

Senate Committee Action May 29, 2017

State Government

Secretary of State Newspaper Publications

(HB 348): Amends the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act, and provides that the Secretary of State shall publish a proposed constitutional amendment in a newspaper as well as on a publicly accessible website. Also, provides that the SOS shall not publish, mail, or maintain any pamphlets concerning a proposed constitutional amendment concerning the abolition of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Veteran Suicide Task Force Implementation

(HB 2647): Implementation of the recommendations from the Veterans' Suicide Task Force that released its report in December of 2016. The Illinois Department of Veteran Affairs is to adopt rules, seek available funding to implement the following recommendations:

- Outreach and coordination with the US Dept. of Veterans' Affairs.
- Public awareness campaign.
- Mental Health Training
- Veteran Service Officer Hiring
- Higher Learning
- Family Preparation Course
- Employment
- Peer to Program

JCAR rules changes (HB 3376): Increases the Overtime Cap for Personal Care Assistants under the Home Services Program from 45 Hours to 55 Hours/week; authorizes an Overtime Exception of up to 66 hours/week. Also, Under DHS's Home Services Program, Prohibits DHS from limiting the number of hours a personal assistant may work that is less than 55 hours a week, and requires DHS to establish an appeals process that permits a home care consumer to request an exception to the 55 hour limit, up to a maximum of no less than 66 hours per week. As well as, sets

forth provisions regarding the exception and appeals process.

Executive

Unclaimed Life Insurance Benefits (HB 302):

Requires insurers to evaluate policies in lapsed or terminated status since 1996 to determine if the policy holder has died and, if so, whether death benefits have been paid. Also, requires insurers to evaluate all policies including those in lapsed or terminated status that have been in force and effect At any time since 2012 (non-searchable files) or 2000 (electronic searchable files) to determine if the policy holder has died and, if so, whether death benefits have been paid.

Boat title fees and flotation devices (HB 434):

Amends the Boat Registration and Safety Act, and increases registration fees for boats under 26 feet by \$10. Also, removes title requirement for boats under 21 feet, and makes various changes to sections regarding personal flotation devices in order to match Illinois statute to Federal standards.

Bobcat Restrictions (HB 3399): Amends the Wildlife Code, and bans bobcat hunting in most eastern counties in the State. As well as, puts a limit of 350 bobcats in 2017 and 375 in 2018 (or when the respective seasons end) these provisions expire in 2019.

Illinois Trust Act - Agency Certification (SB 32):

Creates the Illinois Trust Act, and mandates victim certification requirements for non-citizens by law enforcement, prosecutors, and other agencies upon a receipt of a request from a victim of qualifying criminal activity or the victim's representative. Furthermore, these requests for expedited completion of a certification form shall be raised by the victim or representative of the victim in writing and shall

establish that the victim is eligible for expedited review.

Procurement Code Energy Contracts (SB 41): Amends the Procurement Code to expand energy savings contracts or leases to provide for utility cost savings. As well as, agreements should not exceed 15 years, and assignment agreements will require the State of Illinois to pay revenues or tax receipts otherwise payable to the home rule unit, directly to special purpose entities to satisfy the local government's outstanding debt obligations. Also, adds in new language that provides obligations issued by an issuing entity will be secured by a statutory lien.