

Senate Floor Action for April 25, 2017

Illinois Human Rights Act (SB 61): Forces the Illinois Department of Human Rights to dismiss pending charges if a lawsuit has already been initiated in State or Federal Court or the relevant local administrative agency. This will allow for increased efficiency and a greater focus on charges not being litigated by another government entity.

Wind Power Installers (SB 71): Deletes wind power installers from ICC rules/certification requirements.

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

General Assistance funds (SB 196): Allows townships a one-time transfer of general assistance funds to the townships general fund if the township does not receive any state funding for general assistance; has not borrowed for general assistance purposes in the last 3 fiscal years, and did not certify a new general assistance levy or increase the levy in the previous year. Adds to the bill that a one-time transfer of general assistance funds to the township's general fund once every 10 years from the date monies are transferred if the township does not receive any state funding for general assistance; has not borrowed for general assistance purposes in the last 3 fiscal years, and did not certify a new general assistance levy or increase the levy in the previous year.

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.

Property Taxes | Sales in Error (SB 586): Amends the Property Tax Code to provide changes to the Sales in Error section to clarify appropriate uses of the provisions and lessen the financial impact of sales in error to counties.

Disability Insignia for License Plates (SB 616): Requires the Secretary of State to issue all regular and specialty plates with a recognizable international accessibility symbol imprinted on the plates to those who qualify. Currently, disabled Illinois citizens are only able to get the accessibility symbol on the person with disabilities plate or the disabled veteran plate.

Township Caucus Vote (SB 666): States that, within the Township Code, a participant in a caucus is entitled to only one vote for each office that is being voted on. This is in response to the practice in McHenry Township, where a precinct committeeman's vote counts for some 400 votes compared to the average citizen.

Capital Facilities Projects Funds (SB 667): Amends the General Obligation Bond Act and the Capital Development Bond Act of 1972 to provide that any unused portion of federal funds received as reimbursement for a capital facilities project will remain in the Capital Development Board Contributory Trust Fund. The Fund is used exclusively for capital projects, as subject to appropriation, directed by the Capital Development Board.

Secretary of State Vehicle Services Changes (SB 675): Changes the definition of "essential parts" of a vehicle. The change is intended to clarify

the definition for enforcement when certifying the legitimacy of parts used in specially constructed vehicles. Adds to the Secretary of State's authority to cancel licenses and permits. Allows the Secretary of State to cancel an individual's license or permit if that individual has assisted in an out-of-state resident in acquiring an Illinois license or ID by providing or allowing the out-of-state resident to use their Illinois address. Creates penalties for unlicensed driver training schools.

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.

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.

Provisions of NAIC Model (SB 682): This legislation makes technical changes to insurance code to incorporate provisions of National Association of Insurance Commissioners Model Act. Also, renumbers provisions of existing law and correlated cross references.

IIGF Access to 3rd Party Records (SB 683): Includes provisions to ensure the Illinois Insurance Guaranty Fund (IIGF) has access to the claim records and files of insolvent property and casualty insurance companies that are possessed by a third party administrator. Clarifies the priority given under Illinois Insurance Code to expenses IIGF may recover from the assets of an insolvent insurer liquidated by the Office of the Special Deputy Receiver.

CDB Revolving Fund Sunset extension (SB 684): Extends the sunset from the Capital Development Board Revolving Fund to July 1, 2021 (currently, July 1, 2017).

State's Attorney Salaries (SB 685): Allows county boards to award State's Attorneys pay raises to be paid out of the county treasury.

Personnel Code Exemption (SB 698): Allows Rehabilitation/Mobility Instructor and Trainee positions at the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired (IVSI) to be directly hired (as opposed to going through the CMS grading process). Also repeals the sunset of a previous law allowing the direct hire policy to continue at the Illinois School for the Deaf and ISVI for teaching positions. The Illinois School for the Deaf and Illinois School for the Visually Impaired have had a difficult time finding qualified teachers and this bill is intended to make it easier to hire enough teachers.

Pensionable Salary Clarification (SB 701): States that compensation for automobile use cannot be used as pensionable salary. This only applies to new participants within the IMRF pension code.

Pink or U-47700 (SB 702): Adds a deadly synthetic heroin called 3, 4-Dichloro-N-[2-(dimethylamino) cyclohexyl]-N-methylbenzamide, also known as U-47700, to the list of Schedule I controlled substances.

Administrative Decisions and Notice of "Parties of Record" (SB 731): States that in the Code of Civil Procedure dealing zoning appeals, makes the current definition of "parties of record," "being the zoning board of appeals and applicants applicable to all cities, not just those with population of 500,000 or more.

Financial Institution Definition (SB 734): Provides that the definition of "financial institution" in the Finance Division of the Code includes any savings bank, savings and loan association, or credit union (currently, savings

and loan associations and federally chartered commercial bank or savings and loan association) and regional planning commissions or joint regional planning commissions.

Education Credit for Military Training (SB 736):

Requires public universities and community colleges to form a policy to award academic credit for corresponding military training.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission (SB 752): Makes minor changes to the terminology of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission members. Requires Commissioners to be confirmed by the Senate. Requires a minimum of 8 commissioners (instead of 6) to be deaf, deafblind or hard of hearing. Adds details regarding commission members and special qualifications of each member. Requires the Director of the Commission to act as Chief Executive Officer to meet specific criteria. Adds to the list of duties of the Commission and requires them to receive, coordinate and monitor complaints filed.

Child Abuse Hotline (SB 764): Requires all public schools to post a sign (in English and in Spanish) that contain the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) child abuse hotline number. The sign must be in a clearly visible location in a public area of the school that is readily accessible to students. ISBE may adopt rules regarding the size and location of the signs required. Applies to all regular public schools, all public charter schools and Chicago Public Schools.

Sunset Extension for Clinical Social Work Practice Act (SB 768): Extends the sunset date for the Clinical Social Work Practice Act to January 1, 2028 and provides for language

updates to match current practice, and to create conformity with other practice acts administered by IDFPR.

Extends Home Medical Equipment and Service Provider Licensing Act (SB 770):

Extends the repeal date of the Home Medical Equipment and Service Provider License Act setting the repeal date for January 1, 2028, and also updates the Act to mirror current practice and to create conformity with other licensure Acts administered by the State of Illinois.

Podiatry Sunset Extension (SB 772): Extends the sunset date for the Podiatry Practice Act to Jan 1, 2028. Also makes various language updates to match current practices.

Predatory Lender Database (SB 776): Changes the definition of "counseling" and "originator." Provides that each certificate of compliance with the Article or certificate of exemption must contain, at a minimum, one of the borrower's names on the mortgage loan and the property index number for the subject property.

Line of Duty Compensation Act (SB 860): Adds Operation Freedom's Sentinel, Operation New Dawn, and Operation Inherent Resolve to the definition of "killed in the line of duty" for Armed Service Members, which will allow the family of U.S. army members killed during these operations to be eligible for death benefits.

Illinois Freedom to Work Tech Fix (SB 858): Amends the Illinois Freedom to Work Act to fix a drafting error and clarify that a low-wage employee is one whose earnings do not exceed the greater of minimum wage or \$13/hour in order to ensure these employees enjoy the protections of the law as intended.