

Senate Committee Action March 1, 2018

Agriculture

Youth Hunting and Trapping Licenses (SB 2663): Combines youth hunting and trapping licenses into one license. Set's license fee at \$7. Initiative of the DNR.

Annual Livestock Commissioners Meeting (SB 2870): Requires the Advisory Board of Livestock Commissioners to hold an annual (rather than semiannual) meeting.

Agribusiness Signs (SB 3082): Clarification that those who can apply for Agribusiness signs through the Department of Agriculture can be organizations that promote the economic well-being and expansion of this State's agriculture industry.

Commerce and Economic Development

Entrepreneur Learner's Permit pilot program (SB 2281): Amends the "Entrepreneur Learner's Permit pilot program" by opening up the pool to all entrepreneur's 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.

Illinois Tourism Fund sunset date (SB 2528): Amends the Illinois Promotion Act. Extends the sunset date for the Illinois Tourism Promotion Fund for two years and clarifies that municipals may use grants made by DCEO for appropriate projects even if the grant was made in a previous fiscal year.

Regional development authority counties (SB 2589): Amends numerous Economic Development Authority Acts. Adds 16 counties into their respective regional development authority. Also makes confirming changes to board sizes to

accommodate regions gaining one or two more counties into their authority. In addition, the bill removes an outdated line that requires DCEO to pay the compensation of the Executive Director of the Eastern Illinois Development Authority.

Environment and Conservation

Department of Natural Resources-Worst Case Analysis on Levee Permit: (SB 2824): Provides that when considering whether to issue a permit for construction or maintenance or repair of a levee or flood wall under a provision in the Act, the Department of Natural Resources shall consider the flood discharge that would just overtop a levee or flood wall when conducting a worst-case scenario analysis. Defines "worst-case scenario analysis". This legislation preserves the current regulatory standards enforced by the Department's Office of Water Resources.