

# Spring 2016 Bills Signed Into Law

*Updated through July 21, 2016 at 4:29 PM*

## **LGDF Reduction (HB 200/PA 99-0501):**

Provides that beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, the net revenues collected from income taxes that are transferred from the General Revenue Fund (GRF) to the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) would be reduced by 50 percent.

## **Pirogue as State Artifact (HB 538/PA 99-0545):**

Creates a new section that designates the pirogue (a long, narrow canoe) as the official State artifact of Illinois. This was the result of a history class survey/project amongst Wilmette Middle School students.

## **EDPA Grundy County (HB 694/PA 99-0513):**

Extends a county Economic Development Project Area (EDPA) located in Grundy County from 23 to 35 years. The EDPA must (for one year) receive approval from 2/3 of the taxing districts representing at least 75% of the aggregate tax levy for all of the affected taxing districts in order to establish or extend the EDPA.

## **Kaskaskia Regional Post District (HB 740/PA 99-0507):**

Makes numerous changes to the Kaskaskia Regional Port District Act that are initiatives of the district to expand its authority as part of its strategic plan. The change include: the expansion of the district's purpose; liability in respect to its property; location of its principal office; its authority for environmental remediation; mortgage property; and borrowing authority.

## **Personal Information Protection Act**

**Changes (HB 1260/PA 99-0503):** Updates the definitions used and notifications that are required when a data breach occurs that affects the personal information, including health insurance info, medical information, biometric data, etc., of consumers in Illinois. Makes technical changes.

## **Minority Subcontracting (HB 3748/PA 99-0514):**

Clarifies the amount of time a Business Enterprise Program bidder can cure a deficiency in the goals of having a certain percentage of minority, females or persons with disabilities within contract. Extends the sunset from June 30, 2016 to June 30, 2020.

## **Boating Safety and Certification (HB 4369/PA 99-0526):**

Provides that a boating safety certificate is not required for a person who is temporarily in Illinois waters for a boat racing event sanctioned by the Department of Natural Resources or authorized federal agency. Requires the organizer of the event to have liability insurance for property damage and personal injury or death with a minimum benefit of \$1,000,000 that shall remain in effect through the event.

## **Felon Officeholder Prohibition (HB 4391/PA 99-0546):**

States a person is ineligible to hold township office if convicted of a felony at the time of taking the oath of office.

## **TIF Oak Forest (HB 4423/PA 99-0508):**

Extends the life of the TIF adopted on June

11, 2002 by the City of Oak Forest to 35 years, or 2037.

**Health Facilities Planning Changes (HB 4517/PA 99-0527):** Gives the Health Facilities and Services Review Board the ability to contract with other agencies for services. No later than 90 days after a discontinuation of a health facility or a discontinuation of a category of service the applicant for a certificate of exemption must submit a statement to the State Board certifying that the discontinuation is complete. If a public hearing concerning change of ownership or discontinuation of a health facility or a category of service is held, all interested persons attending the hearing shall be given a reasonable opportunity to present their positions in writing or orally. Removes language concerning certificates of recognition.

**Abuse Records Access (HB 4552/PA 99-0547):** Gives State's Attorneys who are investigating suspected abuse, neglect, financial exploitation and/or self-neglect cases access to records pertaining reports of abuse, neglect, financial exploitation and/or self-neglect.

**Serious Wildlife Code Prosecution (HB 4558/PA 99-0528):** Gives Conservation Police officers the ability to prosecute offenders on serious violations in the wildlife code rather than the entire wildlife code that includes minor violations.

**Human Rights Real Estate Penalties (HB 4562/PA 99-0548):** Increases penalties for Human Rights Act violations relating to real estate transactions. For a first violation, the penalty is increased to an amount not exceeding \$16,000. If the respondent has been adjudged to have committed one

other violation during the previous 5 years, the penalty is increased to an amount not exceeding \$42,500. If the respondent has been adjudged to have committed 2 or more violations during the previous 7 years, the penalty is increased to an amount not exceeding \$70,000.

**Currency Exchange Reports (HB 4614/PA 99-0549):** Changes the titles of certain positions identified in the Financial Institutions Code. Removes language pertaining to currency exchanges requiring a licensee to file an annual report, annual bonds, and insurance policies at the same time the licensee pays his or her annual license fees.

**Closed Meeting Minutes (HB 4630/PA 99-0515):** Amends the Open Meetings Act to provide verbatim recordings and closed meeting minutes will be provided to duly elected officials or appointed officials filling a vacancy of an elected position. Access to the recordings and minutes will be granted in the public body's main office or storage location in the presence of a records secretary, administrative official or any elected official of the public body. No recordings or minutes will be recorded or removed from the office or storage location unless by a court order or vote of the public body.

**ABLE Accounts (HB 4678/PA 99-0516):** Allows the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) to increase Affordable Care Act (ACA) access payments to \$800 million and allow hospitals to increase assessment taxes by \$150 million. The new access payments come at no cost to Illinois and the additional hospital assessments will generate \$300 million for the state's Medicaid program. Could bring in \$600

million in revenue over the next two fiscal years (FY 2017 and FY 2018).

**Water Fluoridation (HB 4688/PA 99-0529):**

The owners or official custodians of public water supplies shall comply with the recommendations on optimal fluoridation (0.7 milligrams of fluoride per liter of water) for community water levels as proposed and adopted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**Liquor at College Facilities (HB 4820/PA 99-0550):**

Allows liquor to be served or sold at facilities of a public university or community college district at events that are not student-related. Requires the Board of Trustees of the participating university or community college to issue a written policy detailing the types of events that should be eligible for an exemption within 6 months after the bill becomes law.

**Interagency Fatality Review Terms (HB 4826/PA 99-0530):**

Requires the regional interagency fatality review teams to meet not less than four times a year (rather than six) to discuss cases for its possible review.

**Health Facility Closures (HB 4964/PA 99-0551):**

States that upon a finding that an application to close a health care facility is complete, the health care facility must provide notice of closure to the local media that the health care facility would routinely notify about facility events. When an application to discontinue category of service is complete and if a public hearing is requested the hearing is required to be held in the affected area or community in a place of reasonable size.

**Purchasing Contracts (HB 5530/PA 99-0552):**

Prohibits state entities and schools

from entering into contracts for food purchases if those contracts prohibit the bidders from donating food to food banks, which includes homeless shelters, food pantries, and soup kitchens.

**CPS Master Plans (HB 5556/PA 99-0531):**

Requires the CEO of Chicago Public Schools (CPS) to submit a draft revised Educational Facility Master Plan by July 1, 2016 (instead of January 1, 2016).

**Opioid Addiction Treatment (HB 5593/PA 99-0553):**

Requires all programs serving persons with substance use issues licensed by DHS under the Act to provide educational information concerning treatment options for opioid addiction, including the use of a medication for the use of opioid addiction, recognition of and response to opioid overdose, and the use and administration of naloxone.

**Medication Assisted Addiction Treatments (HB 5594/PA 99-0554):**

Prohibits drug court judges from denying medication assisted treatments, like methadone, for defendants. Provides that such medically prescribed treatment does not violate the terms or conditions of the drug court treatment program.

**Department of Revenue Disclosures (HB 5598/PA 99-0517):**

States that sales tax information that IDOR already discloses to municipalities can also be disclosed to counties.

**Licensure Dispute Resolutions (HB 5602/PA 99-0555):**

Clarifies that a long term care facility must submit comments refuting licensure findings for it to be considered an information dispute resolution. States that if the Department of Public Health (DPH) fails to provide a written explanation of the

reason or reasons why the evidence or arguments were insufficient then the alleged and disputed violation shall be cited but no penalty shall be imposed.

**Unclaimed Savings Bonds (HB 5607/PA 99-0556):** Provides that US Savings Bonds will be presumed abandoned when such bond has remained unclaimed and unredeemed for five years after its date of final extended maturity.

**All Kids Insurance Repeal Date (HB 5736/PA 99-0518):** Extends the sunset of the All Kids health insurance program to October 1, 2019, which will align the end date with the federal end date of the program. It's worth noting that 753 undocumented children will still continue to receive full state benefits even though no federal matching dollars are received.

**National Guard Discrimination (HB 5756/PA 99-0557):** Provides that there shall be no unlawful discrimination in the Illinois National Guard and brings the Guard's policies in-line with federal standards and guidelines.

**Private Pond Fishing Limits (HB 5796/PA 99-0532):** States that limits on the amount of fish that can be taken do not apply to a person who is fishing in waters that are wholly within their property.

**Plumber Licensing Act (HB 5913/PA 99-0504):** Requires a licensed plumber to provide proof of completing four hours of continuing education to renew their license, as well as submit evidence that they have successfully completed a plumbing course supervised directly by an Illinois Licensed plumber. Also, requires the Director of the

Department of Public Health to approve a plumbing license application.

**Liquor License (HB 6125/PA 99-0558):** Provides for 100 foot rule liquor license exemptions for eight Chicago restaurants and one restaurant in Thornton, IL.

**Sentencing Council Positions (HB 6325/PA 99-0533):** Removes the provision requiring that two sitting judges serve on the Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council. States that the retired judges on the Council shall be selected by certain other members of the Council rather than by the Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court.

**Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Extension and Updates (SB 10/PA 99-0519):** Extends the Medical Cannabis Pilot Program sunset date to July 1, 2020. Adds post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) to the list of conditions for which medical cannabis may be prescribed. Allows a person with a terminal illness diagnosis of six (6) months or less to use medical cannabis even if he or she does not have an approved debilitating condition. Requires all applicants to be fingerprinted as part of the application process if they are a first time applicant. Exempts terminally ill applicants from the fingerprinting and fees. Removes the fingerprinting requirement for renewal. States that a patient who has received a registry card shall have their card information to the Prescription Monitoring Program and allows the Program staff to place a notation on the patient's prescription record that the patient is allowed to use medical cannabis.

**Youth Nicotine Prohibition (SB 32/PA 99-0496):** Prohibits a person under the age of

18 from possessing alternative nicotine products.

**Estate Assets (SB 163/PA 99-0497):** Deletes provisions allowing the court to issue a citation for the appearance of any person who may have had assets in his or her position, and of any person who may be liable to the estate of a ward pursuant to any civil cause of action. This repeals P.A. 99-0093.

**10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judges (SB 185/PA 99-0520):** Ensures a certain number of associate judges in the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit and bases that number as a reflection of the population within the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit's counties, which include Marshall, Peoria, Putnam, Stark, and Tazewell Counties.

**Veterans Business Loans (SB 324/PA 99-0509):** Creates a new assistance program that will provide state guarantees for loans to veteran-owned small business.

**Water/Sewage Cost Study Trailer (SB 377/PA 99-0498):** Acts as a follow-up to a previous law requiring townships that provide water/sewage services to conduct a cost study before increasing connection charges, by increasing the amount of time to 60 months (current 24) a township is required to conduct more than one cost study, and requiring petitioners or the municipalities/villages who triggered a subsequent cost study into the township water/sewage fees to pay their share of the new cost study.

**MWRD Inclusion (SB 382/PA 99-0510):** Includes a parcel of land in the Village of Hoffman Estates as part of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District;

this legislation secures contiguity of the district to the proposed enlarged area.

**Alcohol at Libraries (SB 399/PA 99-0559):** Allows alcohol to be delivered and sold at any building owned by a library district if the board of trustees of the library district votes to approve it.

**Advanced Practice Nurses Licensure (SB 460/PA 99-0505):** States that Advanced Practice Nurses who do not hold current national certification will not be able to have their license renewed during this licensure cycle (now through May 31, 2016). This legislation is a technical fix to ensure continuity of licensing of APN's.

**REAL ID Compliance (SB 637/PA 99-0511):** Makes the required legislative changes to bring Illinois into compliance with the federal REAL ID Act which seeks to improve homeland security and authentication of identification. Beginning July 1, 2017, SOS must refuse to issue a driver's licenses if a person concurrently holds an Illinois SOS issued ID card and must refuse to issue an ID card if a person concurrently holds a driver's license. Beginning July 1, 2017, all applicants for SOS issued Illinois Identification Cards and Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Cards shall provide proof of lawful status in the United States as provided by the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Driver's license applicants who are unable to provide proof of lawful status in the United States may apply for a temporary visitor's driver's license. Provides that Secretary of State issued ID cards issued on or after July 1, 2017, to a person who has reached his or her 65th birthday shall expire 8 years (currently they do not expire). Provides that

Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card issued on or after July 1, 2017, shall expire every 8 year (currently 10 years).

**Chicago Police/Fire Pension Holiday (SB 777/ VETO OVERRIDDEN PA 99-0506):**

Delays current law requiring 90 percent funding of Chicago Police/Fire pension funding by 2040, to state that Chicago Police/Fire pension funding must not be 90 percent funded until 2055. This would underfund the Chicago Police/Fire pension funds by nearly \$1 billion over a five year period. Currently, the Chicago Police pension fund is approximately 26 percent funded, and the Chicago Fire pension fund is approximately 24 percent funded.

**Rental Property Theft (SB 1120/PA 99-0534):** Adds rented equipment such as tools, construction equipment, and party or special event rentals to the offense of theft of labor, services, or property.

**Upper Illinois River Valley Development Authority – Adds Lake County (SB 1262/PA 99-0499):** Includes Lake County within the jurisdiction of authority maintained by the Upper Illinois River Valley Development Authority, and states that one member of the Authority’s governing board will be appointed by the Lake County Board Chairman.

**Collection Agency Conflict Clean-Up (SB 1369/PA 99-0500):** Makes changes to address conflicting requirements between the Collection Agency Act and the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act that are causing compliance issues for collection agencies and debt buyers.

**Elections Omnibus Bill (SB 1529/PA 99-0522):** Contains a litany of election-related

changes and updates and serves as the 2016 elections omnibus bill. Impacts election commissions and entities across the state.

**Budget Implementation (Senate Bill 1810/PA 99-0523):** Creates the FY17 Stopgap Budget Implementation Act to make statutory changes necessary to implement the FY17 Stopgap Budget.

- Eliminates pay raises for Illinois legislators, State’s attorneys, elected constitutional officers, agency directors, and other State officials, while also freezing per diem and mileage reimbursement rates for members of the General Assembly for another year;
- Authorizes funding for the Auditor General’s office;
- Allows appropriations directly from the Budget Stabilization Fund and voids payback requirements;
- Extends IDOT’s authority to pay PACE paratransit grants, RTA reduced fare subsidy grants and Amtrak subsidies, all from the Road Fund;
- School districts relying heavily upon Personal Property Replacement Tax (PPRT) receipts are to receive some additional PPRT funding;
- Extends the ability of State Police to receive funds from the Traffic and Criminal Conviction Surcharge Fund;
- Makes specific authorizations and transfers for the payment to state pension funds;
- Authorizes the sale of \$2 billion in capital bonds and \$2 billion in refunding bonds; and
- Several other fund changes and technical provisions are included to

accommodate the appropriations made for the FY17 Stopgap Budget.

**FY 2017 Stopgap Budget (SB 2047/PA 99-0524):** Provides nearly \$50.6 billion in appropriations for past-due FY 2016 projects/programs, all twelve (12) months of Pre-K-12 education funding and capital/road projects, and six (6) months of other state agencies and programs in FY 2017. Agencies, operations and programs that are funded for half of FY 2017 will require new appropriations for January through July 2017. Does not include a tax increase and is revenue neutral.

Allocates \$11.1 billion for Pre-K-12 education but avoids a bailout of the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) system. Sets aside \$17.1 billion for capital projects (which includes IDOT and road projects). Allows all \$8.4 billion in federal funding to be appropriated in FY 2017. Partially funds higher education at a \$1 billion level (including MAP grants). Provides \$729 million for state operations and \$701 million for human services. Most of the FY 2016 appropriations include items such as MAP grants, court/consent decrees, and interfund borrowing forgiveness.

**Higher Ed Funding (SB 2059/PA 99-0502):** Appropriates approximately \$600 million in FY 2016 funds for higher education. These appropriations are designed to provide necessary funding and scholarship access through the summer of 2016 and come from the Education Assistance Fund (EAF). Includes the follow appropriations:

- \$169.8 million for MAP grants;
- \$180.1 million for the U of I system;
- \$74.1 million for community colleges;
- \$57.5 million for the SIU system;

- \$26.4 million for NIU;
- \$20.9 million for ISU;
- \$20.1 million for Chicago State University;
- \$14.9 million for WIU;
- \$12.5 million for EIU;
- \$10.7 million for NEIU;
- \$7 million GSU and
- \$6 million for the Illinois Math & Science Academy.

**Vegetative Filter Strip Property Tax Assessment Extension (SB 2160/PA 99-0560):** Extends the sunset date on the assessment of vegetative filter strips to December 31, 2026.

**False Personation (SB 2167/PA 99-0561):** Expands the false personation offense to cover a person who knowingly and falsely represents himself or herself to be an active-duty member or veteran of the Armed Services, Reserve Forces, or Nation Guard to obtain money, property, or other benefit through that false representation.

**SOS-Veteran ID and License (SB 2173/PA 99-0544):** Clarifies that the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs must advise the Secretary of State on ways to provide proof of service for designation on a driver's license/ID card. Also, those who qualify for the veteran designation would now include non-active duty service members; and any member reserve component or National Guard unit.

**Enterprise Zones (SB 2241/PA 99-0525):** Businesses located in an enterprise zone will be granted access to build facilities that cross railroad right-of-ways and can be used for transporting goods. Land management fees cannot exceed \$1,500.

**Treasurer Warrants and Payments (SB 2260/PA 99-0562):** Eliminates a provision requiring the State Treasurer to record the name to whom a warrant is made payable. This is a redundant law because the information is found on an online database. Also clarifies that the State Treasurer is to report to the State Comptroller all warrants, properly canceled, that may have been paid; and at appropriate intervals, the amount of money received and paid out.

**ABLE Accounts (SB 2268/PA 99-0563):** Permits the State Treasurer Act to accept contributions for Achieving a Better Life Experience Account Program (ABLE) accounts once the Internal Revenue Service has issued interim guidelines (currently has to wait for final regulations). Allows residents of any state to make contributions to ABLE accounts established by the Treasurer. Clarifies that the ABLE Accounts Administrative Fund may accept grants or other money from any other state government.

**Annual Comprehensive Housing Plan (SB 2271/PA 99-0564):** Reorganizes the State Housing Task Force and extends the sunset of the Annual Comprehensive Housing Plan to 2026.

**Human Trafficking Awareness (SB 2286/PA 99-0565):** Provides that required human trafficking awareness notices must be posted, among other places, in public restrooms of motels and hotels in clear view of the public and employees where similar notices are customarily posted.

**Public Aid-Tech (SB 2331/PA 99-0566):** Tightens current law and provides clarification that business affiliates of

MCO's who contract out care coordination services are authorized to communicate with their enrollees.

**Condo Association Board Closed Meetings (SB 2354/PA 99-0567):** Clarifies what matters the condo board may discuss at a closed meeting usually involving contracts and litigation.

**Dental Provider Notification of Plan Changes (SB 2355/PA 99-0566):** Any dental provider contract entered into going forward that allows the rights and obligations of the contract to be assigned or leased to another insurer shall provide for notice of that assignment or lease within 30 days after the assignment or lease to the contracting dentist.

**Undeveloped Community Property Ownership (SB 2358/PA 99-0569):** Provides that any assignment of a developer's interest in the property is not effective until the successor obtains the assignment in writing and records the assignment. Ensures that banks or subsequent purchasers of undeveloped portions of an association have written proof that they are the new owner instead of allowing verbal claims of ownership.

**Adopted Rules Nullification (SB 2386/PA 99-0570):** Establishes the DD Facility Advisory Board under the ID/DD Community Care Act to advise DPH on all aspects of its responsibilities under the Act. Provides that all rules, except emergency rules, that are adopted without review by the DD Facility Advisory Board are null. Further provides that if the Department declines to follow the advice of the advisory board, it must inform the advisory board in writing prior to adoption of the rules.



Grants the board a 90-day deadline for acting on rules presented to it.

**Mandatory Retirement Savings (SB 2420/PA 99-0571):** Makes changes to the new Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Act (mandatory retirement savings accounts) which was effective June 1, 2015. The bill provides that total annual expenses of the Board cannot exceed 0.75 percent of the total trust balance (currently annual administrative expenses).

**Illinois Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act (SB 2433/PA 99-0572):** Changes the Regulatory Sunset Act to extend the repeal date of the Illinois Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act for an additional 10 years. Also, changes the Illinois Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act to provide for technical clean-up and promote regularity of requirements among licenses issued under the Act.

**Judicial Video Conferencing Mental Health Hearing (SB 2459/PA 99-0535):** Authorizes the use of video conferencing in hearings to authorize involuntary administration of psychotropic medication and electroconvulsive therapy. Any court may permit any witness, including a psychiatrist, to testify by video conferencing equipment from any location in the absence of a court rule specifically prohibiting that testimony.

**Property Tax Book Returns (SB 2517/PA 99-0573):** Requires the chief county assessment officer to return the property tax assessment books to the board of review within 90 days of the township assessment roll or by the third Monday in June of the assessment year, whichever is later.

**Annual Reports for Power Agencies (SB 2522/PA 99-0536):** Changes duties and report deadline dates for Illinois Power Agency at the recommendation of an audit finding. Allows the IPA to voluntarily create a "Bureau" that would construct a power plant, instead of mandating that it does so.

**Risk Retention Groups (SB 2589/PA 99-0512):** Establishes new guidelines and standards for risk retention groups to apply within one (1) year of this language becoming law.

**Addiction Treatment Vacate Judgement (SB 2601/PA 99-0574):** Gives a person who has successfully completed alcohol or drug addiction treatment as a condition of probation more time in which to file a motion to vacate the judgment of conviction if they are eligible.

**Transfer Tax Returns (SB 2611/PA 99-0575):** Removes a provision requiring a copy of the Illinois transfer tax return be filed with the State Treasurer. Applies to payments made on or after July 1, 2012.

**Mandate Reform (SB 2657/PA 99-0576):** Repeals certain active state funds with no balances. Includes certain Budgeting for Results mandate reforms to identify outdated, duplicative or unduly burdensome mandates throughout state statutes.

**Unclaimed Property Dormancy Period (SB 2783/PA 99-0577):** Reduces the dormancy period for unclaimed property held by governmental units from 7 to 5 years.

**External Review Request Deadline Change (SB 2787/PA 99-0537):** Requires each health carrier to submit a report on all

requests for external review to the Director of Insurance by June 1 rather than March 1 of each year.

**Coal Mines (SB 2813/PA 99-0538):** Makes changes concerning mine examinations, including timing and scope of the examination. Allows for the use of a multi-gas detector, rather than a flame safety lamp, to test for methane or oxygen. Requires examiners to enter the examination report either by calling out the results of the examination to a recorder on the surface or by personally recording the report so it is not susceptible to alteration. Makes other coal mine safety changes.

**Cook County Pension Credit Code Act (SB 2817/PA 99-0578):** Changes the Cook County Article of the Illinois Pension Code. This limits a provision allowing purchase of credit for certain former county service, to a person who first becomes a contributor before the effective date of the amendatory act.

**Electronic Valuation Services (SB 2889/PA 99-0579):** Proves that a board of review can serve a petition electronically to a taxing district when a change of \$100,000 in valuation is sought.

**IMRF Survivors Benefits (SB 2894/PA 99-0580):** Allows beneficiaries who have already begun receiving benefits, to apply for back payments previously denied by the 1 year limitation on application. Allows for IMRF member survivors qualified for benefits to apply for those benefits for more than a year after the death of the member and back payments from IMRF would not include interest.

**Physician Assistants (SB 2900/PA 99-0581):** Adds the term “physician assistant” to various acts that fall within the scope of practice of a license physician assistant.

**Noxious Weeds (SB 2910/PA 99-0539):** States that the governing body of each county may carry out the duties and responsibilities to include a coordinated program for control and eradication of noxious weeds within the county and do so by allowing the Department of Agriculture to send letters of non-compliance to weed control authorities that fail to carry out their responsibilities.

**Pesticide Application (SB 2918/PA 99-0540):** Provides that under the Illinois Pesticide Act a “Commercial Not For Hire Applicator,” includes a certified applicator who uses or supervises the use of pesticides classified for general or restricted use as an employee of a state agency, municipality, or other duly constituted governmental agency or unit. Also, removes the definition of “Licensed Public Applicator” from the act and changes fees for licensure.

**Environmental Commission Organization (SB 2920/PA 99-0541):** Adds four (4) more voting members to the Environmental Justice Commission. Requires the four (4) new members must be in communities concerned with environmental justice and be made up of one member of the manufacturing sector, one from the energy sector, and two (2) from the labor sector.

**Risked-Based Health Organization Accreditation (SB 2944/PA 99-0542):** Satisfies the Health Organization element of the accreditation standard, the definitions of Company Action Level Event and specifically the trend test that is applicable

to property and casualty insurers be applicable to health organizations.

**State and Federal Environment Code**

**Unifier (SB 2956/PA 99-0582):** Amends the Environmental Barriers Act to incorporate 2010 changes in federal law, clear up confusion in existing statute, and create one code that architects can use to comply with their federal and state accessibility law obligations.

**Aluminum Recycling (SB 2963/PA 99-0543):**

Amends the Illinois Solid Waste Management Act section regarding aluminum can recycling to change the language to say “implemented” instead of “shall implement.”

**Donating Jury Fees (SB 3034/PA 99-0583):**

Creates the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center Pilot Program. This will allow any juror in Lake County to elect to have his or her juror fees donated to the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center.

**Minority and Women Trades People (SB 3104/PA 99-0584):** Institutes a civil penalty system for violations of the State Construction Minority and Female Building Trades Act.

**FY 2017 Stopgap Budget (SB 2047/PA 99-0524):** Provides nearly \$50.6 billion in appropriations for past-due FY 2016 projects/programs, all twelve (12) months of Pre-K-12 education funding and capital/road projects, and six (6) months of other state agencies and programs in FY 2017. Agencies, operations and programs that are funded for half of FY 2017 will require new appropriations for January through July 2017. Does not include a tax increase and is revenue neutral.

Allocates \$11.1 billion for Pre-K-12 education but avoids a bailout of the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) system. Sets aside \$17.1 billion for capital projects (which includes IDOT and road projects). Allows all \$8.4 billion in federal funding to be appropriated in FY 2017. Partially funds higher education at a \$1 billion level (including MAP grants). Provides \$729 million for state operations and \$701 million for human services. Most of the FY 2016 appropriations include items such as MAP grants, court/consent decrees, and interfund borrowing forgiveness.

**Higher Ed Funding (SB 2059/PA 99-0502):**

Appropriates approximately \$600 million in FY 2016 funds for higher education. These appropriations are designed to provide necessary funding and scholarship access through the summer of 2016 and come from the Education Assistance Fund (EAF). Includes the follow appropriations:

- \$169.8 million for MAP grants;
- \$180.1 million for the U of I system;
- \$74.1 million for community colleges;
- \$57.5 million for the SIU system;
- \$26.4 million for NIU;
- \$20.9 million for ISU;
- \$20.1 million for Chicago State University;
- \$14.9 million for WIU;
- \$12.5 million for EIU;
- \$10.7 million for NEIU;
- \$7 million GSU and
- \$6 million for the Illinois Math & Science Academy.

**Chicago Pension Property Tax (SB 318/PA**

**99-0521):** Grants the Chicago Board of Education the ability to levy an additional property tax to help support the Chicago

Teachers Pension Fund. Does not require the Board to levy a tax increase. This is not considered a new rate under the PTELL laws/rules.

**Bath Salts Prohibition (SB 210/PA 99-0585):** Makes it a Class 3 felony with a maximum \$150 fine to sell or offer for sale any bath salts in a retail mercantile establishment. The bill defines "bath salts" as any synthetic or natural material containing any quantity of a cathinone chemical structure, including any analogs, salts, isomers, or salts of isomers of any synthetic or natural material containing a cathinone chemical structure.

**Early Childhood Block Grant (SB 238/PA 99-0589):** States that beginning FY16 at least 25 percent of any additional Early Childhood Block Grant funding that exceeds funding in the previous Fiscal Year allocation, must be used to fund programs for children age 0 – 3. Furthermore, the measure states that once the percentage of this funding reaches 20 percent of the overall allocation for a full fiscal year, it must remain at this 20 percent level. Currently, not less than 14 percent of block

grant funding is to be used to fund these programs.

**3D Mammogram Coverage (SB 466/PA 99-0588):** Requires the state to begin an insurance mandate to cover 3D mammography on July 1, 2016.

**FOIA Penalties – Molly's Law (HB 4715/PA 99-0586):** Another component of Molly's Law, which states that if a public body fails to comply with a court order to disclose public records after 30 days and the court's order is not on appeal or stayed and the court does not grant an extension of the time for compliance, the court may impose an additional penalty of up to \$1,000 for each day the violation continues.

**Molly's Law (HB 6083/PA 99-0587):** Advances another portion of "Molly's Law" and extends the statute of limitations in wrongful death cases to five (5) years after the date of death if the death is the result of violent intentional conduct or within one (1) year after the final disposition of the criminal case if the defendant is charged with a homicide offense. However, it only applies to the violent actor and that these changes apply to causes of action that accrue on or after the effective date.