

## Senate Floor Action for April 27, 2017

### **Domestic Violence Phone Service (SB 57):**

Allows victims of domestic violence to petition a court to keep their current wireless phone and phone number through by petitioning a court to separate a shared wireless service plan without approval from the primary account holder. Under the terms of the bill, the petitioner assumes all financial responsibility for their cell phone after that. The court clerk would be responsible for serving the order on the wireless telephone service provider from a list maintained with the Secretary of State.

**Waterworks Charges (SB 60):** Requires that a township must provide a “fair and reasonable rate” (currently “charge”) for users of a waterworks or sewage system, as well as a “fair and reasonable rate” for each new user added to the system. Provides that the mayor or president of the of a municipality or the customer(s) of the waterworks/sewage system may choose the independent entity to perform the statutorily required cost study, order the cost study, and pay for the cost study (this replaces the current process that tasks the township conducting and paying the cost study if certain conditions are met). Requires that a cost study must include an examination of resident and commercial charges for the systems in at least 30 units of local government with a similar number of customers that are connected to the township sewer/water system.

**Minimum Wage Exemption (SB 81):** Provides for an exemption to the Illinois Minimum Wage Law regarding employees of a minor league professional baseball team.

**Homestead Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities (SB 87):** Provides that with relation to the homestead exemption for veterans with disabilities, changes the definition of “surviving spouse” to now mean that for tax years prior to

2015, the definition means the surviving spouse of a veteran who was granted the exemption prior to his or her death; for tax year 2015, the definition means the surviving spouse of a veteran who was granted the exemption prior to the veterans death, and for the surviving spouse of the veteran who was killed in the line of duty in the current taxable year or any preceding taxable year; for tax year 2016 and after, the definition means the surviving spouse of a veteran who qualified for the exemption prior to his or her death, the surviving spouse of a veteran that was killed in the line of duty in the current taxable year or any preceding taxable year, and the surviving spouse of a veteran who did not obtain an exemption before his or her death but would have if he or she had survived.

**Clean Fuel Education (SB 190):** This law repeals a section of the Alternate Fuels Act that created the Clean Fuel Education Program, a program which no longer exists. This should eliminate negative audit reports that DCEO has received for non-compliance.

**Powdered Alcohol (SB 191):** Prohibits the possession of any product consisting of or containing powdered alcohol. Provides that a knowing violation of that prohibition is a Class A misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class 4 felony for a second or subsequent offense.

**Unlimited Health Coverage for Preventive Physical Therapy (SB 193):** Removes language mandating coverage “without treatment limitation or calendar year maximum. Adds that the coverage required by this bill will be subject to the same deductible and coinsurance requirements as provided for other physical or rehabilitative therapy benefits. Requires future policies offer a treatment limitation exception process for people diagnosed with primary or

secondary progressive multiple sclerosis. Adds that coverage required by this bill shall be subject to the other general exclusions and limitations of the policy.

**State Police Memorial Scratch-Off (SB 207):** Creates the State Police Memorial scratch-off game.

**Contractor Performance Evaluation (SB 263):** Calls for a series of hearings to lessen the burdens of prequalifying businesses with CMS. Creates a system to utilize a contractor's performance evaluation. Any State agency using contractors shall evaluate each contractor who performed work for them during the previous year as either a prime contractor or a subcontractor.

**Notary Act (SB 265):** Amends the Notary Act including the following: removes language regarding a notary's signature from statute; provides references to "electronic communication" in sections concerning advertisements and notices; removes the sunset provision regarding the procedure for the rubber stamp seal and black ink from the "Official Seal and Signature" section of the statute and moves the language to the Certificate of Notarial Acts section of the statute; provides that notaries public shall not deliver a signed, blank form to another person with the intent that it be used as an affidavit or acknowledgement.

**Chicago Veterans' Home Fund (SB 266):** Establishes the Illinois Veterans' Home at Chicago, and directs IDVA to operate and maintain the home in Chicago. The home will be able to accommodate 200 veterans and has a total project cost of \$76 million. Construction resumed during the stopgap budget bill, but the estimated time of completion has been extended to 2019.

**Esther Golar Day (SB 282):** Designates April 16 of each year as Esther Golar Day to remember the accomplishments of State Representative

Esther Golar, and to honor her legacy of public service.

**Pharmacy Practice Act Changes Regarding Citizenship (SB 308):** Deletes a provision in the Pharmacy Practice Act that requires an applicant for licensure to state that he/she is a United States Citizen or Legally Admitted Alien. Allows non-citizens to be licensed if DHS has approved a differed action for childhood arrivals of illegal aliens, or the applicant is authorized for employment by the Immigration Service.

**Expansion and Extension of New Market Plan (SB 652):** Expands various aspects of the New Markets Development Program in an effort to leverage more dollars for investment via the federal program. Provides for system improvements that will ensure proper use of the funds and increase transparency and extends the Program to 2021.

**Presidential Candidates Tax Returns (SB 982):** Provides that no candidate for President or Vice-President of the United States shall appear on the official ballot for the general election if that candidate has not released his or her tax returns at least five days prior to the date set for certification of the ballot for the general election. Requires the Secretary of State to post the tax returns on the Secretary of State's website and to certify that the tax returns have been filed to the State Board of Elections.

**Pollution Control Facilities (SB 1561):** Provides that nothing in this act shall be construed to permit a county with a population of less than two million the power to regulate the operations of pollution control facilities or recycling centers.

**Eyeglasses Following Eye Surgery (SB 1573):** Exempts Medicaid recipients who need different eyeglasses following a surgical procedure such as cataract surgery from the one-pair-per-two-years limitation.

**Weight Restrictions During Harvest Emergency**

**(SB 1576):** Allows a special permit to be issued by IDOT during a declared harvest emergency that would allow a truck transporting agricultural commodities to waive a vehicle's registered weight limitation and set a divisible load weight limit not to exceed 10 percent above a vehicle's registered gross weight or axle weight.

**Brand Act Documentation (SB 1579):** Provides that the Illinois Department of Agriculture shall make available, in electronic format, all recorded brands.

**Motor Vehicle Accident Reports (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.

**Vehicle Loads (SB 1581):** Reduces fines for vehicle wheel and axle loads and gross weight limit violations in the Illinois Vehicle Code by reducing the following:

- For the first \$330 in fines, the surcharge rate will be \$15 per \$40 of fines.
- For any subsequent amount above \$330 the surcharge fee will be reduced to \$10 per \$40 of fines.

**Pesticide Registration Fees (SB 1584):** Changes the Illinois Pesticide Act to clarify that the current biannual product registration fee is \$600 rather than it being listed as \$300 per year, and that the current biannual business registration fee is \$800 rather than having it being listed as \$400 per year.

**Physician Assistant Practice Act Sunset**

**Extension (SB 1585):** Extends the regulatory sunset date for the Physician Assistant Practice Act to Jan. 1, 2028. As well as, updates scope and expansion of duties in the act.

**Spreading of Cremated Ashes (SB 1586):** Adds to the definition of "Scattering area" as property used for outdoor recreation or natural resource conservation owned by the Department of Natural Resources and designated as a scattering area.

**PPV Leases (SB 1598):** Provides changes to the valuation procedure for PPV leases, and extend the procedure until Jan. 1, 2056. Also provides to increase the rate the net operating income is divided by in order to determine the fair cash value, to 12 percent (currently 7.75 percent). Provides for the 2017 tax year and after, "net operating income" for naval training facilities, naval bases, and naval support facilities means all revenues received minus the actual expenses before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization.

**Zoning Hearing (SB 1605):** Seeks to prevent zoning petitioners from withholding evidence during a zoning hearing. Provides that a zoning decision is subject to de novo judicial review of the record of that proceeding and that a decision on a procedural matter at any stage of the zoning decision making and review process is subject to judicial review pursuant to the Administrative Review Law.

**"Judicial Officer" Description (SB 1647):**

Amends the Judicial Privacy Act to provide that "*judicial officer*" includes retired justices and judges.

**Exceptional Quality Biosolids (SB 1648):**

Nothing in the section concerning exceptional quality biosolids shall limit or succeed the authority of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency under the Nuclear Safety Law of 2004.

**Gun Dealer Licensing Act (SB 1657):**

Provides any sale, transfer, or possession with intent to sell or transfer, of a firearm without a license is prohibited. In addition to, exempts persons making occasional sales, exchanges or

purchases for a personal collection or hobby. Permits rulemaking authority to Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation for related purposes. The penalty for a violation is a Class 4 felony.

**Career and Workforce Transition Act (SB 1663):** Changes the Career and Workforce Transition Act to allow public community college districts to accept 30 credit hours transferred from institutions approved by the Illinois Community College Board.

**IDNR and IDOT Property Conveyances (SB 1668):** Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to make certain real estate conveyances in McHenry County, Lake County (adds "Headquarters" Property), Pulaski County, and Cook County, subject to specified conditions. (Removes Bureau County Property). Authorizes the Department of Transportation to make certain real estate conveyances in Ogle County, Pike County, Madison County, St. Clair County, and Woodford County, subject to specified conditions.

**Sexual Orientation Included in Appointment Application (SB 1670):** Provides an option for sexual orientation disclosure to be included on the application for Governor Appointments.

**Common Community College Name (SB 1671):** Allows the use of a common community college name to stand alone without listing the counties in which it is located for practical operational/contractual purposes.

**Non-Licensed Home Health Agency (SB 1676):** Prohibits hospitals, nursing homes, and health care providers that receive State funds from referring a patient to any home health agency, home nursing agency or home services agency that is not licensed under the Home Health, Home Services, and Home Nursing Agency Licensing Act.

**Non-medical Licensee Restrictions (SB 1688):** Eases restrictions on non-medical licensees or applicants after felony convictions.

**Bail Hearing (SB 1690):** Provides that a person charged with an offense shall be allowed counsel at the hearing at which bail is determined under the Code. Provides that if the defendant desires counsel for his or her initial appearance but is unable to obtain counsel, the court shall appoint a public defender or licensed attorney at law of this State to represent him or her for purposes of that hearing.

**Veterans' Death Certificates (SB 1693):** Provides that a death certificate of an individual with military service may include or may be amended to include the deceased's veteran status, military branch, and period of time the individual served.

**Credit Unions and Towers Agreement (SB 1694):** Makes changes with regard to towing companies notifying financial institutions about their intention to assess storage fees.

**Illinois Muslim American Advisory Council Act (SB 1696):** Creates the Illinois Muslim American Advisory Council Act and the Illinois Muslim American Advisory Council to advise the Governor and General Assembly on policy issues impacting Muslim Americans and immigrants; advance their role and civic participation in Illinois; enhance trade and cooperation between Muslim-majority countries and Illinois; and to build relationships with and disseminate information to Muslim Americans immigrant communities across Illinois.

**Employee Religion (SB 1697):** Provides that it is a violation for an employer to impose as a condition of obtaining or retaining employment any term or condition that requires a person to violate or forgo a sincerely held practice of his or her religion. Including the wearing of any attire, clothing, or facial hair in accordance with the requirements of his or her religion.

**Sunsets the Hospital Tax Credit (SB 1702):**

Provides a sunset date for the hospital tax credit.

**Restores Access to CCAP (SB 1705):**

Restores access to the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) for families enrolled full time in non-TANF education and training programs by adding them to the program's priority population.

**Minority, Woman, Disabled Owned Businesses**

**(SB 1714):** Amends the Pension Code to require a consultant to annually disclose information concerning searches for investment services from minority owned businesses, female owned businesses, and businesses owned by persons with a disability.

**Anti-Wage Theft (SB 1720):** Prohibits any person or business that violates the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act, the Minimum Wage Law, the Illinois Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, the Employee Classification Act, the Day and Temporary Labor Services Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, or any comparable state statute or regulation of any state which governs the payment of wages to do business with the State or any State agency or enter into a subcontract that is subject to the Code for a period of five years.

**Stolen Rental Car and Failing to Return Keys**

**(SB 1730):** Provides a rental company may void the damage waiver if the vehicle is stolen and the renter fails to do all of the following: fails to return the vehicle's ignition key and key tag identifying the rental vehicle and fails to file a police report within 24 hours of discovery of the theft; and fails to fully cooperate with the rental company, law enforcement agency, or any other authority in all matters connected to the investigation of the stolen vehicle.

**Reinsurance Regulation Reform (SB 1737):** This legislation modernizes and strengthens the

financial regulation of alien reinsurers who assume risk from Illinois domestic companies. The key provisions of this legislation are an NAIC accreditation requirement, effective Jan. 1, 2019.

**Minority Teacher Scholarships (SB 1739):**

Allows licensed teachers to qualify for the Minority Teachers of Illinois (MIT) grant program while seeking additional teaching endorsements or if seeking a Master's in an academic field in which he/she is current teaching or plans to teach. Currently this program is for undergraduates who are enrolled in a course of study leading to teacher licensure.

**Fictive Kin (SB 1746):** Revises the definition of "Fictive Kin" to ensure that the unrelated individual has significant close personal ties with the child. Removes a one year placement requirement with a child's current foster parent. Makes a change to the bill. Restores the one-year placement requirement language.

**Veterans' KIA Notification (SB 1756):** Allows other agencies, in addition to IDVA, to give notice to the Governor of an Illinois resident member of the US Armed Forces killed in combat, with respect to flag lowering.

**Veterans' Technical Language Cleanup (SB 1757):** Ensures that the apostrophe in Veterans' is included throughout the statutes.

**Special Needs Services Expenses in the College Savings Pool (SB 1758):** Modifies the definition of "qualified expenses" for the College Savings Pool to include expenses for special needs services.

**Sex Offender Registration (SB 1759):** States that a Department of Corrections-issued ID card shall be sufficient to provide accurate information of the person's residence for purposes of registration or renewal. If an offender is released from custody and placed in a hospital, nursing home, or other in-patient

facility required as a condition of mandatory release or probation, the person shall register that address as his or her fixed residence.

**State Fire Marshal Grants (SB 1780):** Changes a section that permits the Office of the State Fire Marshal to administer any grants to areas not located in a fire protection dist. or in a municipality which provides fire protection services, to cover the organizational expenses of forming a fire protection dist. Allows State Fire Marshal to appropriate funds for reimbursing members of the Committee instead of the Office of the Governor.

**Expungement Fee Waiver (SB 1781):** Extends the pilot program in Cook County waiving the fee to be paid for a petition to expunge or seal records of arrests resulting in release with charging or arrests or charges not initiated by arrest resulting in acquittal, dismissal, or conviction when the conviction was reversed or vacated. Extends the inoperative date for the program to on and after Jan. 1, 2019.

**Prescription Refills without Doctor Approval (SB 1790):** Allows a pharmacist to refill a patient's prescription without prescriber authorization if the pharmacist is unable to contact the prescriber. Does not authorize dispensing controlled substances without prescribing authority. As well as, makes language changes to ensure that these refills are for emergency purposes only, and that the patient will need to renew their prescription with their prescriber.

**Blighted Property (SB 1795):** Provides that when a government unit acquires property under a blight reduction or abandoned property program administered by the Illinois Housing Development Authority, all undue or unpaid property taxes and existing liens for the unpaid property taxes imposed or pending under any Illinois law/ordinance or any of its political subdivisions shall become null and void.

**Juvenile Detention Screening (SB 1799):** Provides that on and after January 1, 2019, a detention screening instrument shall be used for referrals to all authorized juvenile detention facilities in this State prior to a judicial hearing.

**Video Gaming Application Fees (SB 1804):** Imposes an application fee for licensed video gaming locations of \$250 (currently none). Increases the application fee and annual license fee for Terminal Handlers to \$100 (currently \$50). Provides that penalties for violations of the Video Gaming Act shall not exceed \$25,000 for an individual and \$50,000 for licensees, per violation.

**Gaming Contracts Veterans (SB 1805):** Establishes a veterans' preference for owners and contractors of riverboat casinos.

**Construction/Demolition Debris (SB 1807):** Attempts to allow construction/demolition debris haulers to operate without fear of violating contracts cities currently have with their waste haulers. As well as, clarifies that the prohibition on a municipality entering into new contract or franchise with a private entity does not apply to the renewal or extension of currently existing contract, regardless of whether the contract: automatically renews, is amended, or is subject to a new request for proposal.

**Telehealth Act (SB 1811):** Creates the Telehealth Act which authorizes licensed health care professionals in Illinois to practice telehealth services. Clarifies that telehealth services are limited to the professional's scope of practice under their license, and that telehealth services are to be provided under the same standard of care as in person services. Additionally, amends the Medical Practice Act to clarify that telemedicine (telehealth) can be practiced in the state of Illinois and clarifies that physicians can provide services to existing patients while either the physician or patient are traveling.

**Community Association Manager Licensing and Disciplinary Act Repeal (SB 1818):** Removes components of the Community Association Manager Licensing and Disciplinary Act including the Supervisory Association Manager and Community Association Manager Firm licenses, and enables the department to effectively regulate the CAM service provider.

**Commercial Insurance Policy Forms (SB 1833):** Corrects a drafting omission made in PA 98-0978. Amends the IL insurance code to restore permission for large commercial insurance customers to buy their insurance from insurers regulated in Illinois without requiring that the policy forms be filed with the Department of Insurance.

**Exemptions to Collateral Recovery Act (SB 1834):** Clarifies existing law and expressly provides two exemptions from the Illinois Collateral Recovery Act; “vehicle auctioneers licensed under the Illinois Vehicle Code” and “forwarding companies.”

**Conceal Identity (SB 1842):** States that with respect to aggravated kidnapping, 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.

**Differential Response Program (SB 1845):** Removes the permanent “differential response program” date of July 1, 2016, from statute so that DCFS is able to convene an internal work group led by DCFS Division of Operations to formulate the most suitable implementation plan for the Differential Response Program. Requires DCFS to submit a report to the General Assembly by Jan. 15, 2018, on the implementation progress and recommendations for additional needed legislative changes.

**Asthma in School Health Examinations (SB 1846):** Requires the Department of Public Health to promulgate rules and procedures to include asthma in the standard school health examination. Also, amends the state’s Health Statistics Act adding asthma to this list of illnesses for which the Department of Public Health must collect and maintain.

**Reimbursement Terminology (SB 1851):** In provisions concerning Medicaid reimbursement for facilities that serve severely and chronically ill pediatric patients and clinically complex residents, replaces all references to “long-term care facilities for persons under 22 years of age” with “medically complex for the developmentally disabled facilities.”

**Prevailing Wage (SB 1856):** Provides that if IDOL ascertains the prevailing wage for a public body, then the public body can satisfy the newspaper publication requirements in the Act by posting the IDOL hyperlink to their website.

**Credit for Prior Learning Act (SB 1865):** Requires each public university and community college to submit their policies and procedures for students to earn credit for prior learning to the Board of Higher Education for review and approval. This would include listing acceptable documentation and dates of inclusion. The Board of Higher Education and the Community College Board must adopt rules pertaining to the awarding of credit for prior learning.

**DNR Consultation Fees (SB 1866):** Provides that the DNR may assess specified consultation fees up to \$500 (rather than assess a \$500 fee). Deletes language stating that the DNR cannot assess fees for consultations requested by a State agency or federal agency.

**Controlled Substance Testing (SB 1870):** Adds “umbilical cord tissue” to the list of what can be tested to determine if any amount of a controlled substance is found.

**Food Animal Institute Act Repeal (SB 1876):**

Repeals the David A. Wirsing Food Animal Institute Act.

**Legislative Digest Online (SB 1880):** Clarifies the Legislative Digest can be published online.

**Research Dogs and Cats Adoption Act (SB 1884):** Creates the Research Dogs and Cats Adoption Act, providing that after the completion of any research involving a dog or cat a research facility shall access the health of the dog or cat to determine whether it is ready for adoption and make reasonable efforts to adopt out suitable animals.

**Expands Certain Homestead Exemption Provisions (SB 1887):** Provides that taxpayers who become residents of a Supportive Living Facility after being awarded a certain homestead exemption, can still receive the exemption in certain instances.

**Consumer Statements Protection (SB 1898):** Provides that it is an unlawful business practice to include in a contract or proposed contract for the sale or lease of consumer goods or services (retail level transactions) any provision requiring the consumer to waive his or her right to make any statement regarding the consumer's experience with the business.

**Diseased Animals (SB 1900):** Deletes a provision providing that all rules of the Department of Agriculture, and all amendments or revocations of existing rules, shall be recorded in an appropriate book or books, shall be adequately indexed, shall be kept in the office of the Department, and shall constitute a public record and that the rules shall be printed in pamphlet form and furnished, upon request, to the public free of cost.

**Prevailing Wage County Website (SB 1904):** Changes the Prevailing Wage Act by stating that the Department of Labor will publish on its official website a prevailing wage schedule for each county in the State by Aug. 15 every year.

The wages will be set by the wages ascertained by the Department during the month of June. The Department is not prohibited from publishing prevailing wages more than once per year.

**Collective Bargaining Freedom (SB 1905):** Provides that the authority to enact legislation designed to prohibit, regulate or restrict union security agreements between an employer and labor organization is vested exclusively with the Illinois General Assembly. Prohibits units of local governments from essentially enacting "right to work" zones.

**BFR Mandate Reform (SB 1936):** Annual BFR mandate reform budgeting for results mandates subcommittee asked agencies to identify statutory mandates the agency considered outdated, duplicative, or unduly burdensome on agency operations.

**Industrial Materials Exchange (SB 1943):** Changes the Environmental Protection Act, and makes changes to the Illinois EPA Cleanup Bill, including Funding for Lead Service Line Removal, Streamlining Agency Reporting Requirements and Deleting Obsolete Language.

**Hypodermic Syringes Purchase (SB 1944):** Allows people to have in his or her possession up to 100 syringes or needles, instead of 20. With that, it allows pharmacists to sell up to 100 sterile syringes or needles. Removes the requirement for DPH to develop and provide educational materials to pharmacists to make available to people who purchase syringes or needles. Allows pharmacists to prescribe syringes or needles upon oral or electronic order, instead of just upon an oral order.

**Junking or Salvage Certificates (SB 1946):** Sets forth a process to obtain a junking or salvage certificate for vehicles from the Illinois Secretary of State: 1) when title has not been provided by the owner or lienholder to an insurer after full payment of a total-loss claim has been made; 2) when the owner of the

vehicle initiates an insurance claim and thereafter abandons the vehicle located at a salvage dealer.

**Pupils (SB 1947):** Creates a system of reporting chronic absenteeism reporting. Defines “chronic absence” as “absences that total 10% or more of school days of the most recent academic year.” This includes absences with or without valid cause and out-of-school suspensions. Mandates that by July 1, 2018, all schools receiving public funds must collect and review chronic absence data and determine what systems of support and resources are needed to engage the students and their families. This review must include an analysis of absence data from the attendance center or campus of the school receiving public funds. Encourages schools to provide a system that catches at-risk students early.

**Community College Board Vacancies (SB 1968):** Changes the Public Community College Act by providing that when a vacancy occurs in a community college board, the elected successor must serve out the remainder of the unexpired term. Also, states that the vice-chairman shall perform the duties of chairman if there is a vacancy in the office of the chairman or in case of the chairman’s absence or inability to act.

**Used Tires Management Fund (SB 1969):** Changes the Environmental Protection Act. Provides an exception for residents who have no more than four tires in yard (rather than 12) if they are kept dry and covered. Also, changes maximum amount of money that can be allocated from the Used Tire Management Fund for specified purpose to \$4 million (rather than \$2 million); 10% of allocations from fund shall be allocated to U of I Prairie Research Institute (Rather than DNR); money in the fund in excess of \$4 million (rather than \$2 million) per fiscal year shall be used for specified purposes, including grant funding for University research.

**State Historical Library Clean-Up (SB 1975):** Modernizes the State Historical Library Act to

reflect current preservation practices of historical records by removing references to specific photographic technologies.

**Home Care Protection Act (SB 1978):** Creates the Home Care Consumer and Worker Protection Act. Cracks down on employee misclassification as it relates to private care providers licensed by IDPH by mandating the use of the “ABC” test to prove independent contractor status. This will ensure the care providers are deemed “employees” to the private care agencies, and not independent contractors.

**No Reapplication for Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption (SB 1979):** Provides that in all counties the county board may pass a resolution stating a person who has been granted a senior citizens homestead exemption does not need to reapply annually. Also, makes changes to the process for a transfer of property receiving the exemption in Cook County.

**Lawn Care Act Cleanup (SB 1987):** Changes the Lawn Care Products Application and Notice Act. Makes various changes to strengthen notice requirements.

**Valuation Changes for Non-General Assessment Years (SB 2022):** Makes clarifications regarding changes in valuations in non-general assessment years.

**Enterprise Zone Cleanup (SB 2023):** Provides for various program improvements in order to improve the application process for approving enterprise zones.

**Non-School Related School Bus Use (SB 2028):** Requires each school bus used by public or private school transporting students enrolled in grade 12 or below for a school related athletic event or other school approved extracurricular activity must have the required registration plates, permits, and liability insurance. School buses that operate under these requirements

may be used for the transportation of passengers for that do not involve the educational institution if the school bus driver or owner complies with stop arm requirements for non-school related transporting and the “school bus” sign is either removed or obscured.

**Public Official Threatening (SB 2034):** Expands existing law regarding threats to public officials by making it a Class 3 felony to also threaten an attorney employed by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Children and Family Services, or the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission; or an assistant public guardian, attorney, social worker, case manager, or investigator employed by a duly appointed public guardian.

**Income Tax Checkoff for Thriving Youth (SB 2046):** Creates a checkoff for contributions into the Thriving Youth Income Tax Checkoff Fund.

**Firearm Control Card (SB 2048):** Provides that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall issue a firearm control card to an elected or appointed State’s Attorney or assistant who has passed an approved firearm training course, met all the requirements of the Act, and possesses a valid firearm owner identification card.

**Public Health Jurisdiction (SB 2057):** Provides that a county or municipality-county health department does not have jurisdiction over private residential leaseholds. Unless it regulates private single-family residential households in a similar manner, and exempts the city of Chicago and Cook County.

**Private Employment (SB 2060):** Amends the Private Employment Agency Act. In provisions concerning application for license, removes requirement that the Department of Labor investigate the fitness of the premises to be used. In provisions concerning referrals, removes references to referrals by telegraph.

Repeals a provision granting the Department police powers.

**DCEO Unfunded Mandates (SB 2066):** Provides that DCEO must also include a statewide cost of compliance estimate in their catalog of State Mandates to the Governor and General Assembly.

**Library advisory Referendum (SB 2068):** Gives library boards of trustees the ability to put an advisory referendum question on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled election.

**Farm Product Buyers Act (SB 2070):** Repeals Specialty Farm Product Buyers Act.