



## **IAFPD**

**April 23, 2021**

### Bill to Reduce Possession Penalties Passes House

A bill that will reduce penalties for drug possession from a felony to a misdemeanor passed the House this week with a slim margin. House Bill 3447 builds on previous legislation to decriminalize possession of cannabis by lessening penalties for possession of hard drugs, including heroin, fentanyl, methamphetamine and cocaine. Supporters of the legislation including the ACLU believe the bill will keep drug users out of jail and increase their opportunities to receive treatment for substance abuse. The bill will also allow individuals currently in custody for these offenses to petition the court for a reduced sentence. Law enforcement stakeholders such as the Illinois Sheriffs' Association oppose the legislation, arguing that the drug amounts specified in the bill are far larger than should be allowed.

### Cannabis Licensure Bill is Filed

Legislation was filed this week by Rep. LaShawn Ford (D-Chicago) to address problems with a state lottery to award cannabis dispensary licenses. The Illinois Department of Professional Regulation agreed in September to delay a lottery to award seventy-five recreational cannabis licenses when just twenty-one companies out of seven hundred applicants received scores needed to qualify. Based on pushback from unsuccessful

applicants and lawmakers, the Pritzker administration agreed to allow applicants to resubmit their applications for rescoring, but the lottery has not been held to date.

House Bill 1443 as amended is intended to carry out the social equity goals of the Cannabis Tax and Regulation Act that were not realized in the initial lottery. It will create up to 120 additional new licenses and allow existing dispensaries to relocate when new dispensaries open. It is likely that negotiations on this bill will continue in the remaining weeks of session.

### House Passes Leadership Term Limits

The House passed legislation this week to impose term limits on House and Senate caucus leaders. Under the provisions of House Bill 642, legislators elected to the positions of House Speaker, House Minority Leader, Senate President and Senate Minority Leader are limited to ten years in office. Term limits were outlined by Speaker Chris Welch in his platform when running for Speaker of the House in January, and the bill passed the House with nearly unanimous support.

### Governor Issues Orders on Earth Day

Governor JB Pritzker issued two executive orders on Earth Day related to utilities and air pollution. Executive Order 2021-07 will suspend two provisions of the Illinois Energy Assistance Act, allowing the Utility Disconnection Avoidance Program to allocate \$80 million in emergency relief funds to low-income utility customers following the expiration of the winter moratorium on utility shut-offs. Executive Order 2021-08 will create the State Fleet Working Group, which will include the Department of Central Management Services, the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois Commerce Commission and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The working group is charged with ensuring that future procurement of automobiles for the state fleet are low or zero-emission models.

### **Illinois COVID-19 Resources**

- State of Illinois: <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov>
- Illinois House Republican Caucus: <https://ilcovid19info.com>
- Chicago residents can access information about the city's response to the outbreak by texting "covid19" to 78015, or visiting the city's dedicated webpage at <https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid-19/home.html>
- A list of public and private testing sites can be found on the IDPH website at <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing>.

## **Dates to Remember**

April 23 - Deadline - Third Reading Substantive Senate and House Bills

May 14 - Deadline - Substantive Senate and House Bills out of Committee

May 28 - Deadline - Third Reading Substantive Senate and House Bills

May 31 - Adjournment

**IL - HB17** PREVETERINARY EMERGENCY CARE

Notes:

**Support**

Last Action: Third Reading - Standard Debate - Passed 107-000-004 (April 22, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Joyce Mason \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Provides that emergency medical (EMS) personnel may provide preveterinary emergency care to a dog or cat to the extent the EMS personnel has received commensurate training and is authorized by his or her employer to provide care. Provides that requirements governing the circumstances under which EMS personnel may provide preveterinary emergency care to dogs and cats may be specified in the employer's policies governing the provision of care. Contains language stating that nothing in the Act imposes upon EMS personnel any obligation to provide care to a dog or cat or to provide care to a dog or cat before a person. Amends the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004. Provides that nothing in that Act shall apply to EMS personnel who provide preveterinary emergency care to a dog or cat under the amended provisions of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Effective immediately.

**IL - HB51** SMOKE DETECTOR-EXEMPTION

Last Action: Referred to Assignments (April 22, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Jaime M. Andrade, Jr. \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Smoke Detector Act. Removes language providing that specified smoke detector requirements shall not apply to dwelling units and hotels within municipalities with a population over 1,000,000 inhabitants.

**IL - HB162** LOCAL GOV CONSOLIDATION-10 YRS

Last Action: Placed on Calendar Order of First Reading April 27, 2021 (April 23, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Jeff Keicher \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Creates the Decennial Committees on Local Government Consolidation and Efficiency Act. Provides that within one year after the effective date of the Act and at least once every 10 years thereafter, each unit of local government (except municipalities and counties) must form a committee to: study local efficiencies, including an analysis of whether to consolidate with another governmental unit, municipality, or county; and create a report with recommendations regarding efficiencies, increased accountability, and consolidation. Provides that the duties of the committee include, but are not

limited to, the study of the unit of local government's governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with other units of local government and the State. Provides that the committee shall collect data, research, analysis, and public input. Dissolves the committee after completion of its report and oral presentation of the report. Contains provisions about committee membership, meetings, and report requirements. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

### **IL - HB202 FIREFIGHTER TRAINING-HISTORY**

Last Action: Referred to Assignments (April 22, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Frances Ann Hurley \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Fire Protection Training Act. In provisions requiring fire fighters to complete training relating to the history of the fire service labor movement, provides that "fire fighter" includes fire fighters hired by the Chicago Fire Department.

### **IL - HB220 LABOR-FIRE FIGHTER SUPERVISOR**

Last Action: Referred to Assignments (April 19, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Lawrence Walsh, Jr. \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Modifies the definition of "supervisor" under the Act. Provides that in fire fighter units (rather than new fire fighter units), employees shall consist of fire fighters of the highest rank of company officer and below (currently, highest rank not specified). Provides that a company officer may be responsible for multiple companies or apparatus on a shift, multiple stations, or an entire shift. Provides that there may be more than one company officer per shift. Provides that all other ranks above that of the highest company officer shall be supervisors (currently, highest rank not specified).

### **IL - HB351 PEN CD-DNST FIRE-INJURY REPORT**

Notes:

#### **Oppose**

Last Action: Referred to Assignments (April 19, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Lance Yednock \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Downstate Firefighter Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Requires the fire chief of a secondary employer to report any injury, illness, or exposure incurred by a secondary employee

during his or her employment to the Department of Insurance. Requires secondary employers to transmit to the Department of Insurance a certified copy of its report accounting for all hours worked by secondary employees. Effective immediately.

### **IL - HB595** MUNI CODE-CONTIGUOUS PARCELS

Last Action: Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee (March 27, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Tom Demmer \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Business District Development and Redevelopment Law, the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, and the Industrial Jobs Recovery Law of the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that, for purposes of the respective Act and Laws, parcels are also contiguous if they touch or adjoin one another in a reasonably substantial physical sense or if they meet the criteria for annexation to a municipality under a specified provision of the Illinois Municipal Code.

### **IL - HB628** EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Last Action: Held on Calendar Order of Second Reading - Short Debate (April 21, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative C.D. Davidsmeyer \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Provides that a Vehicle Service Provider that serves a rural or semi-rural population of 10,000 or fewer inhabitants and exclusively uses volunteers, paid-on-call, or a combination thereof to provide patient care may apply for alternate rural staffing authorization from the Department of Public Health to authorize the ambulance, Non-Transport Vehicle, Special-Use Vehicle, or Limited Operation Vehicle to be staffed by one EMT licensed at or above the level at which the vehicle is licensed, plus one Emergency Medical Responder when 2 licensed Emergency Services personnel are not available to respond. Provides that an alternate rural staffing authorization shall not expire. Effective immediately.

### **IL - HB640** FIRE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Notes:

#### **OSFM Initiative**

Last Action: Referred to Assignments (April 22, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Kathleen Willis \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the State Fire Marshal Act. Adds the Illinois Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators and the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Illinois in the organizations from which

ex officio members of the Illinois Fire Advisory Commission shall serve. Makes technical and grammatical corrections. Effective immediately.

## **IL - HB674** FINANCE-NEWSPAPER CIRCULATION

Notes:

### **IAFPD Initiative - Support**

Last Action: Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee (March 27, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Kathleen Willis \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Public Funds Statement Publication Act. Provides that specified public officers who are required to make statements concerning the use of public funds under that Act shall also publish such statements in a newspaper of general circulation. Amends the Fire Protection District Act. Provides that all ordinances imposing any penalty or making any appropriations in a fire protection district shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the district. Makes conforming changes.

## **IL - HB691** PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT CONTRACTOR

Notes:

### **OSFM Initiative**

Last Action: Placed on Calendar Order of First Reading April 22, 2021 (April 21, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Kathleen Willis \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Petroleum Equipment Contractors Licensing Act. Provides that, if a corporation or business entity does not have evidence of current registration, such as a Secretary of State issued Certificate of Good Standing, the Office of the State Fire Marshal has the authority to deny or revoke the license of such a corporation or business entity. Provides that a lapsed license may not be reinstated until an application (rather than a written application) is filed. Removes language providing that, if a license or certificate is lost, a duplicate shall be issued upon payment of the required fee. Removes language providing that licensees shall be subject to disciplinary action for being a habitual drunk or having a habitual addiction to the use of morphine, cocaine, controlled substances, or other habit-forming drugs. Allows the Office of the State Fire Marshal to adopt rules to permit the issuance of citations for certain violations of the Act or the rules adopted under the Act. Amends the Regulatory Sunset Act. Extends the repeal date of the Petroleum Equipment Contractors Licensing Act from

January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2032. Effective January 1, 2022, except provisions amending the Regulatory Sunset Act take effect immediately.

#### **IL - HB693** DISSOLVE BENSENVILLE FPD 1

Last Action: Held on Calendar Order of Second Reading - Short Debate (April 21, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Kathleen Willis \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Fire Protection District Act. Dissolves the Bensenville Fire Protection District #1 on the effective date of the amendatory Act and transfers all powers, including taxing powers, duties, rights, responsibilities, and territory to the Bensenville Fire Protection District #2. Transfers books, records, papers, documents, property (real and personal), contracts, causes of action, and pending business to Bensenville Fire Protection District #2. Allows the Bensenville Fire Protection District #2 to increase the tax levy of the territory formerly within Bensenville Fire Protection District #1 over a 2 year period. Provides for the election of Bensenville Fire Protection District #2 board of trustees beginning with the 2023 consolidated election.

#### **IL - HB809** JLMC-FIREFIGHTER APPOINTMENTS

Last Action: Referred to Assignments (April 22, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Jay Hoffman \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code and the Fire Protection District Act. In Sections relating to establishing a program for placing persons eligible for placement on a master register of candidates for full-time firefighter placement, provides that nothing in the listed Sections requires the Joint Labor and Management Committee to establish, or operate a community outreach program or master register of eligibles or to contract with a testing agency to establish or operate such program or register, unless the Committee chooses to do so.

#### **IL - HB2408** FIRE & SMOKE DAMPER INSPECTION

Last Action: Referred to Assignments (April 21, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Marcus C. Evans, Jr. \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Creates the Fire and Smoke Damper Inspection Act. Requires inspections and testing of HVAC fire dampers and smoke dampers to be conducted by individuals certified by the International Certification Board and Accredited to comply with specified requirements. Provides that (1) fire damper and smoke damper inspections and testing shall be conducted by inspectors certified by the International Certification Board and accredited by specified entities and (2) inspectors shall certify that all fire and smoke dampers inspected meet the standards established in the current International Fire Code adopted by the State of Illinois and the authority having jurisdiction.



**[IL - HB2412](#) NOTICES-MINORITY GROUPS**

Last Action: Referred to Assignments (April 21, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Rita Mayfield \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Notice By Publication Act. Provides that if a notice is required to be published in a newspaper where the city, town, or county consists of more than 52% of a single minority group, the notice shall also be published in a local newspaper of that minority group and in the native language of that minority group.

**[IL - HB2523](#) PEN CD-POLICE INVESTMENT-BOARD**

Last Action: Placed on Calendar Order of First Reading April 27, 2021 (April 23, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Stephanie A. Kifowit \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Police Officers' Pension Investment Fund Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In a provision concerning the transition board and permanent board of trustees, removes language specifying that provisions of the Lobbyist Registration Act that prohibit persons required to register under the Act from serving on boards or commissions do not apply to members who are representatives of the Illinois Municipal League. Effective immediately.

**[IL - HB2568](#) PSEBA HLTH PLAN BARGAINED**

Last Action: Referred to Assignments (April 20, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Rita Mayfield \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act. Provides that a health insurance plan, as defined, is limited to the insurance plan options codified in the employee collective bargaining agreement or bargained upon with an authorized agent and subject to the grievance process.

**[IL - HB2574](#) ANIMALS-CONFINEMENT IN VEHICLE**

Notes:

**Support**

Last Action: Held on Calendar Order of Second Reading - Short Debate (April 21, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Mike Murphy \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act. Adds firefighter and paramedic to the list of persons who are authorized, after making a reasonable effort to locate the owner or person responsible for a

companion animal, to enter a motor vehicle by any reasonable means if he or she has probable cause to believe that the animal's health or safety is at risk.

### **IL - HB2784 MENTAL HEALTH-EMERGENCY**

Last Action: House Floor Amendment No. 1 Recommends Be Adopted Mental Health & Addiction Committee; 009-006-000 (April 22, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Kelly M. Cassidy \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Creates the Community Emergency Services and Supports Act. Provides that the Act applies to every unit of local government that provides or coordinates ambulance or similar emergency medical response or transportation services for individuals with emergency medical needs. A home rule unit may not respond to or provide services for a mental or behavioral health emergency, or create a transportation plan or other regulation, relating to the provision of mental or behavioral health services in a manner inconsistent with this Act. Provides that one plan shall describe how the EMS Region will provide mobile emergency mental and behavioral health services to individuals who do not present as a threat to the responders, and are not involved in criminal activity at the time of the response. Provides that the plan shall conform to the requirements of the Act and, recognizing the variety of systems, services, and needs across the State, provide the specific requirements and guidance appropriate for that region. Provides that the plan shall be identified as the region's community emergency services and supports plan. Provides that the second plan shall describe the manner and extent to which responders operating under the region's Community Emergency Services and Supports Plan coordinate with law enforcement when responding to individuals who appear to be in a mental or behavioral health emergency while engaged in conduct alleged to constitute a non-violent misdemeanor. Provides that the plan shall be identified as the region's Non-Violent Misdemeanor Coordination Plan. Amends the Emergency Telephone System Act to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.

### **IL - HB2860 FIRE CHIEF VEHICLE EQUIPMENT**

Last Action: Third Reading - Consent Calendar - Passed 113-000-000 (April 22, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Daniel Swanson \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that vehicles of deputy fire chiefs and assistant fire chiefs may 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. Provides that deputy fire chiefs and assistant fire chiefs are eligible for fire chief license plates. Provides that any fire chief, deputy fire chief, or assistant fire chief operating warning devices 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 to a rank other

than fire chief, deputy fire chief, or assistant fire chief, a person issued fire chief license plates shall immediately surrender the license plate to the Secretary of State. Provides that the Secretary of State shall have the ability to recover the license plates.

#### **IL - HB2864 EMS SYSTEMS-RURAL POPULATIONS**

Last Action: House Floor Amendment No. 1 Tabled Pursuant to Rule 40 (April 22, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Daniel Swanson \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Provides that, in a rural population of 7,500 or fewer inhabitants, each EMS System medical director shall create an exception to the credentialing process to allow registered nurses, physician assistants, and advanced practice registered nurses to serve as EMTs. Requires each EMS System medical director to accept documentation from an applicant detailing education from either continuing education or documented work experience and practical skill credentialing including, but not limited to, airway management, ambulance operations, extrication, telecommunications, and pre-hospital cardiac and trauma care. Requires each EMS System medical director to ensure that applicants meet EMS System requirements for credentialing and authorizing the practice in accordance with the EMS System Plan as an EMT.

#### **IL - HB2898 NONFIREWORKS**

Last Action: Held on Calendar Order of Second Reading - Short Debate (April 21, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Robert Rita \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Fireworks Regulation Act of Illinois. Provides that the storage, possession, sale, and use of nonfireworks shall be permitted at all times throughout the State. Requires regulation of nonfireworks, including their storage and sale, to be consistent with the standards set forth in the National Fire Protection Association's Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, Storage and Retail Sales of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles, 2006 edition. Provides that the amendatory provisions do not apply to the City of Chicago. Defines "nonfireworks".

#### **IL - HB3020 VEH CD-SERVICE ANIMAL HARM**

Last Action: Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading - Short Debate (April 14, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Joe Sosnowski \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that if a person violates provisions requiring the exercise of due care when approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle displaying a warning signal and the violation results in a severe injury or death of a police animal, service animal, accelerant detection dog, or search and rescue dog, the person is guilty of a Class 4 felony.

**IL - HB3198 SUICIDE TREATMENT IMPROVEMENTS**

Last Action: Held on Calendar Order of Second Reading - Short Debate (April 21, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Deb Conroy \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Creates the Suicide Treatment Improvements Act. Provides that specified persons and entities shall require suicide prevention counselors on the person or entity's staff to perform specified suicide prevention services. Provides that the Department of Public Health shall require each suicide hotline and crisis hotline in the State to identify callers who are or may be suicidal. Provides for penalties for noncompliance with an order of the Department. Provides that services provided under the Act shall be covered by each group or individual policy of accident and health insurance or managed care plan amended, delivered, issued, or renewed after the Act's effective date. Provides that each county and municipal law enforcement officer shall annually complete at least 2 hours of in-service training on the appropriate response to emergencies that involve a person who is or may be suicidal. Requires the governing body of each county to appoint a suicide prevention response coordinator to perform specified actions. Provides that suicide prevention counselors dispatched to an emergency scene shall have specified duties. Provides that PSAP call-takers shall evaluate and determine whether a request for emergency services involves a person who is or may be suicidal. Requires specified agencies to adopt rules to implement specified provisions of the Act. Contains other provisions. Amends the Department of State Police Law. Requires the Office of the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator to develop comprehensive guidelines and adopt rules and standards for the handling of suicide or suicide calls by Public Safety Answering Point telecommunicators. Contains suicide training requirements for PSAP telecommunicators. Effective July 1, 2021.

**IL - HB3410 LOCAL GOVT TRANSPARENCY**

Last Action: House Floor Amendment No. 2 Remains in Cities & Villages Committee (April 22, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Thomas Morrison \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that a unit of local government or school district with an operating budget of \$1,000,000 or more shall maintain an Internet website and post to its website for the current calendar or fiscal year specified information. Provides that the information required to be posted must be easily accessible from the unit of local government's or school district's website home page and searchable. Provides penalties for noncompliance. Provides that no home rule unit may adopt posting requirements that are less restrictive than those provided in the Act. Provides that all local records required to be posted shall remain posted on the entity's website, or subsequent websites, for 10 years. Exempts the School District of the Department of Juvenile Justice. Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides an exemption from inspection and copying of any record or information that a unit of local government or school district maintains an electronic copy of on its

Internet website in order to comply with the Open Meetings Act. Amends the Department of Central Management Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that within 6 months after the effective date of this amendatory Act, the Illinois Transparency and Accountability Portal shall have the capability to compile and update its database with information received from all school districts and units of local government. Authorizes the Illinois Transparency and Accountability Portal to provide direct access to information compiled under specified provisions of the Open Meetings Act. Provides an exempt mandate provision. Provides a severability clause. Effective immediately.

### **IL - HB3571 EMS SERVICES-EXPIRED LICENSE**

Notes:

#### **Support**

Last Action: Third Reading - Consent Calendar - First Day (April 22, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative David A. Welter \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Provides that an Illinois licensed EMR, EMD, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, Paramedic, ECRN, PHPA, PHAPRN, or PHRN whose license has expired may, within 6 months after license expiration, apply for relicensure, show compliance with all relicensure requirements, and submit the required relicensure fees, including a late fee, and, after that 6-month period, may apply for reinstatement.

### **IL - HB3662 WORKER COMP MRSA PRESUMPTION**

Last Action: Referred to Assignments (April 22, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Marcus C. Evans, Jr. \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that, with respect to firefighters and emergency medical technicians, a contagious staph infection, including Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), is rebuttably presumed to arise out of and in the course of employment. Effective immediately.

### **IL - HB3702 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM**

Last Action: Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading - Short Debate (April 14, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Kathleen Willis \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Emergency Telephone System Act. Extends the repeal of the Act from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2023. Makes various changes to definitions. Provides that within 18 months of the awarding of a contract under the Public Utilities Act to establish a statewide next generation 9-1-1

network (rather than by December 31, 2021), every 9-1-1 system in Illinois shall provide next generation 9-1-1 service. Amends various other Acts to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.

### **IL - HB3746** PEN CD-FIRE INVESTMENT BOARD

Notes:

#### **IAFPD Initiative - Support**

Last Action: Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee (March 27, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Steven Reick \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Adds a member, to be appointed by the Governor, who is recommended by a statewide association representing fire protection districts to the permanent board of trustees of the investment fund. Provides that at least one of the 3 elected members who are mayors, presidents, chief executive officers, chief financial officers, or other officers, executives, or department heads of municipalities or fire protection districts that have participating pension funds must be from a fire protection district. Provides that if the candidate or candidates receiving the highest number of votes would result in there being no trustee who is from a fire protection district, then the candidate receiving the highest number of votes who is from a fire protection district shall be elected. Provides that 7 members (instead of 6 members) of the permanent board shall constitute a quorum. Provides that all actions taken by the permanent board shall require a vote of at least 6 (instead of 5) trustees, except that certain actions shall require a vote of at least 7 (instead of 6) trustees. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.

### **IL - HB3763** FIRE PROTECTION-RESPONSE TIMES

Notes:

#### **IAFPD Initiative - Support**

Last Action: Third Reading - Consent Calendar - First Day (April 22, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Daniel Swanson \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Fire Protection District Act. Provides that, before a fire protection district may close a fire station or dissolve the district, a response-time study must be conducted that shows, at a minimum, estimated response times to the territory currently served by the fire station or district and estimated response times to that territory after closure of the fire station or district. Requires a response-time

study before any territory may be involuntary disconnected or consolidated with another fire protection district or municipal fire department.

### **IL - HB3911** FIRST RESPONDERS TASK FORCE

Last Action: Third Reading - Consent Calendar - First Day (April 22, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Frances Ann Hurley \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the First Responders Suicide Prevention Act. Provides that the First Responders Suicide Prevention Task Force shall make specified recommendations to specified entities.

### **IL - HB3977** BEHAVIOR HEALTH-1ST RESPONDER

Last Action: Held on Calendar Order of Second Reading - Short Debate (April 21, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Lindsey LaPointe \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Creates the First Responders Behavioral Healthcare Bill of Rights Act. Provides that first responders have certain specified statutory rights in seeking behavioral health services and treatment. Provides that the rights guaranteed to first responders in these provisions are judicially enforceable. Provides that an aggrieved employee may, under the Civil Practice Law, bring an action for damages, attorney's fee, or injunctive relief against an employer for violating these rights. Defines various terms.

### **IL - SB85** FIRE DIST-COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Notes:

#### **Bradford FPD Bill - Neutral as Introduced**

Last Action: Referred to Rules Committee (April 23, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Win Stoller \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Fire Protection District Act. Provides that any procurement by a board of trustees involving the acquisition, by direct or beneficial ownership, of improvements to real estate by a fire protection district which results in an expenditure of district funds in excess of \$20,000 must be competitively bid.

### **IL - SB121** EMS SERVICES-QUESTIONNAIRE

Last Action: Referred to Rules Committee (April 23, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Neil Anderson \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Provides that nothing in the Act shall be construed to prohibit an EMR, EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, or Paramedic from completing an initial Occupational Safety and Health Administration Respirator Medical Evaluation Questionnaire on behalf of fire service personnel, as permitted by his or her Region's EMS Medical Directors Committee, Regional EMS Advisory Committee, or local EMS System.

#### **IL - SB167** PEN CD-DNST FIRE-SERVICE

Last Action: Arrived in House (April 22, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Laura Ellman \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Downstate Firefighter Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In a provision concerning the calculation of retirement pensions and automatic annual increases for eligible firefighters who participated in more than one pension fund, removes language limiting application of the provision to Tier 1 retirement pension amounts and Tier 1 automatic annual increases. Provides that as a condition of being eligible for the benefits in a provision concerning firefighters who participated in more than one pension fund, a person who is hired to a position as a firefighter after December 31, 2010 must within 21 months after being hired or within 21 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act, whichever is later, notify the new employer, all of his or her previous employers under the Article, and the Public Pension Division of the Department of Insurance of his or her intent to receive those benefits; and make the required contributions with applicable interest. Provides that a person who was hired to a position as a firefighter after December 31, 2010 and who, before the effective date of the amendatory Act, notified the new employer, all of his or her previous employers, and the Public Pension Division of the Department of Insurance of his or her intent to receive the benefits under a provision concerning firefighters who participated in more than one pension fund shall be deemed to have met the notice requirement. Provides that the changes made by the amendatory Act to the provision concerning firefighters who participated in more than one pension fund apply retroactively. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

#### **IL - SB301** WORKERS COMP-FIREFIGHTER/EMT

Notes:

##### **IAFPD Initiative - Support**

Last Action: Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments (April 16, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Neil Anderson \(R\)](#)

Summary:



Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that in the case of an employee who is a volunteer, paid-on-call, or part-time firefighter, emergency medical technician, or paramedic, compensation for temporary total incapacity shall commence on the day after the accident. Effective immediately.

### **IL - SB521** RAFFLES-FIRE PROTECTION AGENCY

Notes:

#### **Support**

Last Action: Referred to Rules Committee (April 23, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Antonio Muñoz \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Raffles and Poker Runs Act. Allows raffle licenses to be issued to fire protection agencies and associations that represent fire protection officials. Defines "fire protection agency" to mean a State, local government, or intergovernmental agency vested with the duty and authority to provide public fire suppression, rescue, or emergency medical services or an organization that provides support or assistance to such an agency.

### **IL - SB561** PFAS REDUCTION

Last Action: Senate Floor Amendment No. 3 Recommend Do Adopt Environment and Conservation; 009-000-000 (April 22, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Laura Ellman \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Creates the PFAS Reduction Act. Provides that a person, local government, fire department, or State agency may not discharge or otherwise use for training or testing purposes a class B firefighting foam containing intentionally added PFAS. On and after January 1, 2022, prohibits the knowing manufacture, sale, offering for sale, distribution for sale, or distribution for use of a class B firefighting foam containing intentionally added PFAS. Provides specified notice and recall requirements for manufacturers. Contains a prohibition and exemption for the manufacture, sale, offering for sale, or distribution for sale of food packaging containing intentionally added PFAS. Requires manufacturers of class B firefighting foam containing PFAS to register with the Environmental Protection Agency and pay to the Agency an annual registration fee of \$5,000. Requires the Agency to administer and enforce the Act and to adopt rules. Requires the Office of the State Fire Marshal to conduct a survey of fire departments and to provide a report of the results of the survey to the General Assembly no later than 90 days after its completion. Provides a civil penalty of \$5,000 for the first violation of the Act and \$10,000 for each subsequent violation. Provides that civil penalties collected must be

deposited into the Environmental Protection Trust Fund to be used in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Protection Trust Fund Act. Contains other provisions. Effective immediately.

### **IL - SB1410** LOCAL GOVERNMENT-TECH

Notes:

#### **IAFPD Initiative - Support**

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Last Action: Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 Postponed - Local Government (April 20, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Sue Rezin \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Public Building Commission Act. Makes a technical change to a Section concerning the short title.

### **IL - SB1572** PROP TX-POLICE AND FIRE

Last Action: Arrived in House (April 22, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Robert F. Martwick \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Property Tax Code. Creates a homestead exemption in the amount of a reduction of \$5,000 from the equalized assessed value of property of police officers and firefighters with duty-related disabilities. Effective immediately.

### **IL - SB1650** LINE OF DUTY CLAIM DEADLINE

Last Action: Referred to Rules Committee (April 23, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Chapin Rose \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Line of Duty Compensation Act. Provides that a claim for a death benefit for a death occurring after December 31, 2016 and before January 1, 2021 may be filed no later than December 31, 2022. Effective immediately.

### **IL - SB1913** VEH-SCOTTS LAW-COMM'Y SERVICE

Last Action: Arrived in House (April 22, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Julie A. Morrison \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that, in addition to other penalties imposed for a violation of provisions concerning operation of a vehicle while approaching an authorized emergency vehicle, the court may order a person to perform community service as determined by the court.

**IL - SB2077 FIRE & SMOKE DAMPER INSPECTION**

Last Action: Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading April 23, 2021 (April 22, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Cristina Castro \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Creates the Fire and Smoke Damper Inspection Act. Requires inspections and testing of HVAC fire dampers and smoke dampers to be conducted by individuals certified by the International Certification Board and Accredited to comply with specified requirements. Provides that (1) fire damper and smoke damper inspections and testing shall be conducted by inspectors certified by the International Certification Board and accredited by specified entities and (2) inspectors shall certify that all fire and smoke dampers inspected meet the standards established in the current International Fire Code adopted by the State of Illinois and the authority having jurisdiction.

**IL - SB2107 PEN CD-FIREFIGHTERS-IMRF**

Notes:

**Oppose**

Last Action: Arrived in House (April 22, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Robert F. Martwick \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) and the Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Adds the Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund to the definition of "participating instrumentality". In the definition of "employee", adds an employee of the Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund if he or she elects to participate and excludes members of the Board of Trustees of the Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund in their capacity as members of the Board of Trustees of the Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund. Provides that the Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund shall pay the required employer contributions for personnel who participate in IMRF. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

**IL - SB2150 FIREFIGHTER EXAMINATION AGE**

Last Action: Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading \*\* April 21, 2021 (April 20, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Darren Bailey \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code and the Fire Protection District Act. Provides that a person 35 years of age or older who has served a municipality as a regularly enrolled volunteer, paid-on-call, or part-time firefighter is eligible to take an examination for a position as a firefighter (removing a requirement the volunteer, paid-on-call, or part-time work was 5 years immediately preceding the time

that the municipality begins to use full-time firefighters to provide all or part of its fire protection service). Effective immediately.

### **IL - SB2170 NONFIREWORKS**

Last Action: Rule 2-10 Committee Deadline Established As April 23, 2021 (April 16, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Neil Anderson \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Fireworks Regulation Act of Illinois. Provides that the storage, possession, sale, and use of nonfireworks shall be permitted at all times throughout the State. Requires regulation of nonfireworks, including their storage and sale, to be consistent with the standards set forth in the National Fire Protection Association's Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, Storage and Retail Sales of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles, 2006 edition. Provides that the amendatory provisions do not apply to the City of Chicago. Defines "nonfireworks".

### **IL - SB2298 TIF/REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA**

Notes:

#### **TIF Omnibus Vehicle**

Last Action: Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading April 22, 2021 (April 21, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Ann Gillespie \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act of the Illinois Municipal Code. Adds two factors to the determination of a "blighted area" for improved, industrial, commercial, and residential buildings or improvements: (i) if the redevelopment project area has had an annual average unemployment rate of at least 120% of the State's annual average unemployment rate; and (ii) if the redevelopment project area has a poverty rate of at least 20%, 50% or more of children in the redevelopment project area participate in the federal free lunch program, or 20% or more households in the redevelopment project area receive food stamps. Removes or modifies various factors from the definitions of "blighted area" and "conservation area" for improved and vacant areas. Provides that a new redevelopment project shall have a completion date no later than December 31st of the 10th year after the ordinance was adopted (rather than the 23rd year) and may be extended to 15 years (rather than 35 years). Provides that the joint review board and municipality shall approve surplus funds and extensions of redevelopment project area completion dates. Provides that surplus funds shall be distributed annually within 90 days (rather than 180 days) after the close of a municipality's fiscal year. Provides that a new or modified redevelopment project area that overlaps with any existing redevelopment project area shall not be approved. Effective July 1, 2021.

**IL - SB2356** OPEN MEETINGS-SESSION MINUTES

Last Action: Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading \*\* April 21, 2021 (April 20, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator John F. Curran \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that each public body shall periodically (currently, specifies no less than semi-annually) meet to review minutes of all closed meetings. Provides that meetings to review minutes shall occur every 6 months, or as soon thereafter as is practicable, taking into account the nature and meeting schedule of the public body. Provides that committees which are ad hoc in nature shall review closed session minutes at the later of (1) 6 months from the date of the last review of closed session minutes or (2) at the next scheduled meeting of the ad hoc committee. Provides that when a public body is dissolved, disbanded, eliminated, or consolidated by executive action, legislative action, or referendum, the governing body of the unit of local government in which the public body was located shall review the closed session minutes of that public body.

**IL - SB2452** FIRE SPRINKLERS-INSPECT&TEST

Last Action: Rule 2-10 Committee Deadline Established As April 23, 2021 (April 16, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Ram Villivalam \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Amends the Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act. Provides that any individual who performs inspection and testing of existing fire sprinkler systems and control equipment must possess a photo identification card issued by the State Fire Marshal as proof that the individual is in compliance with the Act. Provides that all inspections and testing of fire sprinkler systems and control equipment must be recorded on an inspection report or testing form. Provides that all fire sprinkler systems, upon completion of inspection and testing, must be affixed with a preprinted label bearing the name of the person performing the inspection and the license number of the licensee performing the inspection. Provides that a copy of the inspection report must be forwarded by the entity performing the inspection to the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Provides that the fees for an inspection form and photo identification card shall be determined by the State Fire Marshal by rule. Provides that the State Fire Marshal has the power and duty to establish a database of all fire sprinkler systems, inspection records, and persons involved in the inspection or testing of existing fire sprinkler systems or control equipment. Effective January 1, 2022.

**IL - SB2553** LOCAL OFFICIAL VACANCY POSTING

Last Action: Chief House Sponsor Rep. Suzanne Ness (April 23, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Melinda Bush \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Creates the Local Official Vacancy Posting Act. Provides that a unit of local government shall post every elected official vacancy on its website, if it has one, and the county clerk shall also post the

vacancy on its website. Provides that the posting shall remain on each website until the vacancy is filled. Limits home rule powers.

### **IL - SR96 RECOGNIZE-FIRST RESPONDERS**

Last Action: Referred to Assignments (February 23, 2021)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Patrick J. Joyce \(D\)](#)

Summary:

Recognizes the efforts of Illinois' first responders and extends gratitude to all first responders for continuously putting their lives on the line for the citizens of Illinois. Further recognizes and remembers the first responders lost along the way.