

Senate Committee Action May 18, 2017

Commerce and Economic Development

Harmon Bobcat Hunting & Trapping Ban (SB 1981): Provides that it is unlawful for any person to hunt or trap a bobcat outside of the Southern zone of the State (anything South of Rt. 36) and in the Counties of Adams, Brown, Carroll, Cass, Edgar, Fulton, Hancock, Jo Daviess, Pike, Schuyler, and Scott. Provides that DNR can issue up to 500 permits maximum annually. Sunset provision of June 30, 2019. Provides that it is always unlawful for any person to hunt or trap a bobcat in Cook and the Collar Counties.

Criminal Law

Unfit to Stand Trial Placement (HB 649): Expedites transfers of inmates unfit to stand trial from county jails to the Department of Human Services mental health facilities. Gives DHS 20 days to tell sheriffs where to take inmates who are unfit to stand trial or not guilty by reason of insanity. If DHS fails to identify a mental health facility within 20 days, sheriffs can then put DHS on notice that they will take defendants to the nearest facility. The department would then have two days to provide an estimated date for admission to a facility.

Synthetic Drugs (HB 2534): Adds synthetic drugs and cannabinoids to the list of Schedule I controlled substances. Adds other substances to the Schedule II list of controlled substances and lists all hydrocodone derivatives as Schedule II controlled substances.

DOC Video Visitations (HB 2989): the Department of Corrections may not restrict or limit in-person visits due to the availability of interactive video conferences.

Energy and Public Utilities

Rail Way Right of Way (HB 535): Changes the process for using right of way when laying/drilling cable fiber lines at railroad property. Cable companies can petition the ICC for disputes with railroads (instead of court).

Flue Gas Desulfurization (FGD) Task Force Act (HB 3656): Creates the FGD Task Force to study the cost benefits of and make recommendations for the construction of new stacks at coal-fired power plants with flue gas desulfurization scrubber technology and the conversion of existing stacks at coal-fired power plants to flue gas desulfurization scrubber technology for the purpose of safely burning more Illinois-mined coal.

Executive

Lincoln Library and Museum State Agency (HB 136): Creates the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) as a State agency separate from the Historic Preservation Agency (HPA). Provides for the operations of the ALPLM including the appointment of its board and officers.

Charter Schools Appeal Law (HB 768): Amends the Charter Schools Article of the School Code and removes any and all recourse that a charter operator has under current law to appeal a decision of a local school board to the State Charter School Commission if/when their charter application has been denied, revoked or not renewed. Strips the Commission's authority to consider and grant appeals. Strips the Commission's authority to reverse a local school board decision.

Expatriate Foreign Haven (HB 3419): Prohibits the State from doing business with or investing the retirement system in companies that incorporate in foreign tax havens to avoid paying income taxes in Illinois. The retirement system has the authority to engage in activism. The Retirement System may bring shareholder resolutions and proxy voting on shareholder resolutions. If the retirement system determines the shareholder activism is unsuccessful, then they will divest from the company.

Licensed Activities and Pensions

Firefighter Pensions (HB 688): Permanently authorizes a firefighter to transfer up to 10 years of creditable service in a downstate firefighter fund to the Firemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago upon payment of a specified amount.

Acupuncture Practice Act Changes (HB 2630):

Changes the name of the Acupuncture Practice Act to the Acupuncture and East Asian Medicine Practice Act and extends its sunset to January 1, 2028. Expands scope of practice to include the use of needles and the practice of “dry needling,” electro or magnetic stimulation, cold lasering, and cupping, and adds “East Asian Medicine.”

IMRF Forest Preserve District Changes (HB 3908):

Prohibits participation in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund by part-time elected, or appointed officials of a forest preserve district. Part-time is defined as working under 1,000 hours in a year.

Interior Design Title Changes (SB 326):

Expands continuing education requirements and changes the title of the Design Title Act to Registered Interior Designer. Additionally, provides for lien rights, which a registered interior designer does not currently have.

Prescription Monitoring (SB 1607): Provides that before issuing a prescription for a Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substance, a prescriber or his or her designee shall access the prescription monitoring program to determine compliance. Requires the prescription monitoring program to issue reports to the prescribing authority of potential “doctor shopping.” Requires all electronic medical data available to interface with the prescription monitoring program by January 1, 2021. Before issuing a prescription for a Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substance, a prescriber or his or her designee shall access the prescription monitoring program to determine compliance.

State Government

Indigenous Peoples Day (HB 123): The last Monday in September of each year is designated as Indigenous Peoples Day to be observed throughout the State as a day to recognize the contributions of indigenous peoples with suitable ceremony and fellowship. This is designed to promote greater understanding and kinship between indigenous peoples and non-indigenous peoples of the State of Illinois.

Sponsorships on SOS Mailings (HB 394): The Secretary of State is authorized to solicit and accept sponsorship of registration renewal notices solely for the purpose of offsetting the costs of preparing and distributing the notices. A sponsor shall pay a fee for the privilege of having a name or logo printed on the registration renewal notice. Any contract for sponsorship shall be for a term no longer than one-year.

Illinois State Trooper Day (HB 769): Designates April 1 of each year as Illinois State Trooper Day.

State Pet (HB 812): Designates any shelter dog or cat that is residing or has resided in a shelter or rescue facility in this state as the official State pet of the state of Illinois.

\$15 Mil. Loan Forgiveness for Illinois International Port District (HB 1797): Provides that, for certain contracts entered into between the Capital Development Board and a regional port district concerning an appropriation for cargo handling facilities, if, for a period of 25 years, the regional port district has not been required to remit any amount of the appropriation to the State because the regional port district has failed to achieve the required level of profit, then the regional port district shall not be required to remit any amount of the appropriation under the contract.

State Wildflower (HB 2568): Designates milkweed as the official state wildflower of the State of Illinois.

Certification of Completion of Work (HB 2664): Requires contractors to pay each subcontractor whenever the contractor receives a payment. Provides if a contractor is assessed liquidated damages by the State, the contractor is still responsible to each subcontractor under the subcontracts. For contracts with the Department of Transportation, provides that if a contractor is assessed a liquidated damages penalty equal to or exceeding the total amount of the contract and the contractor is unable to pay its subcontractors, the DoT shall verify completion of the work performed by the subcontractor and, upon successful verification, pay the subcontractor the amount owed on the subcontract with the contractor.

Official State Exercise (HB 2895): Designates cycling as the official State exercise of Illinois.

Government Cybersecurity Review (HB 3737):

Creates the Government Cybersecurity Review Act to provide for the creation of the Division of Cybersecurity Inspection in the Department of Innovation and Technology (DOIT).

Construction Services- Works Who Reside in Poverty (HB 3744):

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Requires that for any project under a construction contract, the contract shall require that, to the extent practicable, at least 10% of man-hours performing construction services be performed by individuals who reside in areas of poverty.

Secretary of State Emergency Grants to Not-for-Profits (HB 4011):

Allows the Secretary of State to make grants (subject to appropriation) or otherwise provide assistance to, on an emergency basis, not-for-profit organizations that need eligible security improvements. These improvements need to assist the organization in preventing, preparing for, or responding to acts of terrorism.