



# Senate Committee Action

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## Agriculture

**Youth Wildlife Hunting (HB 5440):** Provides that the fees for a youth resident and non-resident archery deer permit shall be the same. Provides that a resident or non-resident youth under age 18 (rather than only resident youth) may apply to the Department of Natural Resources for a Youth Hunting License and Youth Trapping License.

**Farm Equity (HB 4234):** Creates the Farm Equity Act and requires the Department of Agriculture to ensure the inclusion of socially disadvantaged farmers in urbanized areas and makes everyone neutral.

## Environment & Conservation

**Illinois Environmental Protection Act (HB 3342):** This bill is intended to reduce licensing barriers for people with arrest or conviction records who wish to become licensed by the State of Illinois in their field of work. Changes in the bill will apply generally to all professions regulated by IDFP, with the exception of health care workers. As well as, requires additional testing of clean construction and demolition debris (CCDD) materials and clean soil fill before it can be dumped into a CCDD fill operation. Furthermore, clarifies that the IEPA can issue administrative citations to these facilities in the event of non-compliance; creates "bad actor" language to shut down sites that repeatedly fail soil sampling tests.

**Above-Ground Gas Storage for Commercial Uses (HB 4569):** Allows the use of an above ground gas storage tank holding up to 12,000 gallons of fuel for refueling equipment and vehicles for agricultural purposes and certain commercial purposes. Also, adds rail road yards to the industries that can store fuel.

**Pollution Control Facility (HB 5198):** Amends the Environmental Protection Act and specifies that the term "Pollution Control Facility" does not include the portion of a site that collects, separates, stores, or converts post-use polymers into crude oil, fuels, or other valuable final or intermediate products using a pyrolysis process.

## Telecommunication & Information Technology

**Blockchain Technology (HB 5553):** Creates the Blockchain Technology Act and provides for the permitted uses of blockchain technology in transactions and proceedings. Also, provides boundaries to the use of blockchain technology and prohibits units of local government from implementing specified restrictions on the use of blockchain technology. Lastly, removes a home rule provision that limits municipality's authority to regulate a blockchain or smart contract inconsistent with this law.

**Broadband Advisory Council (HB 5752):** Creates the Broadband Advisory Council to be administered by DCEO, and the specific goal of the Council is to explore ways to expand broadband access throughout the State, including unserved areas. As well as, provide for specifics on council membership and other powers and duties of the Council.

