



# New Laws Taking Effect in **2026**

(Including select laws that take effect in 2027.)

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## ENERGY

### **P.A. 104-0315 (HB 3510) (Rep. Hanson, Sen. Cunningham) – BUILDING-STRETCH CODES**

Further amends the Energy Efficient Building Act. Provides that, with respect to the Illinois Stretch Energy Code's commercial components: (1) the Capital Development Board shall create and adopt a stretch energy code with a site energy index no greater than 0.50 of the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code by December 31, 2026 (currently, December 31, 2025); the Capital Development Board shall create and adopt a stretch energy code with a site energy index no greater than 0.44 of the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code by December 31, 2029 (currently, December 31, 2028); and the Capital Development Board shall create and adopt a stretch energy code with a site energy index no greater than 0.44 of the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code by December 31, 2031 (currently, December 31, 2032). Effective January 1, 2026.

### **P.A. 104-0390 (SB 1697) (Sen. Fine, Rep. Hoffman) – CARBON CAPTURE-COMPENSATION**

Amends the Safety and Aid for the Environment in Carbon Capture and Sequestration Act. Provides that an affected landowner is entitled to reasonable compensation from an applicant that has been granted a certificate of authority under this Act for damages resulting from access to the landowner's property for required activities taken to construct the pipeline, including, but not limited to, compensation for specified damages. Effective January 1, 2026.

## ENVIRONMENTAL

### **P.A. 104-0221 (HB 2409) (Rep. Kelly, Sen. Villivalam) – PFAS-FIREFIGHTING PPE**

Amends the PFAS Reduction Act. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2026, any person, firm, association, partnership, corporation, organization, joint venture, importer, or domestic distributor of firefighting agents or firefighting equipment that sells firefighting personal protective equipment containing PFAS chemicals to any person, local government, or State agency shall provide written notice to the purchaser at the time of sale which shall state: (i) that the firefighting personal protective

equipment contains PFAS chemicals; and (ii) the reason PFAS chemicals are added to the equipment. Requires the seller and the purchaser of the equipment to retain a copy of the required notice on file for at least 3 years from the date of the purchase. Provides that, upon the request of the Agency, the seller shall furnish the notice, or written copies, and associated sales documentation to the Agency within 60 days of such request. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2027, a person that sells firefighting personal protective equipment to any person, local government, or State agency shall not manufacture, knowingly sell, offer for sale, distribute for sale, or distribute for use in the State any firefighting personal protective equipment containing intentionally added PFAS chemicals. Defines terms. In a definition and in provisions regarding notification for firefighting personal protective clothing and equipment sales (formerly notification for firefighting PPE sales), changes references to firefighting personal protective equipment to references to firefighting personal protective clothing. Adds a definition of “auxiliary firefighting personal protective equipment”. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2030, a person that sells auxiliary firefighting personal protective equipment to any person, local government, or State agency shall not knowingly manufacture, sell, offer for sale, distribute for sale, or distribute for use in the State any auxiliary firefighting personal protective equipment containing intentionally added PFAS chemicals.

**P.A. 104-0223 (HB 2419) (Rep. Hirschauer, Sen. Villa) – EPA-LOCAL SITING REVIEW**

Effective January 1, 2026.

Provides that, when determining whether certain local siting review criteria have been met, the county board of the county or the governing body of the municipality, as applicable, shall consider, among other things, vehicle emissions and the potential cumulative impacts created by the addition of the facility to the existing pollution sources, the disparate impacts created by the addition of the facility to existing pollution sources, and the potential disparate impacts on nearby communities. Requires the local siting decisions of the Pollution Control Board to include a written statement describing whether the procedures were conducted by the county board or governing body in a manner that is accessible to the public, including individuals with disabilities and individuals who are not native speakers of English. Requires the county board or governing body to conduct a hearing in a manner accessible to individuals with disabilities and individuals who are not native speakers of English, with certain requirements for certification that constitutes *prima facie* evidence of compliance. Allows the governing Authority to request the Department of Transportation to perform studies of the emissions associated with traffic. In provisions regarding the governing Authority requesting the Department of Transportation to perform traffic impact studies, including studies of the emissions associated with traffic, provides that the Department of Transportation may charge a fee to cover the costs of the emissions study. Effective January 1, 2026.

**P.A. 104-0274 (HB 3098) (Rep. Olickal, Sen. Holmes) – CONSUMER ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**

Adds and changes definitions. Changes references to residential covered electronic devices (CEDs) to references to CEDs from covered entities. Adds a nonprofit organization or recycler to certain provisions regarding the use of a retail or private network (rather than only retail) collection site with the agreement of the applicable retailer under certain local agreements. Changes references to retail collection sites to references to retail or private network collection sites. Adds to requirements for certain agreements, including those to be reduced to writing and included in the manufacturer e-waste program plan. Adds to requirements for the manufacturer e-waste program plan. Adds conditions in certain provisions regarding the applicable county, municipal joint action agency, or municipality. Adds certain waivers for charges for shortfalls in provisions regarding collection of CEDs. Adds requirements for the Advisory Electronics Task Force to submit certain information to the Environmental Protection Agency, as well as to communicate regarding certain updates and

certain feedback. Adds provisions regarding education and consumer awareness requirements. Deletes an automatic repeal. Changes requirements for a collection program under provisions regarding a manufacturer e-waste program. Provides that the Consumer Electronics Recycling Act is repealed on December 31, 2031, (rather than December 31, 2026). In provisions regarding information on a registration form for manufacturers who sell covered electronic devices (CEDs), requires manufacturers to include a list of all of the brands and labels under which the manufacturer's CEDs are marketed and sold or offered for sale in the State to individuals (rather than a list of all of the brands and labels under which the manufacturer's CEDs are sold or offered for sale in the State). Effective January 1, 2026.

#### **P.A. 104-0079 (SB 0224) (Sen. DeWitte, Rep. Keicher) – EPA-WATER MAIN INSTALLATION**

Amends the Environmental Protection Act to provide that in the case of water main installation projects, all water main and appurtenances, including, but not limited to, fire hydrants and valves that are under the ownership and control of a public water supply and located in a public right of way or utility access easement, shall be included in the Environmental Protection Agency's written approval. Provides that design review and permitting of water main and fire hydrants is the sole responsibility of the Environmental Protection Agency and water main and fire hydrants shall be installed in accordance with the written Agency permit. Requires that fire hydrants connected to a plumbing system to be installed in accordance with the Illinois Plumbing License Law and the rules and ordinances issued thereunder. Effective January 1, 2026

#### **P.A. 104-0119 (SB 1723) (Sen. Faraci, Rep. Ammons) – EPA-SOLE-SOURCE AQUIFER**

Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that no person shall conduct a carbon sequestration activity within a sequestration facility that overlies, underlies, or passes through a sole-source aquifer. Specifies that this provisions does not deprive the Environmental Protection Agency of the authority to deny a carbon sequestration permit. Defines "sole-source aquifer". Creates the Mahomet Aquifer Advisory Study Commission. Effective January 1, 2026.

### **FIREFIGHTERS**

#### **P.A. 104-0057 (HB 2336) (Rep. DeLuca, Sen. Joyce) – LOCAL GOV-LIFT-ASSIST SERVICES**

Provides that a municipality or fire protection district may fix, charge, and collect reasonable fees from an assisted living facility or nursing home facility for every lift-assist service after the 6th lift assist service provided to that assisted living facility or nursing home facility that year rendered by the municipality or fire protection district in connection with providing lift-assist services to a patient or other individual. Effective January 1, 2026.

#### **P.A. 104-0236 (HB 2551) (Rep. Guerrero-Cuellar, Sen. Porfirio) – FIRST RESPONDER TASK FORCE**

Amends the First Responders Suicide Prevention Act. Reinstates the First Responders Suicide Task Force. Adds to the reconstituted Task Force one member who represents an organization that provides mental health training and support for first responders in State of Illinois, appointed by the President of the Senate. Provides that members of the Task Force shall be appointed within 30 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Directs the Task Force to issue a final report to the General Assembly on or December 31, 2026. Provides for the repeal of the Task Force on January 1, 2027. Effective January 1, 2026.

#### **P.A. 104-0258 (HB 2977) (Rep. Gill, Sen. Cunningham) – MUNI CD-EMS VEHICLE FUNDS**

Provides that a municipality must set aside, in a dedicated account, 10% of the funds the

municipality receives from an insurer on account of ambulance or fire services provided by the municipality. Provides that the municipality may only use the funds in the dedicated account for purchasing and maintaining ambulances, fire engines, and other vehicles used to provide emergency services. Applies to municipalities with a population of more than 500,000. Provides that these funds are in addition to and may not be used to replace existing funds for purchasing and maintaining emergency vehicles. Provides that funds received through (i) public health programs, including, but not limited to, Medicaid and Medicare, or (ii) reimbursement for liability claims, settlements, or judgments, including payments from excess insurers or self-insurance reserves, are not subject to the provisions. Effective January 1, 2026.

**P.A. 104-0321 (HB 3645) (Rep. Hanson, Sen. Fine) – EMS SYSTEMS-DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Makes changes to defined terms. Provides that, upon receipt of a patient care report that documents an overdose, the Department of Public Health (rather than a covered vehicle service provider) shall report the information from a patient care report to the specified organizations. In provisions concerning opioid overdose reporting, provides that overdose information reported by a covered vehicle service provider shall not be used in an opioid use-related criminal investigation, prosecution, welfare checks, or warrant checks of the individual who was treated by the covered vehicle service provider personnel for experiencing the suspected or actual overdose. Provides that any misuse of the information reported by a covered vehicle service provider shall result in, but is not limited to, the Department of Transportation reporting misuse to the Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Overdose Detection Mapping Application or a similar technology platform. Establishes rulemaking authority for the Department concerning standards under which misuse of access may be reported. Prohibits the submission of data that allows for or creates a risk of identification of an individual or individuals experiencing a suspected or actual overdose treated by the covered vehicle service provider personnel. Permits covered vehicle service provider personnel to report overdose surveillance through an identified technology platform for the use of overdose surveillance, as provided. Sets forth additional provisions concerning opioid overdose reporting requirements for the Department. Effective January 1, 2026.

**P.A. 104-0081 (SB 1158) (Sen. Anderson, Rep. McCombie) – TRANSPORTATION-TECH**

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Allows the Secretary of State to issue fire chief plates to a chief of a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System. Provides that a chief of a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System that operates a warning device upon a vehicle not owned by a municipality or fire protection district shall display fire chief license plates. Provides that, with the exception of permanently issued license plates, upon the resignation, termination, or reassignment from a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System, a person issued fire chief license plates shall immediately surrender the license plates to the Secretary of State. Provides that a vehicle operated by a chief of a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System who has completed an emergency vehicle operation training course approved by the Office of the State Fire Marshal and designated or authorized by local authorities, fire departments, or Mutual Aid Box Alarm Systems, in writing, as a fire department, fire protection district, township fire department, or Mutual Aid Box Alarm System vehicle; however, the designation or authorization must be carried in the vehicle, and the lights may be visible or activated only when responding to a bona fide emergency. Allows a vehicle operated by a chief of a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System to be equipped with a siren, whistle, or bell capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than 500 feet. Effective January 1, 2026.

**P.A. 104-0102 (SB 1446) (Sen. Castro, Rep. Moeller) – FIRE MARSHAL-TRACK DEATHS**

Amends the State Fire Marshal Act. Provides that, beginning no later than 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the Office of the State Fire Marshal shall track and record the manner of death for all firefighters in Illinois, including suicide and the various types of cancer. Effective January 1, 2026.

**P.A. 104-0121 (SB 1742) (Sen. Porfirio, Rep. Guerrero-Cuellar) – ROOF SAFETY FOR 1ST RESPONDERS**

Creates the Rooftop Safety for First Responders Act. Requires the installation of a parapet, extended masonry, or guard for low-sloped roofs. Sets forth requirements for skylights and other openings located in the plane of a low-sloped roof. Requires municipalities to complete a survey of buildings in their jurisdiction. Requires sharing the results of the surveys with local police and fire departments. Effective January 1, 2026.

**HEALTHCARE/INSURANCE****P.A. 104-0333 (HB 3796) (Rep. Huynh, Sen. Ventura) – INSURANCE-PROVIDER PANELS**

Amends the Network Adequacy and Transparency Act. In provisions concerning continuity of care for beneficiaries, provides that the network plan shall permit the beneficiary to continue an ongoing course of treatment with that provider during a transitional period for 90 days from the date of the notice to the beneficiary of the provider's disaffiliation from the network plan if the beneficiary has a confirmed appointment and the provider attests that the appointment was scheduled prior to the date of notification. Requires a network plan to provide for continuity of care for new beneficiaries during a transition period of 90 days from the effective date of enrollment if the beneficiary has a confirmed appointment and the current provider attests that the appointment was scheduled prior to the effective date of enrollment. Limits the applicability of continuity of care requirements if the provider or beneficiary reschedules an appointment or schedules any follow up appointments after 90 days from the effective date of enrollment. Effective January 1, 2027.

**MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE****P.A. 104-0048 (HB 1367) (Rep. Ortiz, Sen. Edly-Allen) – TWP OPEN SPACES-LEASE OR SALE**

Amends the Township Open Space Article of the Township Code. Provides, in the definition of "open space purposes", that development includes development for agricultural purposes. Provides that, after the effective date of the amendatory Act, a township board may lease open space that is a part of the township's open space program for a period not longer than 25 years from the date of the lease to an individual, a nonprofit organization, the federal government, a state government, or a local government for specified purposes consistent with open space purposes. Provides that, upon expiration of a lease of land that was leased after the effective date of the amendatory Act, title to all structures on the leased land shall be vested in the township. Provides that leased open space may be used for agricultural purposes. Provides that a township board may lease open space for open space purposes and buildings and facilities on the open space to an individual, a nonprofit organization, the federal government, a state government, or a local government. Reduces the acreage that constitutes open land or open space under the Article from 50 acres or more to 12 acres or more (rather than from 50 acres or more to 25 acres or more in the introduced bill). Provides that a township board may, without a referendum, sell, convey, or donate any part of the open space to the Illinois Department of Transportation if specified conditions are satisfied. Provides that, if a township dissolves or is consolidated or merged or the boundaries of the township are altered, any open space affected by that action shall continue to be used for open space purposes unless, among other reasons, the open space is sold, conveyed, or donated to a nonprofit organization, the federal government, a state government, or a local government to be used for

open space purposes. Effective January 1, 2026.

**P.A. 104-0328 (HB 3725) (Rep. Sosnowski, Sen. Syverson) – LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILLING ACT**

Creates the Local Government Billing Act. Provides that the corporate authorities of a unit of local government shall bill for any utility service, including previously unbilled service, within 12 months (for residential customers) or 24 months (for non-residential customers) after the provision of the utility service. Provides exceptions to the time limits for billing when the customer prevented the utility from accurately reading the meter. Provides that the corporate authorities shall not intentionally delay billing beyond the normal billing cycle, shall label amounts attributed to previously unbilled service as such, shall prorate previously unbilled service amounts to reflect varying rates during the unbilled time, and shall provide the customer with a payment arrangement option for previously unbilled service amounts. Provides that there is no time limit for the corporate authorities of a unit of local government to collect previously unbilled service attributed to tampering, theft of service, fraud, or the customer preventing the utility's recorded efforts to obtain an accurate reading of the meter. Effective January 1, 2026.

**P.A. 104-0097 (SB 1380) (Sen. Curran, Rep. Benton) – CTY CD & MUNI CD-UTILITY POLES**

Amends the Counties Code and the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that a county or a municipality may use a utility pole that is owned by the State or a unit of local government or a public right-of-way that is owned by the State or a unit of local government for public safety purposes, including, but not limited to, the placement of equipment associated with public safety. Provides that any fee charged by the owner of a utility pole for use by a county or municipality shall be at the lowest rate charged by the owner and shall not exceed the owner's costs. Provides that the equipment placed by a county or a municipality may not be located within or interfere with part of an electric distribution or transmission system within the communication worker safety zone of the pole or the electric supply zone of the pole. Provides that the use of the equipment placed by a county or a municipality must comply with the applicable codes and local code provisions or regulations that concern public safety. Specifies that, under the provisions, a county or a municipality may not place equipment on any property or infrastructure that is owned by a public utility. Provides that a State agency may, by rule, or a unit of local government may, by ordinance or resolution, create a permitting process to allow a utility pole or a public right-of-way that it owns to be used by a county or municipality for public safety purposes. Effective January 1, 2026. TOI supported this legislation.

**P.A. 104-0401 (SB 1941) (Sen. Murphy, Rep. Costa-Howard) – VEH CD-FLASHING LIGHTS**

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. In a provision concerning the development of scope and performance criteria for design-build projects, deletes a provision that requires the municipality to develop preliminary design plans. Specifies that a design-build entity shall not be disqualified solely due to having previously been awarded a project or projects under any applicable public procurement statute of the State. Provides that, if a municipality receives one response to Phase I, nothing shall prohibit the municipality from proceeding with a Phase II evaluation of the single respondent, if the municipality, in its discretion, finds proceeding to be in its best interest. Amends the Fire Protection District Act. Provides that the Act's competitive bidding provisions do not prohibit a fire protection district from entering into design-build contracts. Provides that nothing in the provisions of the amendatory Act shall prohibit a county or municipality from engaging a licensed design professional during the administration of a design-build contract if the county or municipality believes that engaging the licensed design professional benefits the project. Effective January 1, 2026.

## **POLICE OFFICERS**

### **P.A. 104-0226 (HB 2442) (Rep. Ugaste, Sen. DeWitte) – TRAFFIC SIGNAL PREEMPT DEVICE**

Allows vehicles used by a local or county emergency management services agency, when responding to a bona fide emergency and when used in combination with red oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights, to install and operate a traffic control signal preemption device. Effective January 1, 2026.

### **P.A. 104-0276 (HB 3140) (Rep. Weber, Sen. Harris III) – ISP-POLICE K-9 CARE PROGRAM**

Creates the Care for Retired Police Dogs Program within the University of Illinois System to provide a stable funding source for the veterinary care of retired police dogs. Provides that the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois shall contract with a not-for-profit corporation to administer and manage the Program. Sets forth the required criteria a not-for-profit corporation must meet to be selected for a grant award. Subject to appropriation, requires the Board of Trustees to make grants to the not-for-profit corporation to be the disbursing authority for the Program. Provides that annual disbursements to a former handler or an adopter of a retired police dog to reimburse him or her for the cost of the retired police dog's veterinary care may not exceed \$1,500 per dog. Requires the Board of Trustees to adopt rules to implement the Act. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that all moneys in the Illinois Police K-9 Memorial Fund shall be paid, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and distribution by the Secretary, for grants under the Care for Retired Police Dogs Program Act (rather than as grants to the Northern Illinois Police K-9 Memorial for the creation, operation, and maintenance of a police K-9 memorial monument). Provides that, if the Secretary of State has not received 2,000 plate applications to issue the special registration plates designated as Illinois Police K-9 Memorial license plates by January 1, 2028, then the Secretary of State's authority to issue the special plate is nullified and the plate shall not be issued. Effective January 1, 2026.

### **P.A. 104-0400 (SB 1922) (Sen. Morrison, Rep. Hoffman) – VEHICLE CD-EMERGENCY VEHICLE**

Amends the Right-of-Way Article of the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to any authorized emergency vehicle obviously and actually engaged in work upon a highway, whether stationary or not, and displaying flashing lights as provided in the Act. Provides that the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to an emergency worker obviously and actually engaged in work upon a highway at an emergency scene, and the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian upon a highway directly involved in the emergency scene. Authorizes the Secretary of State to suspend or revoke the driving privileges of any person without preliminary hearing upon a showing of the person's records or other sufficient evidence that the person has violated right-of-way laws for authorized emergency vehicles and emergency workers that are obviously and actually engaged in work upon a highway at an emergency scene and pedestrians directly involved in the emergency scene that resulted in damage to the property of another or the death or injury of another. Effective June 1, 2026.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

### **P.A. 104-0262 (HB 2987) (Rep. Stuart, Sen. Belt) – WAREHOUSE TORNADO PREPAREDNESS**

Creates the Warehouse Tornado Preparedness Act. Provides that all operators of a warehouse within this State shall prepare a tornado safety plan for each warehouse they operate within 120 days after the effective date of the Act for each existing warehouse or, for warehouses opened on or after 120 days after the effective date of the Act, no later than 7 days after the warehouse becomes operational. Provides that each plan shall be specific to the warehouse it was prepared for and must be reviewed and updated at least once per year or upon any significant change to the operations of the warehouse that affects the applicability or accuracy of the information in the plan. Specifies what

the plan must contain. In provisions concerning tornado safety plans, provides that the operator of a warehouse should coordinate with the warehouse's local emergency services and disaster agency and fire department or fire protection district to create plans that, when implemented, will be consistent with the local jurisdiction's response activities. Provides that copies of the plan and all updates made to the plan must be filed with the fire department or fire protection district in the jurisdiction in which the warehouse is located and the local emergency services and disaster agency in the jurisdiction in which the warehouse is located (instead of filed with the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security, and the fire department, fire protection district, or local emergency services agency with primary responsibility for the warehouse). Provides that warehouse facilities constructed after the effective date of the Act must provide the means, through modification, installation, or demonstration via rational analysis, to meet a life-safety performance level for tornado loading that is equivalent to, or exceeds, the life-safety performance level for the most onerous of other building code-prescribed extreme environmental loading events. Sets forth provisions concerning that evaluation. Provides that, in lieu of a risk-targeted approach, the evaluating design professional may elect to follow prescriptive methods as outlined in the Federal Emergency Management Agency standard P-431, Tornado Protection: Selecting Refuge Areas in Buildings and the Best Available Refuge Area Checklist to ensure that shelter areas designated in tornado safety plans are qualified as the best available refuge areas. Removes provisions concerning tornado shelters and emergency supplies. Amends the Counties Code. Defines "building inspector". Requires a building inspector to hold a certification from the International Code Council in the area in which the inspector is inspecting or examining. Requires that the county keep on file a copy of the certifications of the persons doing inspections or examinations on its behalf. Provides that a building inspector may have a grace period of one year from the date of hire to acquire the certification required under these provisions. Amends the Illinois Municipal Code to add similar requirements for building inspectors. Effective immediately, except that provisions amending the Counties Code and the Illinois Municipal Code take effect January 1, 2027. Provides that "warehouse" means a building in which warehouse workers perform their duties and goods are stored in industries defined by specified North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes, however such building is denominated (instead of an establishment as defined by specified North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes, however such establishment is denominated). Some provisions effective August 15, 2025, and some provisions effective January 1, 2027.

## **PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION**

### **P.A. 104- 0435 (HB 1863) (Rep. Buckner, Sen. Sims Jr.) – ONE HEALTH TASK FORCE**

Creates the Boards and Commissions Review Act. Provides that, during odd-numbered years, beginning in 2027, a person or entity authorized or required by the Illinois Constitution, a statute, or an executive order of the Governor to appoint a majority of the appointed members of a board, commission, task force, or other body that is authorized or created by the Illinois Constitution, a statute, or an executive order of the Governor and to which that person or entity is authorized to make appointments may review the activity of that board to determine whether the board has conducted business or held meetings in the prior 2 years, has been abolished by executive order, or has submitted a final statutory report. Based on the findings of its review, the appointing authority shall consider whether to submit a report to the General Assembly recommending abolition of the board. Provides that, on or before December 31 of each odd-numbered year, beginning in 2027, an appointing authority may submit a report to the General Assembly that recommends the abolition of one or more boards to which the appointing authority is authorized or required to make appointments and that sets forth the basis for each of its recommendations. Prohibits a report of an

appointing authority under the Act from recommending for abolition any board that was authorized or created during the 2-year period immediately before the report's submittal. Specifies that a board that is recommended for abolition by an appointing authority shall be considered inactive upon submission of the report recommending its abolition to the General Assembly. Provides that, in an even-numbered year following the report, the Legislative Reference Bureau shall draft a revisory bill that (i) proposes the repeal of the boards found by appointing authorities in the immediately preceding year to be inactive and (ii) makes all other conforming changes that the Bureau deems necessary to provide for the repeal of those board and their powers and duties. Requires the Bureau to provide copies of the revisory bill required under this Act to each legislative leader of the General Assembly. Amends and repeals various Acts by abolishing various State governmental entities to effect changes in the statutes to conform the statutes to the changes in law made by Executive Order 2018-11 and by making other conforming changes. Excludes changes made by the Executive Order to the Equity in Long-term Care Quality Act. Amends and repeals provisions in various Acts relating to various boards and commissions. In provisions concerning Evidence-Based Funding for student success, provides that, on or before March 31, 2026, the Professional Review Panel shall make a report to the Governor and the General Assembly assessing the impact of the property tax relief pool grant program to determine if the grant program is meeting the legislative intent of reducing property taxes in high-tax areas of the State. Some provisions effective immediately, and some provisions effective July 1, 2026.

**P.A. 104-0366 (SB 0849) (Sen. Joyce, Rep. Briel) – TRANSPORTATION-TECH**

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a restricted commercial driver's license for farm-related service industries shall be available for a seasonal period or periods not to exceed a total of 210 (rather than 180) days in any 12-month period. Effective January 1, 2026.

**P.A. 104-0110 (SB 1559) (Sen. Feigenholtz, Rep. A. Williams) – IDOT-TRAFFIC STUDIES**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires the Department of Transportation to conduct a traffic study following the occurrence of any crash involving a pedestrian fatality that occurs at an intersection of a State or municipal highway. Sets forth the meeting agendas for State and municipal government departments of transportation if a memorandum of understanding exists between the State and municipal departments of transportation. Provides that the Department shall conduct a timely analysis of each fatal traffic crash that occurs on a State or municipal highway that is reported to the Illinois State Police or a local law enforcement agency. Provides that the Department shall conduct periodic analyses to identify trends, patterns, and correlations associated with traffic crashes. Provides that based on its analyses, the Department shall identify potential actions to increase traffic safety. Provides that when appropriate, the Department shall include estimates for the cost of implementation and potential funding options in its identification of such potential actions. Provides that in conducting analyses and in identifying potential actions, the Department shall coordinate with any other department, agency, or organization deemed relevant by the Department. Requires each department of transportation to make the reports of the analysis and the results of the study available to the public upon request. Effective January 1, 2026.

**P.A. 104-0133 (SB 2040) (Sen. Villanueva, Rep. Davis) – VEHICLE CD-SAFETY TOWING**

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that any personal property belonging to the vehicle owner in a vehicle subject to a lien shall be subject to that lien, except for the specified items, which may be claimed by immediate family members at the authorization of the vehicle owner. Sets forth provisions concerning liens against personal property in a towed vehicle, making false statements and the power of the Commission to deny an application or revoke registration from a commercial

vehicle safety relocator, and the relocation and redemption of vehicles. Requires a commercial vehicle safety relocator to designate a registered agent within the State. Adds provisions concerning vehicle impoundment, failure to satisfy fines or penalties assessed by the Commission, and suspension of tow truck registrations. Effective January 1, 2026.

**P.A. 104-0409 (SB 2129) (Sen. Morrison, Rep. Faver Dias) – IDOT-LOCAL GOV PORTAL**

Amends the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Department of Transportation shall establish an online portal that allows units of local government to submit forms electronically to the Department. The online portal shall provide a tracking feature for the submission as well as a point of contact at the Department of Transportation. Effective January 1, 2026.

**P.A. 104-0141 (SB 2285) (Sen. Simmons, Rep. Jimenez) – VEH CD-BICYCLE DEFINITION**

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Redefines "bicycle" as every human-powered device and every low-speed electric bicycle with 2 or more wheels not less than 12 inches in diameter, operable pedals, and designated seats for the transportation of one or more persons. Effective January 1, 2026.

**REVENUE & TAXATION**

**P.A. 104-0423 (SB 2466) (Sen. Aquino, Rep. Evans Jr.) – OPEN LANDS-GRANTS TO GOVTS**

Amends the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Act. Provides that a distressed location project that is located within a distressed community shall be eligible for assistance of up to 100% for the acquisition of open space lands and for capital development and improvement proposals that are in conformity with the purposes of the Act. Specifies that a project that is located within a distressed community, regardless of whether the project is located within a distressed location, is eligible for assistance up to 90% for the acquisition of open space lands and for capital development and improvement proposals that are in conformity with the purposes of the Act. Provides that a distressed location project that is not located in a distressed community shall be eligible for assistance of up to 75% for the acquisition of open space lands and for capital development and improvement proposals that are in conformity with the purposes of the Act. Directs the Department of Natural Resources to prioritize the making of grants under the Act for projects that are located in distressed locations and distressed communities. Effective January 1, 2026.

**OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

**P.A. 104-0438 (HB243) (Rep. Didech, Sen. Porfirio): OMA Service Member Attendance**

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that, if a quorum of the members of the public body is physically present, a majority of the public body may allow a member of that body to attend the meeting by other means if the member is prevented from physically attending because of performance of active military duty as a service member. Defines "active military duty" and "service member". Effective immediately.