



# Senate Floor Reports

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## Bills that passed the Senate on April 12, 2018

**Emergency Protective Orders (SB 558):** Amends the Protective Orders Article of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 by: Allowing the respondent to rebut prima facie evidence of the offense by presenting evidence of a meritorious defense; Requiring the respondent to file a written notice alleging a meritorious defense, which shall be verified and supported by affidavit; Providing that if the court finds that the evidence presented at the hearing establishes a meritorious defense by a preponderance of the evidence, the court may decide not to issue a protective order; and Clarifies that proceeding to obtain, modify, re-open, or appeal protective orders and service of pleadings and notices are governed by the rules of civil procedure.

**Entrepreneur Learner's Permit pilot program (SB 2281):** Amends the "Entrepreneur Learner's Permit" pilot program by opening up the pool to all entrepreneurs regardless of industry and removing the \$500,000 program cap in statute. In addition, the bill allows new businesses up to one year after the formation of their business to apply to the permit program and keeps the \$500,000 program cap in statute.

**Medicaid Reimbursement for FQHC Employed Dental Hygienists (SB 2491):** Authorizes licensed dental hygienists working under the supervision of a dentist and employed by a federally qualified health center (FQHC) to be reimbursed for dental services provided to Medicaid recipients at the FQHC encounter rate.

**Requires Lactation Rooms (SB 3503):** Requires every facility that houses a circuit court to designate at least one public lactation room by June 1, 2019. The lactation room cannot be in a restroom. The lactation room must include a

chair, a table, an electrical outlet, and, where possible, a sink with running water.

**Creates Sepsis Task Force (SB 3532):** Creates a Sepsis Review Task Force to study sepsis early intervention and prevention.

## Resolution adopted by the Senate on April 12, 2018

**Illinois National Guard (SR 1593):** Urges Governor Rauner not to send Illinois National Guard members to the Mexican border as requested by President Trump.