post with the 2003 Ethics Act. J. William Roberts of Springfield took over in an acting capacity on July 1, 2014. A former U.S. attorney and State's Attorney for Sangamon County, Roberts served as Chief Legal Counsel to Illinois Governor Jim Edgar from 1995 to 1997.

## Children & Families

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### **HB 5990** **CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY**

Updates the Children's Advocacy Center Act to reflect current practices. Includes "child maltreatment" instead of just sexual abuse. Authorizes multi-county Children's Advocacy Advisory Boards. Grants the National Children's Alliance and the Children's Advocacy Center of Illinois accreditation and review authority over Child Advocacy Centers. Requires Child Advocacy Centers to develop a multidisciplinary approach to child maltreatment. Child maltreatment" includes any act or occurrence, as defined in Section 5 of the Criminal Code of 2012, under the Children and Family Services Act or the Juvenile Court Act involving either a child victim or child witness.

## Gaming

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### **HB 11 (P.A. 98-0624)** **HORSE RACING – INTERNET BETTING**

Extends the authorization for advance deposit wagering (betting on horse racing over the internet or telephone) to February 1, 2017. Authorizes six additional Off Track Betting (OTB) licenses in the state, two each for three race tracks located in Cook County – Balmoral/Maywood, Hawthorne and Arlington.

### **HB 5017** **CHARITABLE GAMES CAP**

Allows nonprofit organizations, such as Bradley's St. Joseph's Catholic School, to host casino events on consecutive evenings. Current law caps the limit at one event per month, preventing back-to-back events. This change allows the provider to seek licensure for multiple night charitable games events, provided they remain under the 12-game annual cap.

### **SB 3318** **SIMULCAST WAGER**

Allows any Illinois horse racing track to locate an Off Track Betting (OTB) facility within 140 miles of the track. Under current law, race tracks in Madison County and Rock Island County can locate an OTB within 135 miles of the track and racetracks in all other counties within 90 miles of the track.

## Insurance

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### **HB 5755 (P.A. 98-0696)** **BIRTH CONTROL REFERENDUM**

Places the following question on the November 4, 2014 general election ballot: "Shall any health insurance plan in Illinois that provides prescription drug coverage be required to include prescription birth control as part of that coverage?"

### **SB 647** **TELEHEALTH SERVICE COVERAGE**

Amends the Counties Code to comport to provisions of the Illinois Insurance Code concerning coverage for telehealth services. Provides that if a policy of accident or health insurance provides coverage for telehealth services, then it must comply with certain prohibitions. Telehealth is the delivery of health-related services and information via telecommunications technologies. For example, telehealth could be two health professionals discussing a case over the telephone or doing robotic surgery between facilities in different countries.

# Revenue & Finance

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## HB 961

### LGDF PROMPT PAYMENT

Provides that the local portion of income tax proceeds are deposited within 60 days into the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) for allocation rather than being placed in the General Revenue Fund. This bill will expedite tax disbursements to local governments.

## HB 2317 (P.A. 98-0628)

### LEASING "USE" TAX

Beginning July 1, 2014, vehicles sold for purposes of leasing for longer than one year would be taxed at 6.25% of the gross receipts of the lessor; currently, tax is paid at the initial purchase. Also provides that property tax bills may be sent electronically if the property owner or taxpayer has requested in writing to have the bill sent via e-mail.

## HB 4403 (P.A. 98-0630)

### TAX INCREASE FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Allows communities in the City of Chicago to have a front door referendum to increase property taxes in the community to expand the availability of mental health services. The new formula does not increase the tax amount that can be approved in the referendum. It adjusts the formula to allow the tax to be collected if approved in a referendum.

## SB 1812 (P.A. 98-0703)

### DEMAND DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS

Provides that, in addition to other investments permitted by law, any treasurer or other custodian of public funds may deposit those funds into demand deposit accounts. Excludes those deposits from statutory requirements pertaining to the eligibility of a bank to receive or hold public deposits, and to the pledging of collateral by a bank to secure public deposits, if (i) the public agency initiates the investment at or through a bank located in Illinois and (ii) the invested public funds are at all times fully insured by an agency or instrumentality of the federal government.

## SB 2612

### SALES TAX ADMINISTRATION AND MODERNIZATION

Makes changes concerning the administration of sales tax by the Illinois Department of Revenue. Allocates certain tax proceeds to pay for additional auditors by the Department. Creates the "Use and Occupation Tax Reform Task Force" to conduct a study on modernizing State and local use and occupation taxes in Illinois. Contains provisions concerning the location where a retail sale is deemed to have taken place in the case of over-the-counter sales; sales of food, beverages, and other tangible personal property through a vending machine; and sales of minerals. Also imposes penalties on units of local government that do not file reports with the Department concerning sales-tax-rebate agreements. The penalties are \$20 per day for each day that the report is overdue and any subsequent rebate agreement is invalid if the report is not filed.

# Records

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## HB 3796 (Governor Vetoes)

### FOIA – VOLUMINOUS REQUESTS

Amends the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to establish a definition of a "voluminous" requests and creates a procedure for public bodies to respond to these requests. Voluminous requests are defined in various ways to cover paper (500 or more pages) and electronic records. Includes a fee schedule that the public body would have been authorized to charge to cover the administrative burdens imposed upon them when fulfilling these requests. Also states that a public body is not required to copy and make available for public inspection a public record that is published on the public body's website – unless the requester does not have reasonable electronic access. On June 27, Governor Quinn totally vetoed the legislation.

## HB 4216

### LOCAL RECORDS DESTRUCTION

Takes the penalty provisions that are currently contained in the Criminal Code and places them in the Local records Act. This legislation does not impose any new penalty that does not already exist under current law.

## HB 5503 (P.A. 98-0738)

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDIT REPORTS

Each fiscal year, within 60 days of the close of an audit of the county's funds and accounts, the auditor conducting the audit would be required to provide copies of any management letter and audited financial statements to each member of the county board. The auditor would also be required to present the audit findings to the county board either in person or by a live phone or web connection during a public meeting. If the county maintains a website, the county shall post the audit information to its website.



# Education

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## HB 1152

### GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE

Creates the Chicago Educational Governance Task Force to recommend by May 30, 2016 the best structure and procedure for the governance of Chicago Public Schools.

## HB 3199 (P.A. 98-0773)

### SCHOOLS AND ELECTIONS

Schools that are being used as polling places are encouraged to either close or hold a teachers institute on election day with no students in attendance. Governmental agencies which make a public building available for a polling place shall allow the election authority to administer the election as authorized by the Election Code.

## Pensions

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### **HB 3902 (P.A. 98-0712)**

#### **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Alters the definition of “employee” for new hires who are part of a collective bargaining unit as defined by the Taft-Hartley federal law, regarding employee pension contributions. Intended to avoid situations where a union member is contracted by an IMRF employer and works for more than 600 hours in a year. Under current law, the employee then becomes a participant in two plans, IMRF and a Taft-Hartley Plan. The bill is expected to save money for local governments that employ workers under these agreements.

### **HB 4691 (P.A. 98-0729)**

#### **DOWNSTATE POLICE PENSION CREATION**

Amends IMRF to provide how pension credits are to be transferred to a newly created downstate police pension fund. Such funds are created when towns grow to more than 5,000 in population.

### **HB 5592**

#### **IMRF REVERSIONARY ANNUITY**

Allows IMRF members to make an irrevocable election of a reversionary annuity before retirement. A reversionary annuity allows a person to permanently reduce their pension in order to provide a lifetime annuity for another person after the member passes away.

### **HB 5696**

#### **IMRF OMITTED SERVICE**

Amends the IMRF statute to include provisions regarding omitted service, removing obsolete references to closed transfer windows, and no longer requiring an election if there is only one certified candidate.

### **SB 452**

#### **PENSION INVESTMENT SERVICES**

Beginning February 1, 2015 all state and local pension systems must obtain required information, such as the employment of and contracts with minority/female/disabled individuals and firms, before awarding a contract for investment services.

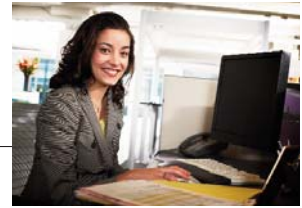
### **SB 1922 (P.A. 98-0641)**

#### **CHICAGO PENSION FUNDS**

Requires the State to enforce the City of Chicago's higher pension payments to the Chicago Municipal Employees and Laborers' pension funds. If the full pension payment is not raised, the city's revenue-sharing payments from the State would be garnished. It reduces the COLA on benefits of current retirees and employees, and raises employees' contributions. Also, raises the maximum property tax levy that the City Council is allowed to impose for its pension payments. Chicago is expected to raise property taxes by \$250 million over the current levy in the next five years.

## Personnel

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### **HB 8**

#### **CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS**

Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act to provide that, with respect to employment, it is a civil rights violation for an employer to refuse to provide reasonable accommodations for an employee for medical or common conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth if she so requests, with the advice of her health care provider.

### **HB 5622**

#### **PAYROLL CARD REGULATIONS**

Allows employers to use payroll cards as long as they don't make them a condition of employment. Includes requirements to ban some fees, disclose permissible fees, obtain written consent, offer other payment alternatives, and ensure that employees can access their entire wages for free once per pay period and obtain free account balances and transaction histories.

### **SB 3038 (P.A. 98-0766)**

#### **WORKPLACE VIOLENCE EXCEPTION**

Amends the Victim's Economic Security and Safety Act to include within the Act's prohibited discriminatory acts certain actions by employers against an individual because the individual involved is an employee whose employer is subject to certain provisions of the Workplace Violence Prevention Act. The bill amends the Workplace Violence Prevention Act to change the type of remedy available under the Act to a “workplace protection restraining order.” The Act applies to entities with at least 15 employees, and requires notice to an employee when the employer is seeking a workplace protection restraining order in relation to certain violations of the Criminal Code of 2012.

## Utilities

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### **HB 2427 (P.A. 98-0672)**

#### **RENEWABLE ENERGY**

Requires the Illinois Power Agency to use up to \$30 million to purchase solar power to meet a portion of the state's electric power needs. The money comes from the agency's Renewable Energy Resources Fund, which is made up of clean energy fees paid by power suppliers in Illinois. The law establishes a competitive procurement process to purchase energy from existing solar devices and from new solar installations, which could mean thousands of new solar panel installations on homes in Illinois. These panels help power homes in a clean, healthy way and reduce homeowners' electric bills by allowing residents to sell excess power to the grid. Existing and new utility-scale solar projects will benefit from the legislation as well.



# Taxes & Fees



## **HB 3816**

### **MILLIONAIRE TAX ADVISORY**

Places an advisory question on the November ballot asking voters if the Illinois Constitution should be amended to require an additional 3% tax on income greater than one million dollars. The money made from the surtax would go towards schools. The question is non-binding.

## **SB 333**

### **ERRONEOUS HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS**

Amends the Property Tax Code. Concerning erroneous homestead exemptions, provides for the collection of and imposes penalties and interest on the erroneous exemption principal amount (instead of the back taxes due an owing). Defines "erroneous exemption principal amount" as the total amount of property tax principal that would have been billed to a property index number but for the erroneous homestead exemption or exemptions a taxpayer received.

## **SB 336**

### **REHAB / REVITALIZE TAX CREDIT**

Creates the Community Stabilization Assessment Freeze Pilot Program. Provides that the chief county assessment officer in any county may reduce the assessed value of certain improvements to residential real property for 10 taxable years after the improvements are put in service if certain conditions are met.

## **SB 345**

### **PROPERTY TAX LEVY – SOCIAL SECURITY**

Provides that the levies authorized under the Illinois Pension Code for social security or Medicare shall not be considered new rates. The amendatory Act does not authorize a taxing district to increase its limiting rate or aggregate extension without first obtaining referendum approval.

## **SB 347**

### **CALCULATION OF PROPERTY TAX RATES**

Amends the Property Tax Code to provide that rates may be calculated beyond 3 decimal points to allow the extension to be as close to the levy requested as possible. Currently, rates are rounded up to the next higher mill (1/1000). Counties could make the choice to continue rounding up.

## **SB 352**

### **AMAZON TAX**

Restores the sales tax for purchases made online from retailers that do not have a physical presence (nexus) in Illinois. Similar legislation was previously approved but struck down by the Illinois Supreme Court. This version seeks to address the court's objections. In-state retailers argue that internet retailers like Amazon have a competitive advantage because they do not collect sales taxes from customers (customers still owe the tax, but are responsible

for paying the taxes directly to the Illinois Department of Revenue and enforcement is difficult).

## **SB 2778**

### **PROPERTY TAX JUDGMENTS**

Amends the date in Cook County in which to apply for a judgment on a tax sale by (i) July 1, 2015 for tax year 2013, (ii) May 1, 2016 for tax year 2014, (iii) March 1, 2017 for tax year 2015, and (iv) within 90 days after the second installment due date for tax year 2016 and each tax year thereafter.

## **SB 2854**

### **ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS**

Creates a separate refund process for erroneous assessments and overpayment of property taxes in Cook County. Increases the amount of time to file a claim from 5 years to 20 years from the date in which a right to refund arose, for claims occurring prior to 2009. Caps the amount of money that can be paid each year to \$2.5 million. Excess amounts may be paid in subsequent years.

## **SB 3036**

### **ELECTRONIC BOOKKEEPING**

Allows the local property tax collector's books to be created, transmitted and stored in an electronic format.

## **SB 3259 (P.A. 98-0702)**

### **VALUATION OF PROPERTY – NATURAL DISASTER**

Introduced in response to the tornadoes in Gifford and other communities, provides a preferential property assessment for small business-owned commercial or industrial property. Protects small businesses that rebuild after being affected by a disaster by slowly phasing in property taxes over a 15-year period to prevent an immediate tax hike on the repaired or rebuilt property.

## **SB 3276**

### **TREASURER'S ADMINISTRATIVE FEE**

Creates the State Treasurer's Administrative Fund. Allows the state treasurer to retain an administrative charge of up to 2% on new fees, fines, or other collections collected by the Treasurer from circuit clerks, county clerks, and other non-agency entities. The charge would not apply to existing fees or to fees from state agencies.

## **SB 3334**

### **INCAPACITATED TAXPAYERS**

Brings the state into line with a U.S. Supreme Court Case and Congressional action which adjusted the statute of limitations for filing refund claims in cases of taxpayers who are mentally or physically incapacitated. The designation of financially disabled does not apply when a spouse, or another person, is authorized to make financial decisions on behalf of the taxpayer.

## Senior Citizens

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### **SB 2773**

#### **ELDER CARE TASK FORCE**

Requires the Department of Health and Family Services to establish the Long-Term Services and Supports Disparities Task Force. The task force would include representatives of state agencies, nursing homes and service programs. It is charged with providing data relating to racial, ethnic, and urban vs. rural disparities.

### **SB 3035 (P.A. 98-0765)**

#### **NURSING HOME MONITORS**

Permits the reimbursement of nursing home monitors from the Long Term Care Monitor/Receiver Fund. Currently only nursing home receivers are authorized reimbursement.

### **SB 3048**

#### **HEALTH CARE PROVIDER DEFINITION**

Adds long-term care facilities to the definition of “provider” under the Health Maintenance Organization Act and the Managed Care Reform and Patient Rights Act. This will ensure nursing home residents and providers have the same protections that would be available to them if they were in another care setting.

## Veterans

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### **HB 4741**

#### **FIREFIGHTER AGE**

Creates an exception to the requirement that firefighter applicants be under 35 years of age. The exception would exist for an applicant who turned 35 while serving as a member of the Armed Forces or the National Guard, whose service was characterized as honorable, and who is currently under age 40.

### **SB 3222**

#### **ILLINOIS JOINING FORCES FOUNDATION**

Authorizes the Department of Veterans' Affairs to create the Illinois Joining Forces Foundation as a not-for-profit foundation or a “one-stop shop” so to speak aimed at helping veterans navigate the assistance and opportunities available to them.

### **SB 3225**

#### **POLICE TRAINING ACT**

Authorizes the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board to conduct a training program in veterans' awareness for law enforcement officers of local government agencies. The purpose of the program shall be to identify issues relating to veterans and to provide guidelines for appropriate responses to such issues. Encourages each local government agency to designate an individual to respond to veterans' issues.

## Environment

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### **HB 4606**

#### **CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS**

Clarifies that facilities that accept only general construction or demolition debris and operate in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act are not considered a “pollution control facility.” Previously required the facility to be located in a county with a population over 3,000,000 (Cook County) as of January 1, 2000 or in a county that is contiguous to such a county to fall under the exemption.

### **HB 5567**

#### **DRILLING PERMITS**

Requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to respond to oil and gas drilling permit applications within 20 days (either deny or accept). Drillers argue that DNR often takes years to issue permits as current law is ambiguous.

### **HB 5666**

#### **SOLID WASTE HAULING PROGRAM**

Creates the Illinois Solid Waste Hauling and Recycling Program Act. Applies only to Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties (exempts Chicago). Mandates that waste haulers offer recycling services to commercial customers and locations. It also regulates municipalities awarding either exclusive or franchise contracts for commercial recycling depending on set requirements.

### **SB 2657**

#### **EPA POLICY CHANGES**

Provides that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency may adopt rules that classify or reclassify community water supplies.

### **SB 2770**

#### **PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY OPERATIONS**

Provides that every community water supply in Illinois, with specified exemptions, shall have on its operational staff, and shall designate to the IEPA in writing, either (i) one Responsible Operator in Charge who directly supervises both the treatment and distribution facilities of the community water supply or (ii) one Responsible Operator in Charge who directly supervises the treatment facilities of the community water supply and one Responsible Operator in Charge who directly supervises the distribution facilities of the community water supply. Allows the IEPA to issue administrative citations instead of suspension of certification to an operator of a community water supply for some minor administrative violations.

### **SB 2780**

#### **WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOANS**

Changes the definitions of “treatment works” and “local government unit” in the Environmental Protection Act. Provides new purposes for the Water Pollution Control Loan Program and changes a provision concerning rules for prioritizing loans under the Act.

# Transportation



## **HB 3659 (P.A. 98-0709)**

### **CTA / RTA BOARD**

Prohibits employees and members of the Chicago Transit Board from holding any other office or employment in Federal, State or local government other than military positions or those positions that pay less than \$15,000 per year. Makes corresponding changes in the Regional Transportation Authority Act that apply to members serving on the Regional Transportation Authority Board and the Commuter Rail Board.

## **HB 3794 (P.A. 98-0780)**

### **CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM**

Referred to as the "mini" capital plan, calls for \$1 billion in spending for road and bridge projects already included in the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) 5-year plan. Specific projects are not listed in the bill as they will be determined by IDOT. Of particular interest to counties is \$100 million earmarked for local road repair projects.

## **HB 3819**

### **BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY**

Authorizes the Department on Aging to determine eligibility for reduced vehicle registration fees for senior citizens, and for free rides on fixed-route public transportation services for senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

## **HB 4385 (P.A. 98-0721)**

### **SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

Allows the Department of Transportation to sell used off-road equipment (e.g. backhoes, motor graders, mowing tractors, wheel loaders) to units of local government if the vehicles are not needed by other state agencies. Local governments would submit sealed bids.

## **HB 4386 (P.A. 98-0722)**

### **COMMERCIAL DRIVERS**

Brings Illinois in line with federal law regarding commercial driver's licenses. Among other provisions, provides that an employer or commercial motor vehicle owner shall not allow or require an employee to drive a commercial motor vehicle if he or she knows or should reasonably know (rather than just knowingly) that the employee has (1) had their license suspended, revoked, or cancelled by any state; (2) has lost the privilege to operate a commercial motor vehicle in any state; (3) has been disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle; (4) has more than one driver's license except as provided by the Uniform Commercial Driver's License Act; or (5) is subject to or in violation of an "out-of-service" order.

## **HB 5326**

### **PERMANENT VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES**

Provides that permanent vehicle registration plates shall be issued for a one-time fee of \$8 to vehicles owned by counties, townships, or municipal corporations used for the

purpose of community workplace commuting as defined by rule by the Secretary of State.

## **SB 930**

### **TRUCK SPEED LIMITS**

Sets a 60 mph speed limit for second division vehicles on interstates in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties. Second division vehicles are those weighing over 8,001 pounds.

## **SB 2598**

### **SUBDIVISION ROAD TAXES**

Allows for limited use of township road revenue for non-dedicated subdivision roads in counties adjacent to Cook County. Currently, road districts may not use tax revenue to improve non-dedicated public roads. This renews a measure that was passed in 1994 but expired in 2002. The total accumulations may not exceed 10% of the total funds held by the road district.

## **SB 2620**

### **HIGHER WEIGHT LIMITS – SPECIAL HAULING**

Provides that the weight limitation for a 3 or 4 axle vehicle (including when laden) operated or hired by a municipality within Cook, Lake, McHenry, Kane, DuPage, or Will county being operated for the purpose of performing emergency sewer repair that would normally be subject to a weight limitation less than 66,000 pounds shall have a weight limitation of 66,000 pounds or the vehicle's gross vehicle weight rating, whichever is less. This exception to the standard weight formula does not apply on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, bridges, or other elevated structures constituting a part of a highway.

## **SB 3139**

### **TRUCK WEIGHT LIMITS – PROPANE SUPPLY**

Amends the Vehicle Code to provide the circumstances under which a propane transportation truck can exceed the vehicle weight limits during an emergency propane supply disaster.

## **SB 3224 (P.A. 98-0781)**

### **BOND INCREASE**

Allows the Governor to sell \$1.1 billion in new general obligation bonds for State and local road projects. This along with the capital appropriations in HB 3794 are the two pieces of legislation needed for the road capital program.

## **SB 3574**

### **NATURAL GAS VEHICLES**

Allows a vehicle that uses natural gas as a motor fuel to exceed weight limitations for other trucks by 2,000 pounds except when on an interstate highway or on roads or bridges in the state with a posted weight limit.



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