

Senate Committee Action April 26, 2017

Local Government

Sheriff Merit Board (SB 695): Keeps the underlying intent to abolish and re-create the Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board. Also, that the board shall render a decision concerning disciplinary measures within 90 days. Changes the effective date to Dec. 1, 2017.

Fire Chief Training (SB 1304): Changes the Municipal Code and the Fire Protection district so that a person may not be appointed fire chief unless they possess the following: State Fire Marshall Basic Certification or Firefighter II Certification; State Fire Marshall Fore Officer I and I certifications, and an associate's degree in fire science or a bachelor's degree, at least 10 years' experience as a firefighter at the department/fire protection district in the jurisdiction making the appointment, exempts the city of Chicago.

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.

Public Health Jurisdiction (SB 2057): Provides that a county or municipality-county health department does not 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.

Financial Institutions

Student Loan Servicing Rights (SB 1351): Attorney General's bill to regulate and license college loan providers.

Labor

Genetic Information Privacy (SB 318): Provides an employer shall not penalize an employee who does not disclose his or her genetic information or does not choose to participate in a program requiring disclosure of the employee's genetic information.

Living Wage Act (SB 1347): Requires state contractors and subcontractors to pay their workers at least \$16.36 per hour beginning January 1, 2018, and every year thereafter the wage would be tied to CPI-U.

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 August 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.

Licensed Activities and Pensions

Pharmacist Administer Prenatal Injections (SB 317): Adds Hydroxyprogesterone caproate, a prenatal care drug, to the list of injections a pharmacist may administer to a patient with a valid prescription from their doctor.

Expanded Functions for Dental Assistants (SB 589): Allows a dental assistant to remove a loose, broken, or irritating orthodontic appliance to eliminate pain or discomfort. However, a dentist must approve and inspect the assistant's work. Additionally, closes a loophole for dentists trained in foreign countries by requiring two years of graduate credit from an accredited institution.

Sunset Extension for Illinois Speech Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act (SB 771): Extends the sunset date for the Illinois Speech Language Pathology and Audiology 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.

Pharmacy Practice Act Sunset Extension (SB 902): Extends the repeal date of the Pharmacy Practice Act to January 1, 2028. Makes updated administrative changes requested by IDFPR as well as agreed task force language concerning opioid abuse and regulatory reforms.

Compact Background Checks (SB 1085): Allows IDFPR to run background checks for current and future multistate medical compacts.

Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Act (SB 1391): Creates the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Act, and provides that the State of Illinois enters into the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact and sets forth the provisions of the Compact. Also, a clinical psychologist licensed under this act is subject to the provisions of the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Act.

Abolish Real Estate Education Advisory Council (SB 1531): Abolishes the Real Estate Education Advisory Council and transfers its functions to the Real estate Administration and Disciplinary Board, or the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. In addition to, makes changes to the makeup and qualifications for serving on the Realtor Licensing Board, and caps service on the board at 10 years.

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

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

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.

Regulatory Rollback Package (SB 1821): Repeals the Genetic Counselor Licensing Act, Illinois Landscape Architecture Act of 1989, Illinois Athlete Agents Act, Electrologist Licensing Act, Detection of Deception Examiners Act, Professional Geologist Licensing Act, Land Sales Registration Act of 1999, and Real Estate Timeshare Act of 1999. Also, addresses issues related to the rollback of internet auction listing services.

State Government

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.

Esther Golar Day (SB 282): Designates April 16th of each year as Esther Golar Day to remember the accomplishments of State Representative Esther Golar, and to honor her legacy of public service.

ISP Rank Removal (SB 984): Changes the State Police Act and removes ranks that no longer exist.

Extends Repeal of Human Trafficking Task Force (SB 986): Amends the Human Trafficking Task Force Act, and Extends repeal of Human Trafficking Task Force from July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2018.

Supported Employment Program (SB 1453): Changes the Personnel Code to provide for the creation of a supported employees program (a program for individuals with severe disabilities) by the Department of Central Management Services to be used by all State agencies.

Name Change for Illinois Workforce Investment Board Act (SB 1527): Changes the name of the Illinois Workforce Investment Board Act to the Illinois Workforce Innovation Board Act. As well as, changes the name of the State Workforce Investment Board to the State Workforce Innovation Board.

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.

Commitment to a Budget (SR 370): Commits to enacting a State budget, the Senate will abstain from working on any non-essential State business until a budget is enacted. States that any bill, initiative, or committee hearing not pertaining to the budget should not be advanced in a Chamber of the General Assembly until a budget is in place.

Insurance

Medically Necessary MRI (SB 314): Provides that insurers must provide coverage for breast MRI is mammogram demonstrates heterogeneous or dense breast tissue when medically necessary.

Captive Insurance Company Requirements (SB 1286): This legislation liberalizes capital and surplus requirements to \$250,000 for a pure captive, \$500,000 for an industrial insured and \$750,000 for an association. Filing fees for certification have also been reduced from \$7000 to \$2000. All revenue from captive premium tax goes to General Revenue Fund.

Executive

Governor Appointee Political Ban (SB 942): Prohibits agency directors & other appointees from using official authority for campaigns and prohibits them from endorsing candidates, even in personal capacity.

Business Ban On Expatriate Corporations (SB 1798): Prohibits the State from doing business with or investing the retirement system in companies that incorporate in foreign tax havens to avoid paying income taxes in Illinois.

Equal Rights Amendment to US Constitution (SJCA 4): Ratifies the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution. The ERA provides that "equality of rights under law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State on account of sex." The ERA takes effect two years after the date of ratification by 3/4ths of the states.

