

Senate Committee Action March 8, 2017

Executive

Contract Brewer/Distiller Distribution

Limitations (SB 1588): Provides a brewer, Class 1 or Class 2 brewer or a craft distiller may not sell brands of beer/spirits they do not own or control at their tap room. Further provides that these entities may not self-distribute those brands they do not own or control.

Licensed Activities and Pension

Pension Contribution for TRS Employees (SB 195): Lowers the pension contribution for TRS employees paid for out of federal or special funds.

Nurse Practice Act (SB 625): Provides for a series of language updates and Act modernization changes suggested by the Department in lieu of the regulatory sunset date at the end of the year. Represents an agreement combining IDFPB Sunset bill (SB 900) and Nursing's proposed changes to the Nurse Practice Act (SB 625).

Nurse Licensure Compact Ratification (SB 677): Ratifies and adopts the Nurse Licensure Compact, providing registered nurses and licensed professional nurses to have their licenses recognized in other compact member states. Requires fingerprinting as part of background checks.

Acupuncture Practice Act Sunset Extension (SB 898): Extends the repeal date of the Acupuncture Practice Act to January 1, 2028, and makes language updates.

Pharmacy Practice Act Sunset Extension (SB 902): Extends the repeal date of the Pharmacy Practice Act to January 1, 2028, and makes updated administrative changes.

Firefighter Pensions (SB 1335): Provides that a downstate fulltime firefighter who is a

participant of a pension system, and who also works a second job as a part time firefighter in a different jurisdiction, will receive pension contributions from the part time employer equal to normal cost.

Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Act (SB 1391): Creates the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Act, and provides that the State of Illinois enters into the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact and sets forth the provisions of the Compact.

Senate Member Pensions (SB 1404): Closes the General Assembly pension system to new participants who are members of the Senate after June 1, 2018.

Minority, Woman, Disabled Owned Businesses (SB 1714): Amends the Pension Code to require a consultant to annually disclose information concerning searches for investment services from minority owned businesses, female owned businesses, and businesses owned by persons with a disability.

Government Reform

Competitive Bidding for Municipalities (SB 658): Amends Municipal Code to increase base for public improvements or maintenance requiring public bid from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

County Board & Township Officials (SB 923): Disallows persons to simultaneously hold the office of county board and township supervisor, trustee, assessor or clerk.

Sexual Orientation Included in Appointment Application (SB 1670): Provides an option for sexual orientation disclosure to be included on the application for Governor Appointments.

Dissolving Elementary Districts (SB 2059): Amends the School Code to provide, in regards to dissolving an elementary district, each

individual parcel will be annexed by the school district closest geographically to that parcel.

Insurance

Unlimited Health Coverage for Preventive Physical Therapy (SB 0193): Removes language mandating coverage "without treatment limitation or calendar year maximum. Adds that the coverage required by this bill will be subject to the same deductible and coinsurance requirements as provided for other physical or rehabilitative therapy benefits. Requires future policies offer a treatment limitation exception process for people diagnosed with primary or secondary progressive multiple sclerosis. Adds that coverage required by this bill shall be subject to the other general exclusions and limitations of the policy.

Establishes Educational Advisory Council to Department of Insurance (SB 0904): Establishes a five-member Educational Advisory Council to the Department of Insurance. This council will review and make recommendations to the department regarding continuing education courses, course materials and credentials of instructors. All members will be selected by the Director of Insurance.

Repeal of Mandatory Arbitration (SB 1444): Repeals provisions concerning the mandatory arbitration of physical damage subrogation claims arising from auto damages in certain cases.

Reinsurance Regulation Reform (SB 1737): This legislation modernizes and strengthens the financial regulation of alien reinsurers who assume risk from Illinois domestic companies. The key provisions of this legislation are an NAIC accreditation requirement, effective January 1, 2019.

Commercial Insurance Policy Forms (SB 1833):

Changes the IL insurance code to restore permission for large commercial insurance customers to buy their insurance from insurers regulated in Illinois without requiring that the policy forms be filed with the Department of Insurance.

Exemptions to Collateral Recovery Act (SB 1834): Clarifies existing law and expressly provides two exemptions from the Illinois Collateral Recovery Act; "vehicle auctioneers licensed under the Illinois Vehicle Code" and "forwarding companies."

Junking or Salvage Certificates (SB 1946): Sets forth a process to obtain a junking or salvage certificate for vehicles from the Illinois Secretary of State: (1) when title has not been provided by the owner or lienholder to an insurer after full payment of a total-loss claim has been made; (2) when the owner of the vehicle initiates an insurance claim and thereafter abandons the vehicle located at a salvage dealer.

Labor

Employers Wage History (SB 981): Prohibits employers from requiring information about a job applicant's previous salary history.

Anti-Wage Theft (SB 1720): Prohibits any person or business that violates the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act, the Minimum Wage Law, the Illinois Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, the Employee Classification Act, the Day and Temporary Labor Services Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, or any comparable state statute or regulation of any state which governs the payment of wages to do business with the State or any State agency or enter into a subcontract that is subject to the Code for a period of 5 years.

Coal Mining Self Rescuers (SB 1839): Provides that a mine operator must provide the number of self-contained self-rescuer devices as required by the mine's approved Mine Safety and Health

Administration Emergency Response Plan.

Volunteer EMS/Firefighters (SB 1895):

Provides that any individual who serves as either emergency medical services personnel on a volunteer basis or as a firefighter on a volunteer basis may not be disciplined or terminated by his or her employer for responding to an emergency call or emergency text message during work hours that requests the individual's volunteer emergency medical services or volunteer firefighter services.

Home Care Protection (SB 1978): Provides that an individual performing services for a private home care provider is presumed to be an employee unless specified conditions exist. However, a sole proprietor or partnership performing services is not considered an employee of the agency or private party upon a showing that it is a legitimate subcontractor.

Private Employment (SB 2060): Changes the Private Employment Agency Act. In provisions concerning application for license, removes requirement that the Department of Labor investigate the fitness of the premises to be used. In provisions concerning referrals, removes references to referrals by telegraph. Repeals a provision granting the Department police powers.

