

## Senate Committee Action April 6, 2017

### Agriculture

**Control Funds for Feral Cats (SB 641):** Changes the Animal Control Act by allowing a county animal population control fund to be used to support feral cat spay, neuter, and vaccinate programs which are recognized by the county or municipality, but exempts Cook County.

**Open Crossbow Use (SB 1467):** Allows anyone to use a crossbow to take any animal within their respective archery seasons.

**Congress Farm Bill (SR 377):** Urges Congress to adopt a farm bill that supports and promotes the development of local and regional food systems. Copies of resolution delivered to President and majority/minority leaders in Congress.

### Commerce and Economic Development

**Service Pricing Fraud Protections (SB 298):** Provides that it is not an unfair business practice to charge different prices based entirely on time, difficulty, and market conditions as it relates to hair stylists, barbers, alterations, dry cleaners. Also, clarifies that the seller is liable under Section 7 of the Act, which is the only section that governs injunctive relief, restitution, and civil penalties.

### Criminal Law

**Police Shooting-Drug Test (SB 58):** Provides that each law enforcement agency shall adopt a written policy regarding drug testing, and the alcohol and drug testing must be completed as soon as possible after the shooting but no later than one hour after the officer-involved shooting.

**Bail-Nonviolent Offenses (SB 552):** Abolishes monetary bail for person charged with nonviolent offenses, so they can be released

on their own recognizance until their court hearing.

**Expired Unused Drug Disposal (SB 680):** 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.

**Criminal Asset Freeze (SB 1402):** Allows the State's Attorney in a criminal case to bring an action seeking a court order to freeze the assets of a person charged with or convicted of a criminal offense, if there are grounds to believe the defendant may dissipate the assets to avoid paying any fine, restitution, assessment, or costs that may or has been imposed as the result of a conviction.

**Misconduct Limitations (SB 1715):** Extends the statute of limitations for a prosecution of any offense based upon misconduct in office by a public officer or employee from one year to 2 years after discovery of the offense by a person having a legal duty to report the offense, or the proper prosecuting officer becomes aware of the offense. Raises the cap on the period of extended limitations from 3 years to 4 years beyond the expiration of the period otherwise applicable.

**Conceal Identity (SB 1842):** In the aggravated kidnaping, aggravated assault, aggravated battery, and unlawful use of weapons offenses, deletes references to "hooded" and replaces with "cloth" so that the offense is committed when the person commits the proscribed act when he or she wears a cloth, robe, or mask to conceal his or her identity.

**Parole under Age 21 (SB 2073):** Creates a type of "parole review" with the Prisoner Review Board for offenders who committed crimes under the age of 21 and received long sentences.

## Environment and Conservation

**West Chicago Facility (SB 1456):** Amends the Environmental Protection Act, and the term "pollution control facility" does not include the portion of a site containing landscape waste for which a permit modification has been submitted to IEPA to allow the commingling of landscape waste and food scraps. As well as, adds specific parameters to cover the Village of West Chicago which is where a proposed new facility would be located.

### **Lead Reduction Program (SB 1774):**

Establishes a second phase of this program in the communities identified as a priority by the Department of Public Health because of the high risk for childhood lead poisoning.

## Transportation

### **IDOT Transportation Projects Requirement**

**(SB 511):** Requires IDOT to use federal or State funds allocated for transportation projects to improve safety, access, and mobility for users of various modes of transportation. In addition to, gives the Governor appointing authority to appoint members representing various agencies, organizations, or interests groups to the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board and IDOT must prepare a report on the status of the implementation of the Complete Streets Initiative and submit it to the Governor and General Assembly on January 1st of each year beginning in 2018.

### **Speed Cameras in Highway Construction or**

**Maintenance Zones (SB 691):** Revamps the program by lowering the fines and making them a civil violation instead of a moving violation. New fines would be \$0 for 0-9 mph over the speed limit, \$50 for 10-19 mph over, and \$100 for 20 or over 20 miles per hour. Includes a staffing goal for the State Police of 2,500 sworn officers.

### **Rail Carrier Firearm Transporting Notification (SB**

**1448):** States that a violation of this legislation would be a business offense punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 for a first violation and up to \$2,000 for a second or subsequent violation.

**Registration for Vehicles (SB 1505):** Changes the required date that SOS must offer 1-5 year registrations from 2018 to 2019. Also, requires Secretary of State to offer each owner of first and second division vehicles under 8,000 pounds the option to register their vehicle for one, two, three, four, or five years. The

### **Auto Dealer Bond Exemption (SB 1556):**

Lengthens the required number of months a new or used auto dealer must be in compliance with the bond or certificate of deposit requirement from 36 to 60 months before they can become exempt from the requirement. The 60 months must occur after the effective date of this legislation.

**IDOT Accident Data (SB 1580):** Removes provisions providing that a written motor vehicle accident report is privileged as to the Secretary of State and the Department of Transportation and shall be held confidential. As well as, provides that the department may provide for in-depth investigations of accidents involving department employees or other motor vehicle accidents.

### **Credit Unions and Towers Agreement (SB 1694):**

Makes the following changes that is an agreement between the Credit Unions and the Towers:

1. Deletes all owner notification provisions (limits the notification requirements to lienholders)
2. Clarifies that the notice provided by the towing company is effective on dispatch (i.e., effective on the date it is mailed)
3. Since the notification must be sent by certified mail, gives the towing company one business day to do the mailing to accommodate weekend tows; and lets the towing company assess storage fees from

the date of towing under that  
circumstance

4. For vehicles that are registered out of state, lets the towing company assess storage fees from the date of submittal of the lienholder identification request to the SOS or DMV in that state
5. Clarifies that the provisions do not apply to municipal corporations (City of Chicago request)