

Senate Committee Action February 28, 2017

Criminal Law

Powdered Alcohol (SB 0191): Prohibits the possession of any product consisting of or containing powdered alcohol. Provides that a knowing violation of that prohibition is a Class A misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class 4 felony for a second or subsequent offense.

Switchblade Knife-FOID card (SB 0607): Allows for the selling, manufacturing, purchasing, possession, or carrying of a switchblade knife by a person with a valid FOID card or by a person or entity engaged in the business of selling or manufacturing switchblade knives.

Drug-induced Homicide (SB 0639): Allows Illinois prosecutors to charge someone with drug-induced homicide even when the delivery of the drugs to the victim, which resulted in the victim's death, occurred outside the state.

Expired Unused Drug Disposal (SB 0680): Provides that used, expired, or unwanted pharmaceuticals collected by a city, village, or municipality under the Safe Pharmaceutical Disposal Act may be destroyed in a drug destruction device by a law enforcement agency.

Controlled Substance U-47700 (SB 0702): Adds a deadly synthetic heroin called 3, 4-Dichloro-N-[2-(dimethylamino) cyclohexyl]-N-methylbenzamide, also known as U-47700, to the list of Schedule I controlled substances.

Incarcerated Credit (SB 0903): A person incarcerated on a bailable offense but does not supply bail and against whom a fine is levied on conviction of such offense shall be allowed a credit of \$30 (rather than \$5) for each day so incarcerated upon application of the defendant.

Veteran Court Treatment (SB 1238): Provides that at the discretion of the Chief Judge, the Veterans and Service members Court program may be operation in one or more counties in the Circuit, and allow veterans and service member defendants from all counties within the Circuit to participate.

Fitness Report to the Courts (SB 1276): Amends the Code of Criminal Procedure concerning the timeframe for fitness status reports to the Courts. Changes the reporting period for individuals adjudicated Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI) from every 60 days to every 90 days.

Drug Offense Assessment (SB 1328): Provides that the \$25 assessment for drug related offenses appropriated to and administered by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority shall be distributed to fund Department of State Police drug task forces and Metropolitan Enforcement Groups by dividing the funds equally by the total number of Department of State Police drug task forces and Illinois Metropolitan Enforcement Groups.

Probation Officer Training (SB 1343): Provides that the Division of Probation Services shall establish training standards for continuing education of probation officers and supervisors and broaden access to available training programs.

Juvenile Electronic Monitoring (SB 1399): Provides that the drug court treatment program may also, subject to the approval of the Chief Judge of the Circuit, establish a program for electronic monitoring of juveniles with regard to drug-related and alcohol-related offenses.

Transportation

Semi-trailer Lengths (SB 51): Changes the maximum semi-trailer length on all non-state highways from 55 to 65 feet. Sets the kingpin real axle length longer than 48 feet limit to 42 feet 6 inches. Removes the 55 feet overall wheel base limitation on other state highways and class III routes. Allows the state or unit of local government to seek recovery for the cost of repair from damages as a result of a semi-trailer combination exceeding 55 feet. The state or local governments are not required to widen or alter highways constructed before the effective date of this legislation.

Illinois Special License Plate Decal (SB 52): Allows the Horsemen's Council of Illinois to issue decals for the universal special license plates. Original issuance fee is

\$25 with \$10 going to the Horsemen's Council of Illinois Fund and \$15 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund. The renewal fee is \$25, \$23 of which going to the Horsemen's Council of Illinois and \$2 to the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund. Amends the State Finance Act and creates the Horsemen's Council of Illinois Fund.

Disability Insignia for License Plates (SB 616):

Requires the Secretary of State to issue all regular and specialty plates with a recognizable international accessibility symbol imprinted on the plates to those who qualify. Currently, disabled Illinois citizens are only able to get the accessibility symbol on the person with disabilities plate or the disabled veteran plate.

CTA Free Rides and Reduced Lunch (SB 633):

Requires the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) to provide free rides on any fixed route public transportation services to any high school students that are eligible for free or reduced price meals and free milk under the federal National School Lunch Program or the Commodity School Program on days when school is in session. CTA estimates a \$9 million fiscal impact.

Secretary of State Vehicle Services Changes (SB 675): Changes the definition of "essential parts" of a vehicle. The change is clarifying the definition for enforcement when certifying the legitimacy of parts used in specially constructed vehicles. Adds to the Secretary of State's authority to cancel licenses and permits. Allows the Secretary of State to cancel an individual's license or permit if that individual has assisted in an out-of-state resident in acquiring an Illinois license or ID by providing or allowing the out-of-state resident to use their Illinois address. Creates penalties for unlicensed driver training schools.

Motor Fuel Tax Flexibility (SB 789): Allows any county board, township, or municipality to use motor fuel tax funds allotted to it for the operation costs of any public transportation service, capital improvements to improve or enhance pedestrian, bicycle, or transit mobility, and to support electric vehicle infrastructure. Intended to give local governments the flexibility to spend motor fuel tax funds how they see fit.

Red Lights on Tollway Emergency Vehicles (SB 1298):

Adds to the authorized emergency vehicles list and vehicles that are permitted to use red or white oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights to include Illinois State Toll Highway Authority vehicles with a gross weight rating of 9,000 pounds or more. Currently, only vehicles identified as Highway Emergency Lane Patrol qualify.

Illinois Department of Transportation Rail Freight Program Statutes (SB 1376):

Makes technical changes and updates statutes related to IDOT's Rail Freight Program. This includes removing language referencing IDOT authorization to qualify for funds pursuant to the provisions of the federal Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976. Also, replaces the Interstate Commerce Commission with the federal Surface Transportation Board in regards to who IDOT is required to review all impending rail abandonments and provide their recommendations. Removes IDOT reporting requirements.

Police and Remote Start Exemption to Unattended Vehicles (SB 1429):

Provides exceptions to the unattended motor vehicle law for law enforcement officers or an operator of an authorized emergency vehicle performing their official duties and vehicles that are started by a remote starter system. Adds an exemption to the excessive idling for diesel vehicles law for vehicles that are started by a remote starter system.