



Senate Committee Action

Licensed Activities & Pensions

Appraisal Management (SB 2617): Implements the federal Appraisal Subcommittee's requirements for expanded regulation of appraisal management companies, and provide state AMC oversight and registration for providing appraisal management services for federally related transactions. As well as, require applicants to participate in the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System & Registry that applies to all licensed certified general real estate appraisers, certified residential real estate appraisers, associate real estate trainee appraisers, real estate appraisal education providers, and appraisal management companies.

Pest Control and Sunset Extension (SB 2864):

Requires individuals applying general use or restricted pesticides for commercial structural pest control or restricted pesticides for non-commercial structural pest control to engage in or complete training requirements prescribed by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Also, requires an individual engaging in commercial structural pest control and utilizing general use pesticides to be 18 years old, and requests an individual engaging in commercial or non-commercial structural pest control and supervising the use of certain restricted pesticides to be 18 years old. Furthermore, provides that the Department may suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew a certificate, registration, or license of an individual that fails to pay a civil penalty or fine assessed by the Department, and extends the repeal date of the Structural Pest Control Act from December 31, 2019 to December 31, 2029.

Physician Assistants (SB 2904): Amends the Medical Practice Act and Physician Assistant Practice Act, and increases the "5-to-1 ratio" in which a physician assistant (PA) may collaborate with a physician to 7-to-1. Also, provides that a physician may exceed this ratio when the services are provided in a federal primary care health professional shortage area with a Health

Professional Shortage Area score greater than or equal to 12. Provides that entering into an excessive number of written collaborative agreements resulting in an inability to adequately collaborate and repeated failure to adequately collaborate shall constitute grounds for disciplinary actions for both the physician and PA.

Professional License - Non-American Citizen (SB

3109): Provides that no person may be denied professional licensure for immigration status. Also, allows an applicant may provide a Tax Identification Number in lieu of a SSN, and removes provisions amending the Attorney Act concerning licensing of noncitizens.

State Government

Unclaimed Lotto Prizes (SB 212): Amends the Lottery Law creating a new section on Unclaimed and unpaid prizes end-of-game procedures. Additionally, requires the Department of Lottery to maintain a list of unclaimed lottery prizes and a list of unpaid instant scratch off game prizes. Also requires the Department to establish, adopt, and publish on their website a policy outlining procedures for ending instant win games.

Uniformity in Tax Sale Fees (SB 585): Amends the Property Tax Code to provide uniformity to the various fees collected on tax sales and to clarify that fees are to be charged for subsequent taxes. Also, provides that when applicable, county collectors may eject tax bidders who disrupt the tax sale or use illegal bid practices.

LETSB Exempt from Governor (SB 1758): Amends the Illinois Police Training Act concerning the composition of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board (LETSB), its powers, its appointed investigators, and background investigations of officers. Also, adds LETSB to the list of agencies under the Executive Reorganization Implementation Act that are not directly responsible to the Governor and removes one member from LETSB's Board, the Director of the Illinois Police Training Institute. Additionally, the

LETSB would go from a 19 member board to an 18 member board and provides that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board may own and lease property and protects collective bargaining protections. As well as, provides that the status and rights of the employees are and the State of Illinois under the Personnel Code, the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act, and applicable collective bargaining agreements or under any pension, retirement, or annuity plan shall not be affected by this Act.

Cook County Overpayments (SB 1979): Amends the Property Tax Code, in provisions concerning refunds for erroneous assessments or overpayments in Cook County, establishes a \$5,000,000 (currently, \$2.5 million) annual cap on the amount of taxes and interested refunded per year.

School Safety Drill Act (SB 2350): Amends the School Safety Drill Act specifically regarding required law enforcement drills that address school shootings

- Requires active shooter/threat school safety drills to be conducted within 90 days of the start of the school year.
- Requires the drills to be conducted on days and times when students are present in the building.
- Requires participation from all school personnel and students present.
- Requires law enforcement to observe the drill.

Also, adds a provision that allows administrators or school support personnel to use their discretion to exempt students from the drill.

Transfer Advising (SB 2354): Beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, IBHE and ICCB shall develop a policy to foster the reverse transfer of credit for hours earned at public university to be transferred back to a community college for the purposes of issuing an Associate's Degree. Upon completing 30 credit hours, college students that expect to transfer to a public university are required to make a reasonable attempt to meet with an academic adviser at their own public institution of higher education. Eliminates and IBHE rule regarding tuition waivers to allow

universities to offer better financial aid packages to students.

HFS Performance Audit (SB 2447): Requires HFS to collect all MCO regular reports required by contract or statute through an electronic file transfer. As well as, Provides that in order to preserve quality of data and ensure productive oversight of Medicaid MCO's, all regular reports required to be collected by HFS from MCO's must be collected through a secure electronic format as designated by HFS. Requires HFS to consider concerns raised by the contractor about potential burdens associated with producing the report. Authorizes ad hoc reports to be collected in alternative manners.

Grant Account Transparency and Accountability (SB 2540): Amends multiple Acts in an effort to enhance the State grant-making process and makes the following changes

- Removes the requirement that IOC adopts stop payment rules and leaves this to GOMB
- After a stop payment order, the agency then determines if it makes sense to continue payments/ GAT determines factors to be considered for this decision
- Puts a repeal date in for subcommittees
- Removes the fiscal year limitation and interfund transfer limitation; instead restricts grants where agencies receive contracts from themselves interfund transfers and funds transferred from an appropriated fund to a non-appropriated fund.
- Allows funds recovered under the grant fund recovery act to be referred to the Comptroller offset system
- Requires IOC to notify the Grant Accountability & transparency (GAT) unit when a stop payment order has been requested
- Adds that IOC is to determine if the recipient in question has received grants from other grant making agencies and shall notify the GAT unit as to which agencies have.
- Makes minor changes to sections requiring documentation of awards to account for varying circumstances.
- Subtracts from the bill Imposing a blackout period on Constitutional Officers and GA members from announcing grants close to an election. Removes current statute prohibiting

several types of broadcasting of state administered programs with name, image, or voice of legislators/exec officers.

- Adds specified definition a "travel costs" and lodging limitations (requested by Illinois Community College Board)
- Requires electronic filing of reports to the general assembly.

AOIC Fiscal Impact Report (SB 2579): Provides that the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority shall study the fiscal impact of the implementation of Public Act 100-285, dealing with expungement and confidentiality processes for delinquent minors, upon probation departments. The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority may submit a report to the General Assembly within 12 months. In Addition to, add the \$30 per day credit is on the cash amount of the bail, and the Circuit Court may deny the \$30 per day credit and the seven-day rehearing provision to an individual who fails to appear in court and is arrested for failure to appear on that original charge. Also, non-probation able gun offenses are moved from Category B to Category A, and these charges, if found guilty, will involve a sentence to the Department of Corrections. Lastly, unclaimed Bail Deposits were retained by the County but now will be transferred to the State Treasurer under the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act.

Enterprise Zones (SB 2667): Amends the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act, and provides for the following program improvements that will essentially improve the application process so as to give appropriate authority to DCEO to administer the program and put every community that applies on equal footing. Also, provides that an Enterprise Zone applicant's plan for participation by minorities, women, and persons with disabilities is included in a list of qualifying factors.

Substitute Teacher Recruitment Firms (SB 2838): requires the State Board of Education to implement a program to allow school districts to use recruiting firms to find substitute teachers. As well as, re-writes significant portions of the Dual Credit Quality Act to improve access to dual credit coursework for Illinois students. Includes the following:

- Requires community colleges to enter into a dual credit agreement if a high school district within their boundaries requests it.
- Establishes parameters that are required of those partnership agreements. Prohibits new out-of-state dual credit contracts unless the local community college is asked first.
- Does not affect those currently in effect. Addresses recognition/transferability of dual credit coursework similar to all other credit-bearing, college-level coursework.
- Establishes a Dual Credit Committee to develop a Model Partnership Agreement by June 30, 2019.
- Establishes a Dual Credit Endorsement on a PEL and a path for those who wish to obtain that endorsement to teach dual credit coursework as they work towards that goal.
- Establishes a Dual Credit Grant (subject to appropriation)

Growing Future Educators Program (SB 2844): Creates the Supporting Future Teachers Program and requires the State Board to establish and maintain the Supporting Future Teachers Program to help qualified participants in acquiring a Professional Educator License. Qualified participants are high school graduates that are identified as bilingual or low-income and they must be enrolled at least part-time each semester in an educator prep program. Under the program, a qualified participant works at a school district under the supervision of a licensed teacher while working towards a PEL.

Veterans and Military Personnel Student Services Reporting & AIM HIGH Program (SB 2927): Each college and university that is required to have a Coordinator of Veterans and Military Personnel Student Services shall include in their report to the Board of Higher Education information on the efforts of the public college or university in attracting, recruiting, and retaining veterans and military personnel at the institution. As well as, creates the AIM HIGH Grant Pilot Program that is Subject to appropriation that allows a public university campus may award an institutional match grant to a student based upon that university's criteria. Universities have the option to participate in the program (not a mandated program), and if they choose to do so, they are then mandated to match the level of

state funding they utilize with institutional resources. Also, full-time students from Illinois at public universities will be eligible and specifies that universities have to exceed the financial aid given in the fiscal year prior – not taking into account the money spent on AIM HIGH. Universities will be required to publish, on their websites, the criteria and the award amount a student may qualify for at their respective university. Any campus that fails to submit an annual report to ISAC may not be eligible for distributions of funds under the AIM HIGH for the next academic year.

Employer obligation to reimburse employees for business expenses (SB 2999): Amends the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act. Clarifies that employers shall reimburse employees for expenses the employer authorized or required the employee to incur. As well as, provides that employers are not responsible for losses due to an employee's own negligence, losses due to normal wear, or losses due to theft unless the theft was a result of the employer's negligence. Clarifies that employers are not liable for the portion of the expenditure amount that exceeds specifications or guidelines of the reimbursement policy.

Notice of Auction for Common Areas (SB 3085): Amends the Property Tax Code, and adds that a tax collector will no longer publish or send notice of delinquent or forfeited property taxes for a property that is exempt from taxation under the Code.

Plain Language Task Force (SB 3139): Amends the Plain Language Task Force Act and requires the GA to draft legislation/public documents using plain language where practicable. Also, advises the executive and judicial branches to draft orders, court documents, and public documents using plain language. Also, makes the following changes:

- Requires Plain Language Task Force report to be filed electronically
- Extends the deadline for the Mahomet Aquifer Task Force to report its findings from July 1st 2018 to December 31st
- Requires such Mahomet Aquifer Task Force report to be filed electronically

Consequences for No books and Records (SB 3141): Amends the Use Tax Act, Service Use Tax Act, Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Also, provides that any person who fails to keep books and records or fails to produce books and records for examination by the IDOR is liable to pay to the Department a penalty of \$1,000 for the first failure and a penalty of \$3,000 for each subsequent failure. As well as, under the four main sales tax Acts, adds protection language for tax-payers subject to the new penalties imposed for failure to keep books and records; provides that such penalties shall not apply if the taxpayer shows that they acted with ordinary business care and prudence. Also, adds provisions concerning IDOR rulemaking authority.

Qualified Equivalent/Supervise Alt Licensure EC Candidates (SB 3536): Amends the alternative licensure law so that a qualified equivalent to a principal in a non-school district administered Preschool for All program is allowed to assess and supervise candidates in alternative licensure programs. Also allows teachers seeking their PEL through an alternative licensure program may teach in Preschool for All classrooms.

Transportation

Tolls for Passenger Vehicle Trailers (HB 1620): Provides that the Illinois Tollway shall not charge passenger vehicles pulling a trailer with no more than 2 axles a higher toll rate. Also, provides that the toll rate applies to drivers that use an I-Pass device or use cash to pay a toll. Effective July 1, 2018.

Automobile Tax (SB 514): Creates regulations and taxation for peer to peer car rentals. Also, provides that limited liability for damage to and proof of financial responsibility for rental cars, applies those provisions to car facilitation companies. Additionally, allows for the dismissal of a Uniform Traffic Citation to the registered owner of a vehicle used in a car facilitation transaction. Provides for car facilitation company obligations and liability requirements, and Provides for the taxation of car facilitation companies, and states that the tax exemption for auto renters does not apply to the purchase of a motor vehicle that will be used in a car facilitation transaction.

Stolen Rental Car and Failure to Return Keys (SB 2641): Amends the Renter's Financial Responsibility and Protection Act, and provides a rental company may void the damage waiver if the vehicle is stolen and the renter fails to do all of the following:

1. Fails to return the vehicle's ignition key and key tag identifying the rental vehicle
2. Fails to file a police report within 24 hours of discovery of the theft; and
3. Fails to fully cooperate with the rental company, law enforcement agency, or any other authority in all matters connected to the investigation of the stolen vehicle.

Creates regulations and taxation for peer to peer car rentals, and provides that limited liability for damage to and proof of financial responsibility for rental cars, applies those provisions to car facilitation companies. Allows for the dismissal of a Uniform Traffic Citation to the registered owner of a vehicle used in a car facilitation transaction. Provides for car facilitation company obligations and liability requirements. Provides for the taxation of car facilitation companies.

New Harmony Bridge Authority (SB 2804): Creates the New Harmony Bridge Authority Act, the New Harmony Bridge Interstate Compact Act, and the New Harmony Bridge Bi-State Commission. The authority is created to inherit control of the New Harmony Bridge, and if there is an agreement between the Authority and a similar authority in Indiana then the Bi-State Commission would inherit control.

Executive

Legislative Ethics Commission Reform (HB 138): This is a sexual harassment omnibus bill that also includes Legislative Ethics Commission (LEC) reforms. Establishes an independent Search Committee for selection of Legislative Inspector General. Enhances reporting regarding the types of matters brought to both Executive and Legislative Inspector Generals, and reporting by the Legislative Ethics Commission regarding the number of cases where the LEC does not publish reports and where the LEC refuses to allow an IG to proceed with an investigation. Allows for the

recusal of a LEC member who is a complainant and temporarily replaces the member who recuses himself/herself. Provides that a LEC member who is member of General Assembly will be deemed to have resigned from LEC if he or she runs for statewide, federal or judicial office. The bill includes other provisions involving sexual harassment prevention, reporting and retribution.

Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act (HB 3806): Amends the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act. Defines when a property is presumed abandoned for financial organization deposits. Updates notice requirements from State Treasurer to the Department of Revenue. Updates procedure for holder to report or deliver property to the State Treasurer. Allows the Treasurer, upon reasonable notice to a financial organization, examine records, issue administrative subpoenas, or bring an action seeking judicial enforcement.

VOICES Act (SB 34): Mandates state and local law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, or other public authorities execute certification requests by victims of "qualifying criminal activity" documenting an immigrant's cooperation in the investigation and prosecution of criminal activity. Provides that nothing in the Act limits the way in which a certifying agency may describe the manner in which the person cooperated or was helpful.

Immigration Safe Zones Act (SB 35): Creates the Immigration Safe Zone Act. Requires the Attorney General to publish model policies limiting assistance with immigration enforcement as to state funded schools, state funded medical facilities, public libraries, driver's license facilities, and the courts. Mandates government agencies to purge any questions regarding citizenship or immigration status on their forms other than those required by statute, ordinance, federal law, or court order within 60 days after the effective date of the Act. Makes a technical change by removing "access to justice" from a provision.

Solar Energy Property Tax (SB 486): Standardizes solar energy system assessments. Provides the real property components can depreciate over a 25 year schedule. Calculates fair market value of real property at \$218,000/Megawatt of nameplate capacity, i.e., the intended full-load sustained output of an energy

system. Adds that the owner of the commercial solar energy system shall be liable for the real estate taxes for the land and real property improvements of a ground installed commercial solar energy system. The owner of the land on which the system is installed may pay any unpaid tax of the commercial solar energy system parcel prior to the initiation of any tax sale proceedings. Provides that upon agreement of the property owner, they will get separate PINs for land and solar farm assessments. Provides that the underlying land goes back to the farmland assessment value immediately after the system is removed. Also includes provisions about abatement and applicable assessment year.

Pre-Notification for Substance-Use-Disorder Treatment (SB 682): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code by:

- Specifies that insurance companies/MCOs cannot require prior notification of specified inpatient and outpatient substance-use-disorder treatment;
- Establishes procedures for insurance companies to terminate coverage of substance-use-disorder treatment;
- Provides for discharge notifications to be provided to insurance companies;
- It makes other changes.

The bill also creates the Emergency Opioid and Addiction Treatment Access Act and makes legislative findings.

Medical Cannabis Pilot Program (SB 1707): Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to provide a new and more expansive definition for "mental, emotional, nervous, or substance use disorder or condition". Makes conforming changes. Makes conforming changes to all applicable insurance mandates regarding mental health coverage under the Insurance Code, State Employee Group Insurance, Counties Code, Municipal Code & School Code. Strikes out the definition for "serious mental illness" and "substance use disorder or condition". Prohibits prior authorization requirements, step therapy requirements, & makes changes to prescription

drug formulary tiers for drugs prescribed for substance use disorders. Prohibits excluding coverage for court-ordered substance use disorder treatment, including medicine, counseling & wrap around treatments. Specifically outlines how DOI and DHFS are to enforce State and federal mental health parity laws and regulations. Provides DOI and HFS to issue a joint report and conduct an educational presentation to the General Assembly, no later than August 1st of every year. Creates a mental health parity working group for the purposes of providing recommendations on health plan data reporting that break out data on mental, emotional, nervous, or substance use disorder benefits and data on other medical benefits. Also requires insurers to submit a report by July 1, 2020 on treatment and denial of treatment for mental and substance use disorders. Provides the Auditor General will take a review of compliance by DOI and HFS with mental parity sections of the Insurance Code.

Medicaid Omnibus (SB 1851): Medicaid Omnibus that has been a product of the Medicaid Work Group. Provisions include:

- Creates the Child Welfare Medicaid Managed Care Implementation Advisory Group to advise DCFS on the transition and implementation of managed care for DCFS.
- Creates a single form for post authorization for non-emergency ambulance rides. Requires HFS to create and implement one form within 75 days. Nursing home and ambulance providers shall accept one form 90 days after HFS creates it. HFS shall collect data on form appeals and denials.
- Provides for a 75% rate payment for Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Facility bed holds for up to 20 days a year (\$1 million).
- Increased rates for Medically Complex for the Developmentally Disabled (MCDD) Facility. Sets a three tiered exceptional rate structure. Provides criteria for qualification for each tier. Reimbursement calculations for services provided by MCDD facilities are the responsibility of HFS instead of DHS. Begins April 1, 2019. (\$5 million in FY19).
- Provides for a temporary inpatient psychiatric stay per diem rate for lockouts beyond medical necessity. Rate begins on the 11th day beyond medical necessity and is repealed within six months of the effective date.

- Creates a MCO rate transparency process for the development of new and adjusted capitated base rates for Medicaid Managed Care.
- Provides for Hospital Assessment gap payments in the event that the new Hospital Assessment Program or a federally approved bridge of the current assessment are not in place on July 11, 2018.

U of I Chicago Lease Provision (SB 2362): Adds an exception to the 10 year lease provision for the University of Illinois at Chicago to allow them to enter into a lease for up to 30 years for an ambulatory surgical center, which will include both retail space and clinical services, so long as two provisions are met: 1. The lease requires the lessor to make capital improvements in excess of \$100,000; and 2. The Board of Trustees for the University of Illinois determines a lease term of more than 10 years is necessary and is in the best interest of the public institution of higher education.

Liquor Sale near Church (SB 2421): Amends The Liquor Control Act of 1934 to provide an exemption to the 100 foot liquor license rule for the following locations:

- Salsa Picante located at 949 N Western Ave, Chicago, IL
- A development containing multiple concepts bordered by Dearborn Street, state Street, Superior Street and Chicago Avenue in Chicago
- Bibliophile restaurant located at located at 1644 E 53rd Str. Chicago, IL
- Bryn Mawr Breakfast Club located at 2248 W. Bryn Mawr Chicago.

Court of Claims Award Limits (SB 2481): Deletes changes providing that the signature of one judge is binding if a decision is entered in a lapsed appropriation claim in which a motion or stipulation has been filed or a decision is entered on a Crime Victims Compensation Act claim and that the court may impose a fee of \$15 for the filing of a petition in which the award sought is less

than \$1,000 (instead of more than \$50 and less than \$1,000). The changes were made in FA #2 because the Court of Claims believed they were unnecessary.

Committee & Omnibus Election (SB 2651):

Requires that election authorities submit a report to the State Board of Election on the status of their voting equipment, and adds language regarding applications for vote by mail that are sent to post office boxes. As well as, states that the applications shall include a valid and current phone number for the organization controlling the post office box and be turned over to the appropriate election authority within 7 days of receipt. Also, amends the Election Code to require that that State Board of Elections will create a Cyber Navigator Program to help defend against cyber breaches and detect and recover from cyber-attacks. The Board will develop rules to help allocate resources received with the Help America Vote Act and require that at least half of the funds received will be used for the Cyber Navigator Program. The other half of the funds from Help America Vote Act will be used by the State board as they see fit

Medicaid Long Term Care (SB 2913): As amended the bill does the following:

- Subject to federal approval, HFS must implement ex-parte renewal (passive redetermination) for Medicaid long-term care redetermination of eligibility by January 1, 2019.
- Mandates that the state must expedite the eligibility processing for individuals who have received full Medicaid benefits in the community for a specified period of time by July 1, 2019.
- Mandates that the Medicaid long-term care application and enrollment process must include the provision of training and step-by-step written instructions
- Mandates that DHS use the same notification standards for all phases of the application process.

- Mandates that DHS institute policies that permit applicants/their representatives/LTC facilities to speak directly to the department by phone.

- Forbids DHS from requesting hard copies of any forms. This is an agreed bill between the DHS, HFS, and the nursing-home organizations. It is no longer on the Governor's Hot List.

Increases TANF Benefits (SB 3115): Requires Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit levels to increase to 30% of the FPL on October 1, 2018. Also, requires TANF grants for child-only assistance units to be at least 75% of the TANF grants for assistance units of the same size that consist of a caretaker relative with children. Prohibits TANF grant amounts from varying based on the recipient's county of residence.

72 Hour Waiting Period for Firearms (SB 3256): Creates 72 hour waiting period on all firearms, not just handguns. The bill also eliminates the current exemption from the waiting period requirements for the sale of a firearm to a nonresident of Illinois while at a recognized gun show.

Advanced Deposit Wagering Sunset Extension (SB 3452): Amends the Horse Racing Act and extends the advanced deposit wagering authorization from December 31, 2018 to December 31, 2020.