

Senate Floor Action for May 18, 2017

Catfish on the Menu (SB 312): Requires that if a menu lists “catfish” as an item it must belong to a specific family of fish native to North America, and introduces fines for non-compliance.

Teacher Performance Evaluation Advisory Council (SB 449): Directs the State Superintendent to convene the Performance Evaluation Advisory Council. This Council is to advise ISBE on public feedback, best practices, rule changes, and subjects deemed appropriate by the chairperson of the council, towards the ongoing implementation of evaluation in the state.

Automated Traffic Enforcement (SB 510): Requires the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), 30 days after the effective date of the legislation, to conduct a study, with input from local law enforcement, evaluating automated traffic enforcement systems in Chicago. On or before Dec. 31, 2017, IDOT shall file a report with the General Assembly which shall include, the overall operation, usage, permitting, and regulation or automated traffic law enforcement systems and make recommendations IDOT deems necessary.

Drug-Induced Homicide Charge (SB 639): Allows Illinois prosecutors to charge someone with drug-induced homicide even when the delivery of the drugs to the victim, which resulted in the victim’s death, occurred outside the state.

Motor Fuel Tax Flexibility (SB 789): Allows any county board, township, or municipality to use motor fuel tax funds allotted to it for the operation costs of any public transportation service, capital improvements to improve or enhance pedestrian, bicycle, or transit mobility, and to support electric vehicle infrastructure. Intended to give local governments the

flexibility to spend motor fuel tax funds how they see fit.

Annual Supplier Diversity Report (SB 1267): Allows all Class I railroad companies to submit an annual supplier diversity report, by April 15 of each year, to the Illinois Commerce Commission. Also, requires the Illinois Commerce Commission to hold an annual workshop open to the public on the state of railroad supplier diversity.

Innovations for Transportation Infrastructure (SB 1320): Authorizes IDOT and the Tollway Authority to use the design-build project delivery method or the construction manager general contractor project delivery method for transportation facilities. Design-build is a project delivery method that combines two, usually separate services into a single contract. With design-build procurements, public owners execute a single, lump sum contract for both architectural/engineering services and construction. The design-builder may be a single firm, a consortium, joint venture or other organization assembled for a particular project.

Unattended Vehicles Exceptions (SB 1429): Provides exceptions to the unattended motor vehicle law for law enforcement officers or an operator of an authorized emergency vehicle performing their official duties and vehicles that are started by a remote starter system. Adds an exemption to the excessive idling for diesel vehicles law for vehicles that are started by a remote starter system.

Lapse Pool Funds (SB 1680): Clarifies language to match how the Township Bridge Program is currently, and has historically been delivered except that the eligibility criteria are being clarified to match the minimum road and bridge

levy requirements for receiving any allotment of Motor Fuel Tax funds. Requires that funds reverted to the Road Fund after not being obligated within 48 months shall be considered lapse pool funds to provide additional monetary assistance to township road districts that have insufficient funding for the construction of bridges that are 20 feet or more in length under Section 6-901 of the Highway Code.

PACE Financing Districts (SB 1700): Provides for communities to create PACE financing districts, so that commercial and industrial property owners within those districts can voluntarily pay for clean energy improvements through an assessment on their property.