

Senate Committee Action March 29, 2017

Appropriations I

Domestic Violence Shelters (SB 1695): Adds \$18.2 million in FY17 supplemental funding for Domestic Violence Shelters.

Executive

Special Liquor Permits (SB 759): Amends the Liquor Control Act of 1934. Authorizes a class 1 brewer, class 2 brewer or a craft distiller to obtain a special use permit license. SCA 1 adds to the bill and reinserts the word "retail". The special use permit will allow for the transfer of alcoholic beverages from an existing licensed RETAIL premises to a designated site for a specific event. The word retail was reinserted into the statute due to the local approval required to obtain a retail license. The vast majority of craft brewers and craft distillers have already received local approval to distribute their product and obtained a retail license covering their "tap room". Removing the word retail could result in certain craft brewers or craft distillers that have never received local approval to temporarily distribute their product in a designated location only after obtaining a special use permit.

Emissions Testing Locations (SB 836): Shortens the maximum distance vehicle emissions testing locations can be from those subject to testing from 12 miles to 5 miles. Chicago legislators have received complaints from constituents that they have to drive to Skokie, Addison, or Bedford Park when their vehicle needs to be tested. IEPA opposes (will eliminate \$100 million savings under the new contact).

Gaming

Video Gaming Terminals (SB 620): Increases the number of video gaming terminals that a qualifying truck stop may operate to 10 (currently 5). Only applies to truck stops that are within 3 miles of a freeway and sell at least 50,000 gallons of diesel per month.

Lottery-Internet-Program (SB 1427): Extends the sunset date on the iLottery program to July 1, 2022 (as opposed to July 1, 2017).

Video Gaming Application Fees (SB 1804): Imposes an application fee for licensed video gaming locations of \$250 (currently none). Increases the application fee and annual license fee for Terminal Handlers to \$100 (currently \$50). Provides that penalties for violations of the Video Gaming Act shall not exceed \$25,000 for an individual and \$50,000 for licensees, per violation.

Video Gaming Veterans (SB 1894): Changes the video profit distribution for licensed veterans' establishments to 50% to the establishment, 45% to the terminal operator, and 5% to the Veteran Service Organization. Of the 5% to the veteran service organization, 75% must be used for services to veterans through the organizations offices. Upon request of the Gaming Board, the organization must provide documentation that the spending of any moneys received is in compliance.

Government Reform

State's Attorney Salaries (SB 685): Allows county boards to award State's Attorneys pay raises to be paid out of the county treasury.

Local Government Consolidation Working Group (SR 241): Creates a Local Government Consolidation Working Group for Lake County and the 31st Legislative District that will be tasked with identifying and resolving barriers to consolidation and any discrepancies in Illinois statute regarding units of local government and special districts in Lake County and the 31st Legislative District.

Labor

Department of Corrections Nurses (SB 0019): Provides that the Illinois Department of Corrections (DOC) may not let bids for contracts that would have the effect of reducing the number of DOC employees, whose employment is related to medical or mental health services, as their headcount stood on January 1, 2016.

Paid Sick Leave Mandate (SB 1296): Cuts out school districts, park districts, and the City of Chicago (as they have their own paid sick leave ordinance); Mirrors the accrual rates, start-times, and carry-over allowances to match the Chicago paid sick leave ordinance. The business community remains

opposed. Provides for a definition of the construction industry and provides that the paid sick leave mandate is not applicable to an employee working in the construction industry who is under a CBA; Establishes a process for which both parties to a CBA can waive this mandate (the waiver must explicitly be clear and unambiguous); Clarifies that the employer policy is a minimum of 7 paid sick days a year; Prohibits paid sick days from being charged or credited against an employee's vacation or PTO account.

Licensed Activities and Pensions

Pension Fund Agreement FOIA (SB 778): Requires that new agreements made by public pension funds with private equity funds, hedge funds, or absolute return funds be subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

Proprietary Investment Information Disclosure (SB 779): Requires the disclosure of proprietary investment information from firms that participate in any pension fund regulated by the Illinois Pension Code, or the Illinois State Board of Investment.

Multi-State Online Registry (SB 901): Allows collection agencies to renew and apply for a license electronically through the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System & Registry (NMLS).

Controlled Substance Dispensing (SB 2011): Allows a registered pharmacist filling a prescription for an opioid substance dispense a lesser quantity than the prescription if requested by the patient.

Local Government

Waterworks charges (SB 60): Requires that a township must provide a "fair and reasonable rate" (currently "charge") for users of a waterworks or sewage system, as well as a "fair and reasonable rate" for each new user added to the system. Provides that the mayor or president of the of a municipality or the customer(s) of the waterworks/sewage system may choose the independent entity to perform the statutorily required cost study, order the cost study, and pay for the cost study (this replaces the current

process that tasks the township conducting and paying the cost study if certain conditions are met). Requires that a cost study must include an examination of resident and commercial charges for the systems in at least 30 units of local government with a similar number of customers that are connected to the township sewer/water system.

General Assistance funds (SB 196): Allows townships a one-time transfer of general assistance funds to the townships general fund if the township does not receive any state funding for general assistance; has not borrowed for general assistance purposes in the last 3 fiscal years, and did not certify a new general assistance levy or increase the levy in the previous year. Adds to the bill that a one-time transfer of general assistance funds to the township's general fund once every 10 years from the date monies are transferred if the township does not receive any state funding for general assistance; has not borrowed for general assistance purposes in the last 3 fiscal years, and did not certify a new general assistance levy or increase the levy in the previous year.

Competitive bidding exceptions (SB 422): Provides competitive bidding exception. Provides that contracts and purchases that by nature are not adopted to award competitive bidding are not subject to the competitive bidding requirements of the township code.

Debt owed to county (SB 751): Includes unpaid non-real property taxes and fees as debt owed to a county under an enforcement of judgment. Shifts the additional costs incurred by having to go to a collection agency to the taxpayer instead of forcing the county to have to pay it. Applies to Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties.

Library statements (SB 851): Requires library financial statements submitted to municipalities that provide the necessary amount to levy for the next fiscal year be submitted to the municipality 60 days before the tax is to be certified under the Property Tax Code.

Park board (SB 1370): Ensures a process is in place in the event that a park board size is reduced. Provides that if a proposition to reduce a park district board from seven to five members is approved by referendum, the number of board members elected

at the next election that is to be held at least 60 days after the date of approval is reduced by two. The bill provides detailed schedules to be followed for staggering of terms.

Roadway Acquisition (SB 1449): Provides a process for private roadway acquisition. Any owner of real property may transfer the title to the roadway and any necessary easements to the township if the property meets two conditions: 1.) is located within the unincorporated boundaries of a township road district, and 2.) has a residential roadway considered to be a private roadway. Provides for a required vote of the township trustees among other requirements and processes for the acquisition to take place.

Metropolitan Water District (SB 1591): Enlarges the corporate limits of the Metropolitan Water District (MWRD) of Greater Chicago, to include an area in the northern part of Hoffman Estates and is 34.5 feet at the north end and 42 feet at the south end.

Zoning Hearing (SB 1605): Prevents zoning petitioners from withholding evidence during a zoning hearing. Provides that a zoning decision is subject to de novo judicial review of the record of that proceeding and that a decision on a procedural matter at any stage of the zoning decision making and review process is subject to judicial review pursuant to the Administrative Review Law.

Blighted Property (SB 1795): Provides that when a government unit acquires property under a blight reduction or abandoned property program administered by the Illinois Housing Development Authority, all undue or unpaid property taxes and existing liens for the unpaid property taxes imposed or pending under any Illinois law/ordinance or any of its political subdivisions shall become null and void.

Library Construction Bids (SB 2068): Raises the cost-minimum where a library board of trustees is required to advertise bids for construction, remodeling, repairing, or improving a building from \$20,000 to \$25,000.

State Government

Secure Choice Program Modifications (HB 2360): Clarifies that the Secure Choice Program Fund does not need to register as a security. This is done by exempting the Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Fund from certain section of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953. Including: definition of "offerer" according to the Code; registration of securities; registration of Face Amount Certificate Contracts; and registration of Investment Fund Shares.

Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Act (SB 763): Its purpose is to facilitate communication between the youth of the State of Illinois and the elected branches of State government regarding the issues, interests, and needs important to youth in the State of Illinois. The Council shall be an entity created and maintained under the legislative branch.

Local Utility Services Covered Under Prompt Payment (SB 937): Amends the State Prompt Payment Act. Adds utility services provided by a unit of local government to the definition of "goods and services furnished to the State." Allows for local government run utilities to receive interest on late payments from the State.

Codification of DoIT (1606): Creates the Department of Innovation Technology Act. Updates statute to reflect the newly created Department of Innovation and Technology as a standalone State agency, separate from Central Management Services.

Liabilities Report to the Comptroller (SB 1652): Amends the State Finance Act. Committee Amendment #1 becomes the bill: Each State agency must provide a report to the State Comptroller monthly in a time and form prescribed by the State Comptroller. The report will identify: current State liabilities held at the agency, by fund source; whether the liabilities are appropriated; and an estimate of interest penalties accrued under the State Prompt Payment Act (under criteria prescribed by the State Comptroller). The State Comptroller may provide a waiver to the monthly reporting requirement if a State agency doesn't have any State liabilities.

Illinois Muslim American Advisory Council Act (SB 1696): Creates the Illinois Muslim American Advisory Council Act and the Illinois Muslim American Advisory Council.

Youth Services Included in State Prompt Payment Act (SB 1848): Amends the State Prompt Payment Act. Adds state vendors (via a contractual agreement) that provide prevention, intervention, or treatment services and supports for youth to the definition of "goods or services furnished to the State" under the Act. This allows for these vendors to: qualify on behalf of the state by virtue of an appropriation from the General Assembly for payment from state funds; and receive compensation for late payments.

ILGA in Spanish (SB 1869): Amends the Illinois Legislative Systems Act. Requires that within one-year of becoming effective, the Legislative Information Systems shall create a Spanish-language version of its website. The Spanish site shall at least contain: weekly schedule of floor sessions of both chambers; list of committees and their members; synopsis of all bills and legislative and gubernatorial actions; rules of both chambers; and the Illinois Constitution and US Constitution.