



Senate Committee Action

Agriculture

Fishing Licenses (SB 2295): Amends the Fish and Aquatic Life Code; Defines "fishing License" to include an electronic format (rather than just a physical format).

Industrial Hemp (SB 2298): Creates the Industrial Hemp Act; Provides that the Department of Agriculture will create the rules necessary to issue licenses for the growing of industrial hemp. Creates special fund for the implementation of the Act. The Illinois Noxious Weed Law and Cannabis Control Act to would explicitly exempt "hemp" from the definition of "cannabis".

License-renewal Requirements for Animal Control Facilities (SB 2380): Adds new license-renewal requirements for animal control facilities and animal shelters, including breakdowns of incoming animals (stray, left by owner, etc.) and the ultimate disposition of those animals (adopted, euthanized, etc.) in the previous calendar year. Department of Agriculture shall post this intake and outcome statistics on their website for each facility. In addition, if an animals' owner listed on microchip is unable or unwilling to get animal, the facility must contact purchaser of the original chip (now including pet stores).

Deer Feeding (SB 2493): Allows for supplemental feeding of deer with items otherwise prohibited by this section when not in active deer hunting season.

Repealing of Agriculture Programs (SB 2875): Repeals a number of programs that are no longer functioning and transfers the responsibility of some to other programs to make administering them easier for the Department. The programs effected include: Anhydrous Ammonia Security Grants Program, the Dairy Statistics Act, the Forever Green Illinois Program, the Illinois AgriFIRST Program Act of 2001, The Illinois Food, Farms, and Jobs Act, and the Local Food, Farms,

and Jobs Act Labeling & Certification Program. Program Act of 2001, The Illinois Food, Farms, and Jobs Act, and the Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Act Labeling & Certification Program.

River Otter Limit (SB 2962): Allows the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to annually set the taking limits for River Otter by administrative rule, as is the case for other fur-bearing mammals in Illinois based on science and an animal's population dynamics. The Code currently imposes a state-wide taking limit of 5 River Otter each season.

Trapping Tags (SB 2963): States that the tags need either the name and address of owner or the customer identification number (instead of also requiring customer name).

Horse Racing-Foal (SB 3097): This allows the Department of Agriculture to certify horses as Illinois conceived and foaled for this breeding year.

Appropriations II

AFSCME Wages (SB 2269): Appropriates \$63.3 million GRF in FY18 to pay back wages owed to AFSCME members. This sum includes associated Social Security payments.

Commerce and Economic Development

Film Production Credit Reporting Requirements (SB 1461): Amends the Film Production Services Tax Credit Act of 2008 to provide changes to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's reporting to the General Assembly. Provides the report must include any vendor who provides goods or services totaling \$10,000 or 10% of the Illinois production spending, whichever is less, in addition to the current reporting requirements. Also provides the Department can release certain information to the public with approval from the taxpayer.

Tourism Promotion Fund Corrections (SB 2899): Eliminates the ability of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to reserve 10 percent of local tourism funds for administrative costs that deal with local tourism promotion. Corrects and clarifies a direct deposit provision regarding statewide hotel tax receipts into the Tourism Promotion Fund.

Car Dealer Warranty Program (SB 2967): Allows car dealers to contract a third party to administer their warranty programs. Also allows car dealers to purchase a contractual liability insurance policy to back their obligations under warranty programs.

Grants for Manufacturing Trade Schools (SB 3033): Amends the Industrial Development Assistance Law. Allows local school districts and community colleges to apply for and receive grants for acquiring land, construction of facilities, and purchasing equipment, dedicated solely to the instruction of occupations in manufacturing. Also modifies the term "industrial development agency" to include local school districts and community colleges.

Illegal Rebate Offer (SB 3102): Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act to prohibit the issuance of rebate cards that charge dormancy or other post-issuance fees. These fees can sometimes deplete the entire value of these rebate cards.

Technology Development Account funds (SB 3205): Amends the Technology Development Act to enable the State Treasurer to allocate up to 5 percent of the State Portfolio into the State's Technology Development Account for the purpose of providing capital to technology businesses seeking to locate, expand, or remain in Illinois. The Treasurer's office currently is authorized to allocate up to 3 percent into the TDA. The Treasurer may make investments from this account to help attract, assist, and retain quality technology businesses in Illinois.

Illinois Innovation Board Additions (SB 3222): Amends the Illinois Workforce Innovation Board Act. Adds two representatives to the board that are appointed by the Governor. These representatives are to be from community-based organizations that provide or support competitive,

integrated employment for individuals with disabilities.

Illinois home Grown Business Opportunity Act (SB 3285): This bill creates the Illinois home Grown Business Opportunity Act. Requires the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to develop an economic plan to assist businesses and municipalities located next to the State border. Provides for specific strategies the economic plan shall include.

Historically Underutilized Business Zone contract bidding (SB 3467): Provides that a HUBZone small businesses' price bid for a State contract shall be deemed lower if their bid is within 10 percent of a competitors bid.

Energy and Public Utilities

Solar Power Regulations (SB 2591): Adds solar to the wind turbine regulations in current law.

Utility Retail Market Development (SB 2914): Provides that any information in the report submitted by the Office of Retail Market Development on June 30 of each year involving price comparison between electric utilities, electric utilities providing service outside their service territories, or alternative retail electric suppliers shall also include the combined value of certain additional products and services offered by the competitive retail electricity market. Provides that the Illinois Commerce Commission may include other energy savings and marketing savings programs as they develop in the market.

Energy Savings Programs (SB 3051): Provides that the Illinois Commerce Commission may establish a program for promoting expanded use of energy saving programs (thermostats, etc.) for residential and small commercial customers. Provides that on or before September 1, 2018 and every 2 years thereafter, the Commission shall initiate a collaborative workshop for certain individuals developing energy savings devices and applications. Provides that any recommendations arising from the workshop shall be included in the annual report of the Office of Retail Market Development.

ICC Technical Changes (SB 3131): Changes references to "hearing examiner" to references to "administrative law judge" throughout the Act for

Illinois Commerce Commission. Repeals provisions concerning emission allowances, conducting a study on billing practices and policies, conducting a study on strategic options for changing the structure of energy service markets, conducting a study on the feasibility of wheeling electricity in the State, rules for recovering costs of canceled facilities, recovery of additional charges refunded to customers, conducting a study on implementing promotional rates for industrial and commercial customers, alternative rate regulations, and conducting a study on patterns of entry and exit for each relevant market for telecommunications services.

Alternative Electricity (SB 3577): Provides that the Illinois Commerce Commission shall grant the application for a certificate of service authority if it finds, among other findings, that the applicant discloses any formal complaints that seek a binding determination from a state or federal regulatory body and verifies that a complaint should not be a basis for denying the certificate of service authority.

Environment and Conservation

Water Monitoring at Clean Construction and Demolition Debris (CCDD) Sites (SB 2492):

Requires owners or operators of a clean construction and demolition debris (CCDD) fill operations to conduct baseline well water testing on the property and submit results to IEPA. Impacts counties with populations between 100,000 and 150,000.

Local Government Exemption for Radiation Waste Fees (SB 3017):

Amends the Illinois Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Act. Exempts local governments from certain radium waste fees in the statutes.

Volkswagen Settlement Task Force (SB 3101):

More government bureaucracy? What could go wrong? The legislation requires the IEPA to establish the Volkswagen Settlement Task Force; 10 members appointed by Governor with advice and consent of the Senate. Task force shall have 6 public listening sessions to gather input. They shall submit recommendations to Governor and General

Assembly. IEPA must use recommendations to advise their creation of mitigation plan.

EPA Algaecide permits (SB 3135): An IEPA permit is not required for the application of algaecide if the body of water is wholly contained on private property, is not considered a water of the United States as prescribed in the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and is not a community water supply.

A.G. Referrals for IEPA violations (SB 3156):

Mandates referrals to the Illinois Attorney General for IEPA violations.

Disclosure of oil/gas well materials and methods (SB 3174):

Provides that oil wells with horizontal or directional extensions (fracking) for a vertical bore hole shall not be classified as confidential. Provides that the length and direction of these extensions shall be included in the weekly logs provided to the Dept. of Natural Resources. Provides that all chemicals used during drilling and completion of these wells shall be contained in specified publication.

Pollinator Friendly Solar Site Act (SB 3214):

Creates the Pollinator Friendly Solar Site Act. Allows certain solar sites to obtain a certification from Dept. of Natural Resources allowing the sites to designate themselves as "Pollinator Friendly".

Mine Reclamation/Remediation Clean-up; Acid mine drainage (SB 3309):

Amends the Abandoned Mined Lands and Water Reclamation Act. Cleans up language related to how funds can be spent under the Act; allows the Department of Natural Resources to set aside monies for the abatement and treatment of acid mine drainage caused by coal mining practices.

Statewide Clean Construction and Demolition Debris Groundwater Monitoring (SB 3506):

Provides that the Pollution Control Board shall adopt rules requiring groundwater monitoring at all clean construction and demolition debris fill operations, and rules must be adopted with 180 days of this Act becoming law. Exemptions from the rules adopted by the board only apply to sites that have completed post-closure operations and been certified by IEPA before effective date of this Act.

Natural Gas Leak Public Notice (SB 3548): Requires a company operating a natural gas storage field operating near a US EPA designated sole source

aquifer must notify public and private individuals, including emergency management services and operators of water supplies that a gas leak has occurred. Also provides for the type of notifications and time table of when notifications must be made.

Oil and Gas/Gas storage field inspections (SB 3549): It retains underlying language, but limits inspections to natural gas storage fields operating above US EPA designated sole source aquifers (Mahomet Aquifer).

Telecommunications and Information Technology

911 Board Member Increase (SB 2727): Increases the number of elected officials on joint 911 boards (ETSB Boards). Provides that if a county has representatives on a join 911 board, then there should be at least 3 members of the county board on the 911 board. Also, provides that other members of the board be from 911 public safety agencies.

Service Statements in English and Spanish (SB 2908): Requires a Large Electing Provider (AT&T) to provide a proposed cessation of service to existing in customers in English and Spanish.

CATV Franchise Fee Audit Process Changes (SB 3464): Makes a variety of procedural changes to the way counties and municipalities conduct community antenna television system (CATV) franchise fee audits. This is a procedural change to the way the audits are conducted. This bill does not change the amount of any franchise fee charged to a CATV or the amount in franchise fees the counties and municipalities receive.