

Senate Committee Action May 4, 2017

Agriculture

Snow Inconvenience Fees for Farmers (HB 1800): Allows county boards to pay increased inconvenience fees to farmers that allow farmable land to be used as snow breaks on highways.

Plant Material Sales (HB 2488): Allows the DNR to sell plants and plant materials from State run nurseries to conservation groups for forest restoration and other conservation efforts.

Diseased Animals Records (HB 2998): Allows the Department of Agriculture to keep the rules under the Illinois Diseased Animals Act on their website. Currently, these records are required to be printed.

Wildlife Hunting Licenses (HB 3093): Adds new definition to the Wildlife Code of "hunting license" meaning an electronic or physical license authorizing a person to take a certain type of animal during a specified period of time.

Industrial Hemp Act (SB 1294): Allows the Department of Agriculture to issue licenses to individuals to grow, cultivate, and process industrial-grade hemp. Hemp under the act means fibers, seeds, and roots from the cannabis genus containing not more than 0.3 percent THC on a dry weight bases. As well as, addresses administrative hearings conducted by the Department of Agriculture, immunity for Department of Agriculture employees carrying out functions in the Act, and the establishment of the "Industrial Hemp Regulatory Fund", which would be funded through the fees collected under this Act. Also, deletes reference in Cannabis Control Act to hemp pilot program that is being rolled into this legislation.

Commerce & Economic Development

Public Aid Client Small Business Loans (HB 736): Allows the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to establish a small business grant program for public aid recipients who are interested in developing a new start-up business.

Networking for Success Program (HB 1813): Provides that DCEO shall establish a program for Illinois small businesses to assist them with SEO, GIS, web design and social media marketing. Subject to appropriation.

Environment & Conservation

Refueling at Waste Disposal Sites (HB 513): Allows for the refueling of off-road vehicles and equipment at waste disposal sites from fuel tankers and other portable fuel storage vehicles.

Milkweed Classification (HB 685): Amends the Counties Code and Illinois Municipal Code; counties and municipalities may not classify milkweed as a noxious weed. Might have something to do with the decrease in Monarch butterflies.

Cathode Ray Tube Shortage (HB 772): Provides that accreditation is not required facilities that place cathode ray tube (CRT) glass in retrievable storage units. Organizations that offer accreditation are not allowed to penalize facilities that use this method.

Metal Beverage Containers (HB 2386): Authorizes any person to sell or offer to sell at retail any metal beverage container designed and constructed in such a manner that a part of the container is detachable in opening the container without the aid of a can opener if the part comprises substantially all of one of the ends of the metal beverage container.

Radon Task Force Removal (HB 2719): Amends

the Radon Resistant Construction Act; deletes reference to "Task Force on Radon Resistant Building Codes."

Abolish Hazardous Materials Board (HB 2733): Abolishes the Hazardous Materials Advisory Board and makes conforming changes throughout Act.

Asphalt Roofing Materials Disposal (HB 2876): Provides that no sanitary landfills within a 25-mile radius of an eligible shingle recycling facility shall accept for disposal loads of whole or processed asphalt shingles. Makes conforming changes and deletes language that sunset that section of the law.

Unlawful Recycling Materials (HB 3014): Provides that beginning on July 1, 2017, it shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly place specified materials into a container intended for collection by a residential hauler for processing at a recycling center.

Radioactive Waste Task Force (HB 3048): Abolishes the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Task Group and makes corresponding changes including removing provisions concerning the adoption of criteria for selection of a site for a regional disposal facility.

CRT Glass Recycling (SR 170): Urges SERI (Sustainable Electronics Recycling International) and the TAC (the R2 Technical Advisory Committee) to amend the R2 Standard to create an option for management of CRT glass through beneficial use, including in uses such as landfill construction aggregate and ADC, and placement of treated CRT glass into a dedicated retrievable storage cell in a permitted disposal facility.

Executive

Federal Immigration Law (SB 31): Creates the Illinois Trust Act: Prohibits law enforcement compliance with federal immigration

detainers. Includes restrictions on inquiries into immigration status of an individual as well as requesting or accepting temporary visitor's driver's licenses. Also, prohibits law enforcement agents from making arrests in state-funded schools, medical facilities, Secretary of State Facilities, and courthouses, and mandates victim certification requirements for non-citizens by law enforcement, prosecutors, and other agencies. Creates an Illinois Trust Act Compliance board under the Governor's office.

Statements of Economic Interest (SB 1289): The Illinois Governmental Ethics Act is amended to revamp the entire statement of economic interest. Statements can be filed electronically with either the SOS or the County Clerk, as appropriate. The electronic filing system will allow ethics officers to review and certify that they have reviewed the statement prior to filing. In addition to, the electronic filing system will be required to allow amendments to previously filed statements, and ethics officers will have to complete online training on the new statements and filing system.