2015/2016 House Bills on Legislative Watch List

**HB 96  **CIV PRO-DISCOVERY RESPONDENTS
Amends the Civil Practice Law of the Code of Civil Procedure. In provisions requiring persons or entities named as respondents in discovery to respond to discovery in the same manner as defendants, adds language providing that discovery includes a request for admission of facts or of genuineness of documents. Provides that respondents in discovery may, on motion of the plaintiff, be added as defendants if a preponderance of the evidence discloses cause for such action (instead of "if the evidence discloses the existence of probable cause for such action"). Makes corresponding changes in the statutory summons to a respondent in discovery.

**HB 106  **REVENUE-FINANCIAL TRANSACTION
Creates the Financial Transaction Tax Act. Beginning September 1, 2015, imposes a tax on the privilege of engaging in a financial transaction on any of the following exchanges or boards of trade: the Chicago Stock Exchange, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, the Chicago Board of Trade, and the Chicago Board Options Exchange. Provides that the tax is imposed at a rate of $1 per contract for all transactions for which the underlying asset is an agricultural product and $2 per contract for all other contracts. Provides that the term "financial transaction" means a transaction involving the purchase or sale of a stock contract, futures contract, swap contract, credit default swap contract, or options contract, but does not include a transaction involving securities held in a retirement account or a transaction involving a mutual fund.

**HB 108  **IL UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT
Creates the Illinois Universal Health Care Act. Provides that all individuals residing in the State are covered under the Illinois Health Services Program for health insurance. Sets forth the health coverage benefits that
participants are entitled to under the Program. Sets forth the qualification requirements for participating health providers. Sets forth standards for provider reimbursement. Provides that it is unlawful for private health insurers to sell health insurance coverage that duplicates the coverage of the Program. Provides that investor-ownership of health delivery facilities is unlawful. Provides that the State shall establish the Illinois Health Services Trust to provide financing for the Program. Sets forth the requirements for claims billing under the Program. Provides that the Program shall include funding for long-term care services and mental health services. Provides that the Program shall establish a single prescription drug formulary and list of approved durable medical goods and supplies. Creates the Pharmaceutical and Durable Medical Goods Committee to negotiate the prices of pharmaceuticals and durable medical goods with suppliers or manufacturers on an open bid competitive basis. Sets forth provisions concerning patients' rights. Provides that the employees of the Program shall be compensated in accordance with the current pay scale for State employees and as deemed professionally appropriate by the General Assembly.

HB 120 INS CD-NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Sets forth legislative findings concerning nutritional support and hydration. Provides that an individual or group policy of accident and health insurance or managed care plan must provide coverage for intravenous feeding and for enteral or tube feeding and that the benefits shall be at least as favorable as for other coverages under the policy and may be subject to the same dollar amount limits, deductibles, and co-insurance requirements applicable generally to other coverages under the policy. Provides that an individual or group policy of accident and health insurance or managed care plan that provides coverage for prescription drugs must provide coverage for reimbursement for medically appropriate prescription nutritional supplements, limited to those products that are issued only by a physician's written order, when ordered by a physician and the insured suffers from a condition that prevents him or her from taking sufficient oral nourishment to sustain life. Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971, Counties Code, Illinois Municipal Code, School Code, Health Maintenance Organization Act, and Voluntary Health Services Plans Act to make conforming changes. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State.

HB 122 INS-FEEDING-SUPPLEMENTS
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to provide that accident and health
insurance policies and managed care plans must provide coverage for intravenous feeding, prescription nutritional supplements, and hospital patient assessments. Makes corresponding changes in the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971, Counties Code, Illinois Municipal Code, School Code, Health Maintenance Organization Act, Voluntary Health Services Plans Act, and Illinois Public Aid Code. Amends the Emergency Medical Treatment Act to provide that every hospital licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act shall comply with the Hospital Emergency Service Act. Amends the Hospital Emergency Service Act in a provision concerning the Department of Public Health's rules regarding hospital emergency services. Repeals the provision concerning long-term acute care hospitals. Amends the Health Carrier External Review Act. Sets forth provisions concerning standard information for application forms; medical underwriting; the requirement to send to the applicant a copy of the health care service plan contract along with a notice; rescission and cancellation; postcontract investigation; and continuation. Makes changes in the provision concerning standard external review. Amends the Medical Patient Rights Act. Provides that each patient has a right to be informed of his or her inpatient or outpatient status. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

**HB 124 MIN WAGE-$15 PER HOUR**
Amends the Minimum Wage Law. Increases the minimum wage to $15 per hour on October 1, 2015.

**HB 125 MEDICAID-PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**
Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Removes a provision requiring the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to impose limitations on prescriptions drugs such that the Department shall not provide reimbursement for more than 4 prescriptions, including 3 brand name prescriptions, for distinct drugs in a 30-day period, unless prior approval is received for all prescriptions in excess of the 4-prescription limit; and removes certain exemptions to the 4-prescription limit.

**HB 133 FOOD LABELING-SEAFOOD**
Amends the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Provides that any label of fresh, frozen, or processed fish or shellfish, wild or farm raised, offered for sale at wholesale or retail shall clearly identify (1) the species of fish or shellfish by its common name, (2) whether the fish or shellfish was farm
raised or wild caught, and (3) whether the fish or shellfish was caught
domestically or imported. Provides that a retail food facility that sells or
offers for sale any fresh, frozen, or processed fish or shellfish, wild or farm
raised, may not knowingly misidentify or misbrand (1) the country of origin
of the fish or shellfish or (2) whether the fish or shellfish was farm raised or
wild caught. Sets forth provisions concerning misbranding and the
presumption of knowledge.

**HB 144  INC TX-EMPLOYEE CREDIT**
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that each taxpayer who
employs a long-term unemployed person during the taxable year is entitled
to an income tax credit of: (1) $500 in the taxable year in which the long-
term unemployed person is initially hired by the taxpayer; (2) $750 in the
first taxable year after the long-term unemployed person is initially hired by
the taxpayer; and (3) $1,250 in the second taxable year after the long-term
unemployed person is initially hired by the taxpayer. Provides that the
credit for individuals who are employed by the taxpayer for a partial year
shall be calculated based on the number of weeks of employment.
Provides that the credit may be carried forward. Provides that the term
"long-term unemployed person" means a person who was unemployed for
a period of at least 27 consecutive weeks ending on the Saturday
immediately preceding the date he or she was hired by the taxpayer, was
an Illinois resident on the date he or she was hired by the taxpayer, is
employed by the taxpayer during the taxable year as a full-time employee,
and was not enrolled as a full-time student at a public or private high
school, community college, or university at any point during the 27-week
period immediately preceding the date he or she was hired by the
taxpayer. Provides that the credit is exempt from the Act's automatic
sunset provisions.

**HB 145  INC TX-WITHOLDING**
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides for a credit against the
withholding tax liability of an employer with fewer than 15 full-time
employees in an amount equal to $2,000 for each employee who is moved
from part-time to full-time employment status and who maintains that full-
time employment status for a period of 12 consecutive calendar months.
Effective immediately.

**HB 166  FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM**
Creates the Family Leave Insurance Program Act. Requires the Department of Labor to establish and administer a Family Leave Insurance Program that provides family leave insurance benefits to eligible employees who take unpaid family leave to care for a newborn child, a newly adopted or newly placed foster child, or a family member with a serious health condition. Sets forth eligibility requirements for benefits under the Act including that the employee must (i) establish that he or she has been employed for at least 680 hours in employment during the employee's qualifying year and (ii) document that he or she has provided the employer with written notice of the employee's intention to take family leave. Defines "employer" to mean (a) any person, partnership, corporation, association, or other business entity that employs 50 or more employees for each working day during each of 20 or more calendar workweeks in the year in which the leave is to be taken or in the year immediately preceding the year in which the leave is to be taken; and (b) the State of Illinois and any other unit of local government. Contains provisions concerning disqualification from benefits; premium payments; the amount and duration of benefits; the recovery of erroneous payments; hearings; defaulted premium payments; elective coverage; employment protection; coordination of family leave; defined terms; and other matters. Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the Family Leave Insurance Account Fund.

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Excludes the State from the scope to the term "employer". Provides for the Act to be administered by only the Department of Employment Security.

HB 168 VEH CD-CHILD SEAT BELT SHARING
Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Allows a driver operating a motor vehicle transporting children to secure 2 children in one seat belt when there are more children of the appropriate age in the vehicle than available seat belts. Amends the Child Passenger Protection Act. Allows a person transporting children in a motor vehicle to secure 2 children in one seat belt when there are more children of the appropriate age in the vehicle than available seat belts.

HB 171 LLC-REDUCED FEES-VETERANS
Amends the Limited Liability Company Act. Provides that the Secretary of State shall reduce the amount of any fee imposed under the Act by 50% if a majority of the membership interests in the domestic or foreign limited liability company responsible for paying the fee are, and the domestic or
foreign limited liability company provides proof satisfactory to the Secretary of State that those interests are, held by one or more honorably discharged veterans of the armed forces of the United States. Provides that the Secretary of State shall adopt any rules necessary to implement this provision.

**HB 176  INC TX-RATES**
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, reduces the rate of tax to 3% for individuals, trusts, and estates and 4.8% for corporations. Makes corresponding changes concerning the distribution of tax proceeds. Provides that, if the State exceeds certain specified spending limitations, the Auditor General shall post a copy of the supplemental spending report on his or her website.

**HB 199  REVENUE-INC TX-REDUCE LLC FEE**
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. In provisions providing that a unitary business group does not include members whose business activity outside the United States is 80% or more of that member's total business activity, provides that the phrase "United States" means only the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and any area over which the United States has asserted jurisdiction or claimed exclusive rights with respect to the exploration for or exploitation of natural resources, but does not include any territory or possession of the United States (currently, for those purposes, "United States" means only the 50 states and the District of Columbia, but does not include any territory or possession of the United States or any area over which the United States has asserted jurisdiction or claimed exclusive rights with respect to the exploration for or exploitation of natural resources). Amends the Limited Liability Company Act. Reduces the fees for filing articles of organization, applications for admission, and restated articles of organization to $125 for a series LLC (currently, $750) and $75 for all other LLCs (currently, $500).

**HB 202  MOTOR FUEL-AVIATION FUEL**
Amends the Motor Fuel Tax Law. Provides that the tax shall not be imposed upon the importation or receipt of aviation fuels and kerosene at airports that have a runway of at least 10,003 feet in length and that serve as a U.S. Port of Entry and Foreign Trade Zone operating under the security supervision of the United States Department of Homeland Security.

**HB 215  UNEMPLOYMENT-EMPLOYER REPORTS**
Amends the Unemployment Insurance Act. Deletes provisions requiring employers to file, on a monthly basis, reports regarding employee wages.

**HB 230 USE/OCC TAX-MOTOR FUEL EXEMPT**
Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that motor fuel is exempt from taxation under the Acts.

**HB 235 INS CODE-DENTAL ANESTHESIA**
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that individual or group policies of accident and health insurance amended, delivered, issued, or renewed after the effective date of the Act shall cover charges incurred, and anesthetics provided, in conjunction with dental care that is provided to a covered individual in a dental office, oral surgeon's office, hospital, or ambulatory surgical treatment center if the individual is under age 26 and has been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder as defined in Section 10 of the Autism Spectrum Disorders Reporting Act.

**HB 295 INC TX-BILL PAYMENT**
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates an addition modification in an amount equal to the deduction for qualified domestic production activities allowed under Section 199 of the Internal Revenue Code for the taxable year. Makes changes concerning the definition of "unitary business group". Provides that moneys attributable to those changes shall be deposited into the Bill Payment Trust Fund. Provides that moneys in the Fund shall be used to make payments to certain bona fide creditors of the State. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Fund.

**HB 300 EPA-LUST-REMEDIATION LETTERS**
Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency shall issue to the owner or operator of an underground storage tank a no further remediation letter if (i) the owner or operator submits to the Agency a certification from a licensed professional engineer that the work described in the approved corrective action plan has been completed successfully to a boring level acceptable to the Agency, (ii) the groundwater at the site will not be used for human consumption, (iii) the site is zoned for non-residential use, and (iv) the site is located in a municipality with a population of not more than 50,000.

**HB 319 CONCEALED CARRY-PARKING LOT**
Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. In the provision that a licensee
may carry a concealed firearm in the immediate area surrounding his or her vehicle within a prohibited parking lot area only for the limited purpose of storing or retrieving a firearm within the vehicle’s trunk, deletes language that the licensee must ensure that the concealed firearm is unloaded prior to exiting the vehicle.

**HB 325  LLC FEE SCHEDULE**
Amends the Limited Liability Company Act. Reduces some fees in the fee schedule for limited liability companies filing documents with the Secretary of State to match the fees for similar documents in the fee schedule for corporations.

**HB 336  MEDICAID-RX LIMITS-EXEMPTIONS**
Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that drugs in the following therapeutic classes shall not be subject to prior approval as a result of the 4-prescription limit: immunosuppressant drugs, oncolytic drugs, anti-retroviral drugs, "antipsychotic drugs, and, on or after July 1, 2015, anti-depressant and anti-anxiety drugs" (rather than immunosuppressant drugs, oncolytic drugs, anti-retroviral drugs, and, on or after July 1, 2014, antipsychotic drugs).

**HB 343  EDGE-INCENTIVE PAYMENTS**
Amends the Economic Development for a Growing Economy Tax Credit Act. Provides that an applicant who has been awarded a Credit under the Act may, in the applicant's sole discretion, opt to retain taxes withheld under the Illinois Income Tax Act in lieu of an income tax credit. Provides that the amount of withheld taxes retained by the applicant in a taxable year may not exceed the amount of the Credit awarded by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for that taxable year. Provides that each employee whose taxes were withheld by an employer who retains amounts under this subsection must receive credit for 100% of the taxes withheld from his or her pay. Requires the Department to report annually to the Governor and the General Assembly on the progress of the incentive payment program. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act to make corresponding changes concerning tax withholding. Effective immediately.

**HB 344  MANUFACTURING JOB CREDIT**
Creates the Manufacturing Job Destination Tax Credit Act and amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides for a credit of 25% of the Illinois labor expenditures made by a manufacturing company in order to foster job creation and retention in Illinois. Authorizes the Department of Revenue to
award a tax credit to taxpayer-employers who apply for the credit and meet certain Illinois labor expenditure requirements. Sets minimum requirements and procedures for certifying a taxpayer as an "accredited manufacturer" and for awarding the credit.

HB 345 INC TX-TRAINING EXPENSE
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Reinstates the training expense credit for tax years ending on or after December 31, 2015 and prior to December 31, 2025. Increases the amount of the credit from 1.6% of training expenses to 2% of training expenses. Provides that the training expense credit earned on or after December 31, 2015 may be carried forward.

HB 348 UTIL-REMOVE BAN-NUCL CONST
Amends the Public Utilities Act. Deletes language that provides that no construction shall commence on any new nuclear power plant to be located within the State, and no certificate of public convenience and necessity or other authorization shall be issued therefor by the Illinois Commerce Commission, until the Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency finds that the United States Government, through its authorized agency, has identified and approved a demonstrable technology or means for the disposal of high level nuclear waste, or until such construction has been specifically approved by a statute enacted by the General Assembly. Deletes the definition of "high level nuclear waste".

HB 359 FIREARM CONCEALED CARRY-SIGN
Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Provides that a person shall not carry a concealed firearm onto private real property of any type without prior permission from the property owner. Provides that a real property owner shall indicate permission to carry concealed firearms onto the property by clearly and conspicuously posting a sign at the entrance of a building, premises, or real property under his or her control, except this posting is not required if the property is a private residence. Provides that the sign shall be at least 4 inches by 6 inches in size (rather than exactly that size).

HB 363 LLC-DISSOLUTION-COMPANY NAME
Amends the General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986. Permits the Secretary of State to dissolve any corporation administratively if it has failed to elect and maintain at least 3 directors in accordance with a specified provision of the Act. Amends the Limited Liability Company Act. Adds the following terms to the list of terms a limited liability company or
foreign limited liability company shall not use in its name: (i) "Company", except as the final word in the complete phrase "limited liability company"; (ii) "Limited Liability Limited Partnership"; (iii) "L.L.L.P."; (iv) "Limited Liability Partnership"; and (v) "L.L.P.". In a provision concerning grounds for administrative dissolution, provides that the Secretary of State may dissolve any limited liability company administratively if it has failed to appoint and maintain a registered agent in Illinois in accordance with the provisions of the Act (rather than if it has failed to appoint and maintain a registered agent in Illinois within 60 days after a registered agent's notice of resignation). Provides that except in the case of a foreign limited liability company that has adopted an assumed name, the name of the series with limited liability must commence with the entire name of the limited liability company, as set forth in its articles of organization (rather than articles of incorporation).

HB 371  VEH CD-REPEAL COM DISTRIB FEE
Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Repeals a provision providing for the collection of an annual commercial distribution fee on vehicles of the second division weighing more than 8,000 pounds. Makes conforming changes.

HB 376  COMMISSION ECON DEVELOPMENT
Creates the Commission on the Future of Economic Development of the African American Community within the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Provides that the Commission's purpose is to maintain and develop the economy within the African American community and to provide opportunities for this community that will enhance and expand the quality of their lives. Requires that the Commission consult with appropriate legislative committees about the State's economic development needs and opportunities in the African American community. Requires that the Commission submit to the Governor and General Assembly a comprehensive statewide economic development strategy for the African American community with a report on progress from the previous comprehensive strategy by October 1 of each even-numbered year. Provides that the Commission shall consist of 12 voting members appointed by the Governor, with representatives from production agriculture; transportation, construction, and logistics; travel and tourism; financial services and insurance; information technology and communications; and biotechnology, as well as manufacturing and small business. Provides that the Commission meet at least 4 times a year. Provides that the Commission make recommendations to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity concerning the award of grants
from amounts appropriated to the Department from the African American Community Economic Development Fund. Creates the African American Community Economic Development Fund. Amends the Riverboat Gambling Act. Provides that $20,000,000 be transferred annually from the State Gaming Fund into the African American Community Economic Development Fund.

**HB 391  CORPORATION-FRANCHISE TAXES**
Amends the Business Corporation Act of 1983. Removes the terms "franchise tax" and "franchise taxes" from the provisions of the Act. Repeals provisions concerning (i) franchise taxes payable by domestic and foreign corporations; (ii) the basis for computation of franchise taxes payable by domestic and foreign corporations; (iii) the rates of franchise taxes payable by domestic and foreign corporations; and (iv) computation and collection of annual franchise taxes by the Secretary of State. Makes other changes. Amends the Public Utilities Act, the State Housing Act, and the Illinois Vehicle Code by changing all references to franchise taxes imposed under the Business Corporation Act of 1983 to conform with the changes made to the Business Corporation Act of 1983 under the amendatory Act.

**HB 394  ESTATE TAX-REPEAL**
Amends the Illinois Estate and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Act. Provides that no tax shall be imposed under the Act for persons dying on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act or for transfers made on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act.

**HB 395  INC TX-R AND D CREDIT**
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that the research and development credit applies on a permanent basis.

**HB 418  UNEMPLOY INS-BENEFIT CHARGES**
Amends provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act concerning an employer's benefit charges. Provides that an employer is not regarded as having caused a claimant to become unemployed by reduction of work offered if: the claimant performed services for the employer in each of the 6 weeks immediately preceding the claimant's current benefit year and those services did not result in the claimant ceasing to be an unemployed individual, and the claimant performed services for the employer in each week of the claimant's current benefit year and those services did not result in the claimant ceasing to be an unemployed individual for more than
2 weeks during the claimant's current benefit year.

**HB 420  RAIL CROSSING BLOCKING**
Creates the Rail Crossing Blocking Act. Requires the Illinois Commerce Commission and the Department of Transportation to annually study railroad crossings in municipalities of 100,000 or more to identify crossings which if blocked for longer than 10 minutes would pose significant public safety concerns by impeding emergency, fire, and police. A municipality, under 100,000, may petition to have a crossing included in the study. The Commission shall use the study to designate Essential Rail Crossings. Provides a person or entity may not physically block an Essential Rail Crossing in a manner which obstructs traffic for a period longer than 10 minutes or in excess of a total of 10 minutes during a 30 minute period in a municipality in a county of more than 1,000,000, unless the blocking of the crossing is by reason of circumstances over which the person or entity has no reasonable control, is necessary for maintenance of the crossing, or is otherwise allowed or required under State or federal law, rule, or regulation. Provides exemptions and a petty offense penalty for blocking 15 minutes or less and a business offense penalty for blocking exceeding 15 minutes. Provides graduated fines and that all fines collected shall be deposited into the Rail Crossing Blocking Fund. Amends the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Allows the Department to grant funds to any railroad, rail user, or owner or lessee of a railroad right-of-way for improvement or construction of railroad crossings, but only those not in violation of the Rail Crossing Blocking Act or those agreeing to reduce violations of the Act. Amends the State Finance Act and the Illinois Vehicle Code to make conforming changes.

**HB 428  NEGLIGENT HIRING-LIMITATIONS**
Creates the Limitations on Actions for Negligent Hiring Act. Provides that a cause of action may not be brought against a party solely for hiring an employee or independent contractor who has been convicted of a nonviolent, non-sexual offense. Provides that in a negligent hiring action for the acts of an employee or independent contractor, the fact that the employee or independent contractor was convicted of a nonviolent, non-sexual offense before the beginning of the employee's or independent contractor's employment or contractual obligation may not be introduced into evidence. Provides that the new provisions do not preclude any existing cause of action for failure of an employer or other person to provide adequate supervision of an employee or independent contractor, except that the fact that the employee or independent contractor has been convicted of a nonviolent, non-sexual criminal offense may be introduced
into evidence in the suit only if: (1) the employer knew of the conviction or was grossly negligent in not knowing of the conviction; and (2) the conviction was directly related to the nature of the employee’s or independent contractor’s work and the conduct that gave rise to the alleged injury that is the basis of the suit. Provides exceptions in certain situations.

HB 432  OVERTIME EXEMPTION THRESHOLD
Amends the Minimum Wage Law. Provides that employees earning less than $69,000 per year and the weekly or monthly equivalent shall be entitled to overtime pay. Provides that the amount shall increase annually by the percentage increase in the consumer price index.

HB 434  ESTATE TAX-REPEAL
Amends the Illinois Estate and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Act. Provides that no tax shall be imposed under the Act for persons dying on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act or for transfers made on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act.

HB 485  INC TX-CREDITS
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that no corporate entity may claim an income tax credit, deduction, or exemption that is created by an Act of the General Assembly that first takes effect on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly. Provides that no credit, deduction, or exemption that is available to corporate entities on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly may be expanded by an Act of the General Assembly or by a rule adopted by a State agency. These changes are repealed on January 11, 2017. Creates a Corporate Tax Incentive Accountability Commission.

HB 574  STATE GOVERNMENT-TECH
HB 810  EDUCATION-TECH
Amends the School Code to add provisions concerning student and educator data privacy. Amends the Illinois School Student Records Act to make changes concerning definitions. Sets forth provisions allowing disclosure of student records to researchers at an accredited post-secondary educational institution or an organization conducting research if specified requirements are met. Amends the Children's Privacy Protection and Parental Empowerment Act to change the definition of "child" to mean a person under the age of 18 (instead of 16).

HB 1260  BUSINESS-TECH
Amends the Personal Information Protection Act. Includes breaches of security involving medical information, health insurance information, and certain unique biometric data to the types of breaches for which notice is required. Adds requirements concerning notices disclosing a breach of security involving a user name or email address in combination with a password or security question and answer. Permits substitute notice to prominent local media under specified conditions. Requires notice of a breach of security to be provided to the Attorney General under certain circumstances. Requires certain data collectors to use reasonable security measures to protect records. Provides that a covered entity or business associate that is subject to and in compliance with the privacy and security standards for the protection of electronic health information under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act is deemed to be in compliance with the Personal Information Protection Act if a covered entity or business associate required to provide notification of a breach to the Secretary of Health and Human Services under the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act also provides the notification to the Attorney General within 5 business days of notifying the Secretary.

HB 1287  EMPLOYMENT-TECH
creating the Task Force on December 31, 2016.

**HB 1333  INC TX-R AND D CREDIT**
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that the research and development credit applies on a permanent basis. Provides that the credit may be carried forward for a period of 20 years (instead of 5 years). Increases the amount of the research and development credit by providing that the increase in qualifying expenditures shall be an increase over 50% (instead of 100%) of the average of the qualifying expenditures for each year in the base period.

**HB 1346  ZONE ADMINISTRATOR**
Amends the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act. Provides that in a zone designated by a single municipality or county, the Zone Administrator must be an officer or employee of that municipality or county. Provides that in a zone designated by multiple municipalities or counties, the local governing body of that zone may select an officer or employee of a participating municipality or county as its Zone Administrator, or the governing body may conduct a competitive Request for Proposals process to select a person or organization experienced in economic development to be its Zone Administrator.

**HB 1352  PROP TX-POLLUTION CONTROL -IMA Initiative**
Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that property that is (i) located within a county of less than 1,000,000 inhabitants and (ii) used for a petroleum refinery may be the subject of a real property tax assessment settlement agreement if litigation is or was pending as to its assessed valuation as of January 1, 2003 or thereafter. Provides that wind turbines and ethanol producing facilities shall not be considered pollution control facilities. Makes changes concerning the valuation of pollution control facilities. Provides that the effective date of a certificate for designation as a pollution control facility shall be January 1 of the year in which the certificate is issued (instead of the date of application for the certificate or the date of the construction of the facility, whichever is later).

**HB 1358  INS CD-MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS**
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that a group or individual policy of accident and health insurance must provide coverage for medically necessary preventative physical therapy for insureds diagnosed with multiple sclerosis without any treatment limitation or calendar year
maximum. Removes requirements that coverage under this provision be subject to the same waiting period, cost sharing limitation, treatment limitation, calendar year maximum, or other limitation as provided for other physical or rehabilitative therapy benefits.

**HB 1368  EMPLOYEE PAID HEALTH CARE TIME**
Creates the Employee Paid Health Care Time Act. Provides that employees shall accrue paid health care time at a rate of not less than one hour for every 22 hours worked for an employer with 50 or more employees and at a rate of one hour for every 40 hours worked for an employer with fewer than 50 employees. Sets forth purposes for which paid health care time may be used. Applies to employers employing one or more individuals.

**HB 1383  TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT PROGRAM**
Creates the Transportation Benefits Program Act. Requires all covered employers to offer at least one transportation benefit program. Provides that the employer may choose between providing a program consistent with federal law that allows employees to elect to exclude from taxable wages and compensation the employee's commuting costs incurred for the purchase of a transit pass to use public transit or for the purchase of qualified parking, or a program under which the employer supplies a transit pass for the particular qualifying public transit requested by the covered employee or reimburses the covered employee for payments made for the use of qualified parking. Defines terms. Effective January 1, 2016.

**HB 1430  UNEMP TAX PAY QUARTERLY**
Amends the Unemployment Insurance Act. Provides that in the discretion of the Director, employer contributions may be paid in quarterly installments.

**HB 1433  EDGE-WITHHOLDING**
Amends the Economic Development for a Growing Economy Tax Credit Act. Provides that, for agreements entered into on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, no Taxpayer may elect to apply the credit against its withholding tax liability unless certain conditions are met. Provides that each application for credits must contain an affidavit signed by the Taxpayer's chief executive officer or chief financial officer, or an individual holding an equivalent position, stating that, but for the Credit, the
Taxpayer would not locate the project in the State. Requires the Department to post the taxpayer's tax information on its website. In the case of all EDGE credits, provides that, if the Applicant's project includes retained employees, the Credit may also include an amount agreed to between the Department and the Applicant based on the severity of the poverty or unemployment in the geographic area in which the Applicant's project is located or the retained employees reside. Provides that that amount may not be more than 40% of the total amount withheld from the compensation of retained employees. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act to allow the Department of Revenue to provide information to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for the purpose of confirming the tax information submitted by the Taxpayer.

HB 1524  VEH CD - WEIGHT POSTINGS
Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Allows highway commissioners to prohibit operation of trucks or other commercial vehicles, or impose weight limitations on those vehicles, on designated highways after conducting a public hearing and approving a resolution. Provides that if written notice requesting a road not be posted at a permanently reduced weight is signed by 3 persons owning land in that road district and is given to the highway commissioner who fails to change or evaluate a permanently reduced weight limit, the 3 landowners may petition the county superintendent of highways. Requires a petitioned county superintendent of highways to hold a hearing on the petitioned issue, and allows him or her to order the highway commissioner to change a posted weight limit. Provides that if the highway commissioner disobeys the order of the county superintendent, he or she is guilty of a petty offense, and subject to removal from office.

HB 1526  UNEMPLOYMENT BEN-MISCONDUCT
Amends the Unemployment Insurance Act. Provides that an individual who has been suspended for misconduct connected with his or her work shall be ineligible for benefits.

HB 1555  ESTATE TAX-CALCULATION
Amends the Illinois Estate and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Act. Provides that, for estates of persons dying on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the amount of the Illinois estate tax shall be the product of (i) the sum of (A) 5.5% of the first $4,700,000 of the Illinois base estate and (B) 9% of the Illinois base estate in excess of $4,700,000, multiplied by the Illinois taxable percentage. Defines Illinois base estate as the federal gross estate, subject to certain modifications. Defines "Illinois
taxable percentage" as the total value of transfers with situs in Illinois divided by the total value of all transferred property. Provides that the amount of the Illinois generation-skipping transfer tax shall be 7.5% of the value of the transferred property as determined for purposes of the federal generation-skipping transfer tax. Removes provisions providing for a separate marital deduction for qualified terminable interest property for Illinois estate tax purposes.

HB 1556  WATER RATE PROTECTION ACT
Creates the Water Rate Protection Act. Creates the Water Rate Protection Board to exercise specified powers and duties, including holding hearings and regulating water rates that a municipal water provider with a population over 500,000 may impose upon units of local government that purchase water from the municipal water provider for delivery to consumers. Contains provisions regarding: appointment of board members and election of board officers; employment of hearing examiners and staff by the board; mailings; prohibited acts; conflicts of interest; records; water rates and rate schedules; judicial review; costs; expenses; construction; liability; and other matters. Limits home rule powers.

HB 1564  EDGE-NO NEW CREDITS
Amends the Economic Development for a Growing Economy Tax Credit Act. Provides that no new Agreements may be entered into under the Act on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Amends the State Finance Act. Creates the Foster Homes and Specialized Foster Care Fund and the Permanent Unpaid Bill Repayment Fund. Provides that moneys in the Foster Homes and Specialized Foster Care Fund shall be used by the Department of Children and Family Services for the purpose of providing specialized care to children who are in a subsidized guardianship arrangement or under an adoption assistance agreement and require specialized services because of emotional, behavioral, developmental, or medical needs. Provides for transfers from the General Revenue Fund to the Foster Homes and Specialized Foster Care Fund. Provides that excess moneys in the Foster Homes and Specialized Foster Care Fund shall be transferred to the Permanent Unpaid Bill Repayment Fund. Provides that moneys in the Permanent Unpaid Bill Repayment Fund shall be used to make payments to bona fide creditors of the State.

HB 2401  EPA-COAL TAR BAN
Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that, on and after
January 1, 2016, no person may knowingly cause or allow sale at wholesale or retail of a coal tar sealant product. Provides that, on and after July 1, 2017, no person may knowingly cause or allow application of a coal tar sealant product on any surface in the State of Illinois including but not limited to a driveway, parking area, playground, sidewalk, bike trail or roadway. Provides that a city or county may adopt ordinances providing for enforcement of the requirements of this provision. Provides that any violation of this provision shall be enforceable by administrative citation. Provides that penalties for violation may not exceed $1,000 for the first offense and $5,000 for the second offense. Effective immediately.

**HB 2412 INCOME TAX-VETERANS**
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Makes changes to a credit awarded for wages paid to qualified veterans. Provides that the credit shall be: (1) $5,000 (instead of 20% of the gross wages, but not to exceed $5,000) for certain veterans who were unemployed at the time of hire; and (2) $1,200 (instead of 10% of the gross wages, but not to exceed $1,200) for other qualified veterans. Changes the definition of "qualified veteran" to include all Illinois residents who are members of the National Guard, reserve, or regular component of the Armed Forces of the United States. Allows the credit to be prorated. Provides that the credit is exempt from the Act's automatic sunset provision. Effective immediately.

**HB 2418 WORKERS COMP-TRAVEL-CAUSATION**
Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that an employee who is required to travel in connection with his or her employment and who suffers an injury while in travel status shall be eligible for benefits only if the injury arises out of and in the course of employment while he or she is actively engaged in the duties of employment. Defines "accident" and "injury". Provides that "injury" includes the aggravation of a pre-existing condition by an accident arising out of and in the course of the employment, but only for so long as the aggravation of the pre-existing condition continues to be the major contributing cause of the disability. Provides that an injury resulting directly or indirectly from idiopathic causes is not compensable.

**HB 2419 WORKERS COMP-WEEKLY WAGE**
Amends the Workers’ Compensation Act. Provides for the computation of compensation when there are multiple employers and when there is less than full-time work.
HB 2420  WORKERS COMP-MISCONDUCT
Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that no employer shall be required to pay temporary partial disability benefits to an employee who has been discharged for cause. Provides that, following a hearing, the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission may reinstate the temporary partial benefits and retroactively restore any benefits the employer should have paid if it finds the employer's discharge of the employee was not for cause. Makes technical changes.

HB 2421  WORKERS COMP-INJURY
Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Defines the terms "accident" and "injury". Provides that "injury" includes the aggravation of a pre-existing condition by an accident arising out of and in the course of the employment, but only for so long as the aggravation of the pre-existing condition continues to be the major contributing cause of the disability. Provides that an injury resulting directly or indirectly from idiopathic causes is not compensable.

HB 2422  WORKERS COMP-ARM-SHOULDER-COMP
Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that, with respect to the computation of compensation to be paid to an employee who had previously sustained an injury resulting in payment of compensation for partial disability for injuries not involving serious and permanent disfigurement and injuries for which the Act provides a schedule of benefits, the amount of the prior award for the partial disability with respect to the same portion of the body shall be deducted. Limits cumulative awards for partial disability to 500 weeks, which shall constitute a complete loss of use of the body as a whole. Provides that injuries to the shoulder are deemed to be injuries to the arm and injuries to the hip are deemed to be injuries to the leg.

HB 2424  DAY LABORERS-DISCRIMINATION
Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act. Provides that it is a human rights violation for a third party client, as that term is defined by the Day and Temporary Labor Services Act, to fail to investigate a staffing agency's hiring practices if the third party client has reason to believe that the staffing agency is engaging in any discrimination in the hiring and assigning of day laborers. Amends the Day and Temporary Labor Services Act. Provides that a day and temporary labor service agency shall collect, from each person seeking work as a day or temporary laborer, demographic information on a contact form which allows the person to self-
identify his or her race and gender. Provides that the collected information shall be maintained separately from any personnel files used to make job assignments. Provides that the day and temporary labor service agency shall submit the information to the Department of Labor on an annual basis. Provides that the Department shall use the data to submit a yearly report to the General Assembly. Provides that the report shall detail the hiring practices of each branch office of the day and temporary labor service agency. Provides that an agent of a day and temporary labor service agency who submits to the Department false or altered data is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

HB 2425  CIV PRO-TESTIMONY RELIABILITY
Amends the Code of Civil Procedure. Provides limitations upon a non-expert's opinion or inference testimony. Sets forth requirements regarding: qualifications, testimony, disclosure, and compensation of expert witnesses; bases of expert opinion testimony; limitations on expert testimony; pre-trial hearings and disclosures concerning expert witnesses; precedents to be followed in interpreting the new provisions; interlocutory appeals of rulings on the admissibility of expert evidence; standards to be followed by reviewing courts in determining the admissibility of expert testimony; and severability. Provides that the new provisions apply to actions commenced on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act and pending actions in which a trial has not been scheduled or in which a trial has been scheduled more than 90 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act.

HB 2430  INC TX-JOB CREATION CREDIT
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that a taxpayer who owns and operates a business in Illinois shall be allowed a credit in the amount of $3,750 per employee hired by the taxpayer and retained for 2 years. Provides that the credit may be allowed in the amount of $2,500 in the year the employee is hired and in the amount of $1,250 in the second year of employment. Provides that if the amount of the credit exceeds the taxpayer's liability for the taxable year, the excess may be carried forward and applied to the tax liability of the next 5 years.

HB 2432  INC TX-CAPITAL GAINS CREDIT
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that a taxpayer shall be allowed an income tax credit equal to 50% of the taxpayer's qualified investments in a qualified business during the taxable year. Defines "qualified investments" and "qualified business". Provides that any credit
not usable for the taxable year may be carried over for the next 15 succeeding taxable years. Provides that the amount of tax credit available for a calendar year shall be $5,000,000. Effective immediately.

**HB 2439 CIV PRO-JOINT LIABILITY**
Amends the Code of Civil Procedure. In provisions making certain defendants severally liable or jointly and severally liable for specified damages, includes any third party defendants who could have been sued by the plaintiff (rather than any third party defendants except the plaintiff's employer).

**HB 2444 INC TX-REFUND CARRYFORWARD**
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that a taxpayer may carry forward a tax refund to the following taxable year. Provides that income tax return forms shall contain appropriate explanations and spaces to enable the taxpayer to elect to carry forward their refund to the following taxable year.

**HB 2450 CONS FRAUD-CONTACT LENS PRICE**
Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Provides that it is an unlawful practice for a manufacturer or distributor of prescription contact lenses to prevent a retailer from selling or advertising contact lenses below any specified price.

**HB 2451 UNEMP INS VOLUNTARY LEAVING**
Amends the Unemployment Insurance Act. Provides that individuals who voluntarily leave employment to enroll in and attend a Department-approved training course are not ineligible for benefits. Provides that an employer shall not be charged for benefit charges resulting from payments to a claimant if the claimant is enrolled in and attending a Department-approved training course.

**HB 2498 UTILITIES ACT-NATURAL GAS**
Amends the Retail Electric Competition Article of the Public Utilities Act. Renames the Article the Retail Electric and Natural Gas Competition Act. Adds findings related to the development and evolution of an effectively competitive retail natural gas market. Provides that solutions proposed by the Office of Retail Market Development of the Illinois Commerce Commission to promote retail competition must also promote safe, reliable, and affordable natural gas service (in addition to electric service), and makes conforming changes in an annual report to the General Assembly.
and the Governor. Provides that the Commission shall consult with natural gas utilities and suppliers to expand access to natural gas suppliers for residential and small business consumers.

**HB 2531  JOB CREATION-FINANCE**
Creates the Jobs Creation Finance Act. Provides that municipalities may designate job creation areas. Provides that businesses that undertake job creation projects in those designated areas are eligible for certain tax incentives. Provides that municipalities may issue bonds in connection with those projects. Contains provisions concerning public hearings. Contains numerous other provisions. Effective immediately.

**HB 2549  BEST CANDIDATE FOR JOB ACT**
Creates the Best Candidate for the Job Act. Provides that private employers shall properly consider for employment persons previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses. Prohibits discrimination against such persons unless there is a direct relationship between the offense and the specific employment sought. Establishes criteria for evaluating convictions. Provides that an employer that demonstrates that it has hired an individual pursuant to the Act, except for a willful or wanton act in hiring an individual, shall not be liable for acts or omissions by the employee. Exempts law enforcement agencies.

**HB 2552  INS CD-EMPLOYERS INS CO**
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. In the provision concerning the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission Operations Fund surcharge, provides that after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the Director of Insurance shall make one or more loans to the Illinois Employers Mutual Insurance Company (the Company) in an amount not to exceed an aggregate amount of $10,000,000 from the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission Operations Fund for the start-up funding and initial capitalization of the Company. Creates the Illinois Employers Mutual Insurance Company Article in the Code and establishes the Company as a nonprofit, independent public corporation. Provides that the Company (1) shall be operated as a domestic mutual insurance company, subject to all applicable provisions of the Code, (2) shall issue insurance for workers' compensation and occupational disease and shall not provide any other type of insurance, (3) shall not be considered a State agency or instrumentality of the State for any purpose, and (4) shall not receive any State appropriations or funds, except for an initial loan or loans. Sets forth provisions concerning a board of directors, ratemaking, the Illinois
Insurance Guaranty Fund, a chief executive officer, liability, a workplace safety plan, investments, dividends, the sale of policies, auditing requirements, and an annual report.

HB 2562  INS CD-CLINICAL TRIALS
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Amends provisions that prohibit individual or group policies of accident and health insurance from canceling or non-renewing policies for any individual based on that individual's participation in a qualified cancer trial to include other qualified clinical trials. Provides that the cancer or other qualified clinical trial may be at Phase I of investigation. Requires research trials to be authorized by an institutional review board of an institution approved by the Office of Human Research Protections of the federal Department of Health and Human Services. Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that no person shall be denied medical assistance based upon that individual's participation in a cancer or other qualified clinical trial if such trial meets the conditions for clinical trials established in the Illinois Insurance Code.

HB 2584  JUDGMENT DEBTORS-VARIOUS
Amends the Code of Civil Procedure. Makes changes in Sections governing: interest on judgments; supplementary proceedings; wages subject to collection; summons and issuance for proceedings relating to wage collection orders; employer duties; and personal property exempt from judgment. Adds a Section providing for the upward adjustment of exempted amounts in specified situations. Amends the Illinois Wage Assignment Act. Provides that no assignment of wages earned or to be earned is valid. Repeals the remainder of the substance of the Act. Makes a corresponding change in the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act.

HB 2597  UNEMPLOYMNT CONTRBUTE QUARTRLY –IMA Initiative
Amends the Unemployment Insurance Act. Provides that upon payment of an annual administrative fee not exceeding $100, during the first 3 calendar quarters an employer may pay its quarterly contributions due for wages in equal installments. Establishes a schedule for payment of the contributions. Provides for the accrual of interest. Authorizes the issuance of necessary rules. Provides that payment on a quarterly basis is not available for calendar years when there are outstanding bonds under the Illinois Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Financing Act.
HB 2607  RENEWABLE RESOURCE PROCUREMENT
Amends the Illinois Power Agency Act. Requires the Planning and Procurement Bureau to establish a long-term renewable resources procurement plan that includes all renewable energy credits necessary to meet specified goals (replacing the current renewable portfolio standards). Sets forth guidelines for what shall be included in the procurement plan. Makes changes to provisions concerning definitions, the powers of the Agency, the Illinois Power Agency Renewable Energy Resources Fund, and the duties of the Planning and Procurement Bureau. Amends the Public Utilities Act. Makes changes concerning nondiscrimination, energy efficiency and demand-response measures, natural gas efficiency programs, real-time pricing, infrastructure investment and modernization, the Illinois Smart Grid test bed, and on-bill financing programs for electric and gas utilities. Adds provisions related to renewable energy credit procurement. Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that upon promulgation by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency of a final rule regulating carbon dioxide emissions from existing electric generating units, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency shall be authorized to implement a cap and invest program or similar market mechanism to regulate carbon dioxide emissions. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

HB 2611 VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION MASONRY
Creates the Vertical Construction Masonry Composition Act. Provides that vertical commercial construction must contain at least 15% masonry components unless the use of the masonry components would cause the building to be structurally deficient.

HB 2629  USE/OCC TAX-MPC -IMA Initiative
Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that the Manufacturer's Purchase Credit may only be used to satisfy the Use Tax or Service Use Tax liability incurred on production related tangible personal property purchased on or after September 1, 2004 and prior to August 31, 2015. Provides that the manufacturing and assembling machinery and equipment exemption includes production related tangible personal property.

HB 2653  BAN CRIB BUMPER PADS -IMA Initiative
Amends the Children's Product Safety Act. Prohibits a commercial dealer,
manufacturer, importer, distributor, wholesaler, or retailer from selling, offering to sell, leasing, or offering to lease a crib bumper pad in the State unless it meets specified safety standards. Imposes a civil penalty of not less than $100 and not more than $500 for each violation. Provides for the deposit of these civil penalties into the Attorney General Court Ordered and Voluntary Compliance Payment Projects Fund.

HB 2667  HEAL ACT-BEVERAGES
Creates the Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Act. Imposes a tax on distributors of bottled sugar-sweetened beverages, syrups, or powders at the rate of $0.01 per ounce of bottled sugar-sweetened beverages sold or offered for sale to a retailer for sale in the State to a consumer. Requires those distributors to obtain permits. Provides that 2% of the moneys shall be deposited into the Tax Compliance and Administration Fund for the administrative costs of the Department of Revenue, and 98% of the moneys shall be deposited into the Illinois Wellness Fund to be used for wellness programs and for expanded obesity prevention and treatment services for Medicaid beneficiaries. Creates an Advisory Council to govern the distribution of Illinois Wellness Fund moneys.

HB 2691  CONS FRAUD COPYRIGHT DEMAND
Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Provides that it is an unlawful practice to claim that another has infringed upon a copyright if the claim falsely threatens adverse administrative or judicial action, the assertions lack a reasonable basis in fact or law, the person making the assertion is not, or does not represent, a person with a current right to license the copyright, or the claim fails to make certain other disclosures. Provides that a person who sends certain written communications bears liability or owes compensation to another person if: (1) the communication falsely states that litigation has been filed against the intended recipient; or (2) the assertions contained in the communication lack a reasonable basis in fact or law because the communication seeks compensation for a copyright that has been held invalid or unenforceable in a final, unappealable or unappealed, judicial or administrative decision. Provides that nothing in the provisions shall be construed to deem it an unlawful practice for any person who owns or has the right to license or enforce a copyright to: (1) advise others of that ownership or right of license or enforcement; (2) communicate to others that the copyright is available for license or sale; (3) notify another of the infringement of the copyright; or (4) seek compensation on account of past or present infringement or for a license to the copyright.

HB 2698  FAILURE TO PAY WAGE-FELONY
Amends the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act. Provides that an employer that is able to pay wages and who refuses to pay is guilty of a Class 4 felony rather than a misdemeanor. Provides that a subsequent failure to pay within 5, rather than 2, years of a prior conviction is a Class 3, rather than Class 4, felony.

HB 2711  INS CODE ACCESS TO EYECARE
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code in relation to patient access to eye care. Provides that insurers may not set reimbursement rates in a manner that discriminates against a class of eye care providers. Provides that eye care coverage insurers may not preclude obtaining eye care directly from a licensed provider on a health care panel or promote a class of providers to the detriment of another class of providers. Requires that all providers on a provider panel be included in any publicly accessible list. Requires the inclusion of ophthalmologists and optometrists in provider panels. Imposes additional requirements.

HB 2748  WORKERS COMP-INJURY
Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Defines the terms "accident" and "injury". Provides that "injury" includes the aggravation of a pre-existing condition by an accident arising out of and in the course of the employment, but only for so long as the aggravation of the pre-existing condition continues to be the major contributing cause of the disability. Provides that an injury resulting directly or indirectly from idiopathic causes is not compensable.

HB 2761  PROP TX-MANUFACTURING ABATE
Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that any county, municipality, village, or township may abate all or a portion of the taxes levied by that county, municipality, village, or township on the property of a qualified tool and manufacturing business located within that county, municipality, village, or township. Provides that, if a county, municipality, village, or township passes an ordinance or resolution providing for such an abatement, any taxing district located in whole or in part within that county, municipality, village or township may also abate all or a portion of the taxes levied by the taxing district on that property. Effective immediately.

HB 2769  INS CD-NON DISCRIMINATION
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that neither a group health plan nor an accident and health insurer offering group or individual health insurance coverage shall discriminate with respect to participation under
the plan or coverage against any health care provider who is acting within the scope of that provider's license or certification under applicable State law.

HB 2783  PROPAINE/PROPANE ACCES-INSPECT
Amends the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Regulation Act. Provides that all liquefied petroleum gas containers and their pipings, fittings, connections, and other applicable accessories shall be inspected no less than once every 2 years. Provides that the Office of the State Fire Marshal shall adopt rules to implement the new provisions.

HB 2795  E-VERIFY REQUIRE EMPLOYER
Amends the Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act. Requires every employer, after hiring an employee, to verify the employment eligibility of the employee through the E-Verify program. Provides that, in addition to any other requirement for an employer to receive a grant, loan, or performance-based incentive from any government entity, the employer shall register with and participate in the E-Verify program. Provides that before receiving the economic development incentive, the employer shall provide proof to the government entity that the employer is registered with and is participating in the E-Verify program. Provides that the State, its political subdivisions, and units of local government, including home rule units, shall require each employer to use an Employment Eligibility Verification System as a condition of receiving a government contract or a business license.

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Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Defines the terms "accident" and "injury". Provides that "injury" includes the aggravation of a pre-existing condition by an accident arising out of and in the course of the employment, but only for so long as the aggravation of the pre-existing condition continues to be the major contributing cause of the disability. Provides that an injury resulting directly or indirectly from idiopathic causes is not compensable.
HB 2803  FALSE CLAIMS ACT-TAX CLAIMS
Amends the Illinois False Claims Act. Provides that no court has jurisdiction over a civil action relating to or involving a false claim regarding certain tax acts administered by the Department of Revenue, unless the action is brought by the Attorney General. Provides that the Department of Revenue shall have the sole authority to bring an administrative action and that the Attorney General shall have the sole authority to bring a judicial action under the Act for a false claim, statement, or record pertaining to certain taxes administered by the Department of Revenue. Contains provisions concerning reporting, investigative, and enforcement procedures for allegations of false claims pertaining to certain taxes. Contains provisions governing the payment of rewards to persons who provide information that leads to recovery of funds under the new provisions. Provides that the appeal of a determination regarding an award may be appealed exclusively to the Court of Claims and must be filed within 30 days of the determination of the award. Makes a corresponding change in the Court of Claims Act.

HB 2804  DEPT LABOR-PRIVATE LTR RULING
Amends the Department of Labor Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that an Illinois employer may request a written, legally binding private letter ruling from the Department of Labor regarding any law under the jurisdiction of the Department, that private letter rulings are issued by the Department in response to specific employer inquiries concerning the application of a statute or rule to a particular fact situation, and that private letter rulings are binding on the Department only as to the employer who is the subject of the request for ruling. Contains provisions regarding: submission of requests; contents of requests; parties entitled to make requests; issuance of private letter rulings; effect of private letter rulings; uses of private letter rulings; and other matters.

HB 2942  OCC TAX-ROAD FUND
Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2015, each month the Department shall pay into the Road Fund 80% of the net revenue realized for the preceding month from the sale of motor fuel and gasohol. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2015, each month the Department shall pay 20% of the net revenue realized for the preceding month from the sale of motor fuel and gasohol into certain local tax funds.
HB 3078  OCCUPATION TAX-FARM MACHINE
Amends the Use Tax Act, Service Use Tax Act, Service Occupation Tax Act, and Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that farm machinery also includes machinery utilized in the clearing and preparing of land for production agriculture.

HB 3082  UNEMPLOYMENT-EMPLOYER REPORTS
Amends the Unemployment Insurance Act. Deletes provisions requiring employers to file, on a monthly basis, reports regarding employee wages.

HB 3096  OIL & GAS-PERMIT MORATORIUM
Amends the Oil and Gas Wells on Public Lands Act. Provides that on and after the effective date of the amendatory Act, no new permits shall be issued for surface extraction activities on lands owned by the Department of Natural Resources or the federal government. Prohibits the Department of Natural Resources from entering into contracts in writing designating any person as the permittee of the State of Illinois with the exclusive right to prospect and explore public lands of the State of Illinois for the occurrence of petroleum. Repeals provisions governing certain petroleum leases, right of way over public lands, and preferential rights to prospecting permits.

HB 3105  INC TX-R AND D CREDIT
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that the research and development credit applies on a permanent basis. Provides that the research and development credit may be carried forward for a period of 20 taxable years (now, 5 taxable years) or carried back for one taxable year.

HB 3110  USE/OCC-AIRPLANE FUEL
Amends the State Finance Act, the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, the Counties Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, the Metro-East Park and Recreation District Act, the Local Mass Transit District Act, the Regional Transportation Authority Act, and the Water Commission Act of 1985. Provides that, for the purposes of local sales tax sourcing, a retail sale of fuel or petroleum products used by an aircraft shall be deemed to be a retail sale at the place where the fuel or petroleum products are delivered to the aircraft.

HB 3121  ROTA-DISCLOSE COUNTIES
Amends the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that certain
information that may be disclosed to municipalities may also be disclosed to counties.

**HB 3136  VEH CD-AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES**  
Creates the Automated Motor Vehicle Study and Report Act. Provides that the Secretary of State shall conduct a study on the feasibility of the operation of automated motor vehicles in Illinois and produce a report on its findings. Requires the Secretary to submit the report and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2016. Defines "automated motor vehicle". Repeals the Act on January 1, 2017.

**HB 3138  ESTATE TAX-EXCLUSION AMOUNT**  
Amends the Illinois Estate and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Act. Increases the exclusion amount from $4,000,000 to $5,000,000 for persons dying on or after January 1, 2017.

**HB 3140  USE/OCC TAX-GASOHOL**  
Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that the tax on gasohol applies to 100% of the proceeds of sales made on or after the effective date (currently, the tax applies to 80% of the proceeds of sales made before December 31, 2018 and 100% of the proceeds of sales made thereafter).

**HB 3144  RADIATION PROTECTION -IMA Initiative**  
Amends the Radiation Protection Act of 1990. Provides that inspection fees for category II, III, or IV irradiators shall be the full cost of the inspection but shall not exceed $275 per hour.

**HB 3148  COMPTROLLER-TAX CREDIT PORTAL**  
Amends the State Comptroller Act. Requires the State Comptroller to establish on its official website an easily accessible portal that lists tax credit issuance data for projects undertaken by businesses, individuals, and non-profit organizations. Requires the Office of the Comptroller to update the portal each State business day.

**HB 3150  UNEMPLOYMENT SERVICE DISABILTY**  
Amends the Unemployment Insurance Act. Provides that an individual is not disqualified from receiving unemployment benefits by reason of being
entitled to disability benefits related to the person's military service when the military service disability is determined to be greater than 20%. Effective immediately.

HB 3162  UNEMPLOY-BENEFIT CHARGE-60 DAY
Amends the Unemployment Insurance Act. Provides that an employer shall not be subject to benefit charges resulting from payments made to a claimant unless the claimant was employed for 60 (rather than 30) days.

HB 3166  INC TX-APPRENTICE CREDIT
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a credit for wages paid pursuant to a qualified apprenticeship program. Provides that a "qualified apprenticeship program" means an apprenticeship program in manufacturing, plastics, or construction trades that is certified by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and at least 4 years in duration. Provides that the credit may not exceed the lesser of (i) 50% of the wages paid by the taxpayer to each apprentice during the taxable year or (ii) $4,800 per apprentice. Provides that the credit may be carried forward for 5 taxable years. Provides that the credit is exempt from the Act's automatic sunset provision. Effective immediately.

HB 3168  REVENUE-FINANCIAL INFORMATION
Amends the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that the Department of Revenue may furnish certain financial information to municipalities and counties (now, only municipalities) if the municipality or county agrees in writing to the Act's confidentiality provisions. Provides that the Department of Revenue is authorized to provide the information to municipalities or counties by electronic means.

HB 3188  PERSONAL INFO PROTECTION
Amends the Personal Information Protection Act. Expands the scope of information to be protected to include medical, health insurance, biometric, consumer marketing, and geolocation information. Requires notice of breaches of security to be provided to the Attorney General. Requires privacy policies to be posted.

HB 3288  MIN WAGE-SUSPENSION W/O PAY
Amends the Minimum Wage Law. Provides that an employer may impose
a disciplinary suspension without pay upon an employee who is exempt from certain overtime pay requirements of the Law; a deduction from the pay of an exempt employee may be made for suspensions of one or more full days imposed in good faith for infractions of workplace conduct rules; the suspension must be imposed pursuant to a written policy applicable to all employees; and an employer, in imposing such a suspension, may deduct from the employee's salary the hourly or daily equivalent of the employee's full salary or any other amount proportional to the time actually missed by the employee.

**HB 3293  LOW CARBON ENERGY PORTFOLIO**
Amends the Illinois Power Agency Act. Requires the Planning and Procurement Bureau to include in procurement plans and competitive procurement processes the procurement of low carbon energy credits (LCE credits) for all of the utilities' retail customers. Sets forth a low carbon portfolio standard. Provides that the procurement plans shall include cost-effective low carbon energy credits from low carbon energy resources in an amount equal to 70% of each electric utility's annual retail sales of electricity to retail customers in the State during the planning year immediately prior to the development of the procurement plan. Specifies that a renewable energy credit, carbon emission credit, or LCE credit can only be used once to comply with a single portfolio standard and cannot be used to satisfy the requirements of more than one portfolio standard. Amends the Public Utilities Act. Allows the electric utility to recover through tariffed charges all of the costs associated with the purchase of low carbon energy credits from low carbon energy resources. Requires electric utilities to procure low carbon energy credits from low carbon energy resources for all retail customers in its service area in accordance with provisions concerning the low carbon energy portfolio. Requires electric utilities and alternative retail electric suppliers to provide to its customers on a quarterly basis a pie-chart that graphically depicts the quantity of low carbon energy credits from low carbon energy resources procured as a percentage of the actual load of retail customers within its service area. Effective immediately.

**HB 3297  EMPLOYEE PAID HLTH CARE LEAVE**
Creates the Employee Paid Health Care Time Act. Provides that employees shall accrue paid health care time at a rate of not less than one hour for every 22 hours worked for an employer with 50 or more employees and at a rate of one hour for every 40 hours worked for an employer with fewer than 50 employees. Sets forth purposes for which paid health care time may be used. Applies to employers employing one or
more individuals. Prohibits retaliation by employers. Defines terms. Provides that a violation by an employer is a petty offense with a fine of $500. Effective July 1, 2015.

**HB 3336  USE/OCC TAX-DATA CENTERS**
Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers’ Occupation Tax Act. Provides that tangible personal property used in the construction or operation of a data center that has been granted a certificate of exemption by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is exempt from the taxes imposed under those Acts. Amends the Electricity Excise Tax Law. Provides that business enterprises that are certified as qualifying Illinois data centers by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity are exempt from the taxes imposed under the Act. Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois to provide for certification of qualified data centers. Effective immediately.

**HB 3345  MINIMUM WAGE-INC TX**
Amends the Minimum Wage Law. Increases the minimum wage from $8.25 to $9.00 beginning July 1, 2015 and increases it to $10.00 per hour on and after July 1, 2016. Provides that the establishment of a minimum wage that employers must pay their employees is an exclusive power and function of the State and is a denial and limitation of the home rule powers and functions, except that the limitation on home rule powers does not apply to a municipality with more than 1,000,000 inhabitants. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a credit against the withholding tax liability of employers with fewer than 50 employees in an amount equal to the increased wages paid as a result of the increase in the minimum wage.

**HB 3363  NO BAN ON CONSUMER COMMENTS**
Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act to provide that it is an unlawful practice to include in a contract for the sale or lease of consumer goods or services a provision that requires a consumer to waive his or her right to make any statement regarding the consumer’s experience with the business. Removes provisions allowing consumers to waive rights. Provides that the limitations do not affect duties of confidentiality causes of action relating to defamation.

**HB 3378  USE/OCC TX-GASOHOL**
Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that,
on or after July 1, 2015 and on or before December 31, 2018, the taxes imposed under the Acts apply to 90% of the proceeds of sales of gasohol and 80% of the proceeds of sales of mid-range ethanol blends. Amends the Illinois Renewable Fuels Development Program Act. Provides that grants may be awarded for the following programs: a next generation renewable fuels program, a majority blended ethanol and blender pump infrastructure program, and a research and development program for sustainable corn production and corn-based renewable fuel production. Sets forth the maximum aggregate amount of grants that may be awarded under each program.

HB 3383 INC TX-CORPORATE RATE
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Reduces the rate of tax on corporations to 4.8% for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015. Makes corresponding changes concerning transfers from the General Revenue Fund to the Local Government Distributive Fund.

HB 3406 INS CD-MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS
Amends provisions of the Illinois Insurance Code requiring notice to the customer of the use of a non-original equipment manufacturer aftermarket crash part in a motor vehicle repair and requiring the identification of the manufacturer of a non-original equipment manufacturer aftermarket crash part. Changes the term "aftermarket crash part" to "aftermarket part" and redefines that term to include exterior or interior (instead of only exterior) nonmechanical sheet metal or plastic parts.

HB 3407 INS CD-VEHICLE PARTS SUPPLIERS
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that automobile insurers shall not specify or require any motor vehicle repair shop to utilize specific products, vendors, distributors, manufacturers, or suppliers in order to carry out vehicle repairs for an insured or claimant.

HB 3436 CORPORATE TAX DISCLOSURE
Creates the Illinois Corporate Responsibility and Tax Disclosure Act. Requires certain publicly traded corporations that do business in the State to file with the Secretary of State a statement containing information concerning the corporation's income tax liability. Provides that the Secretary of State shall make all information contained in those statements available to the public on an ongoing basis in the form of a searchable database accessible through the Internet. Provides that nothing in the Act requires reporting or allows disclosure of information that is confidential.
and may not be disclosed pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code or any other federal statute.

HB 3438  NORTH AMERICAN-MADE VEHICLES
Amends the Procurement of Domestic Products Act. Provides that all motor vehicles purchased or leased for one year or more by a State agency shall have a Vehicle Identification Number that begins with the number one, the number 2, the number 4, or the number 5.

HB 3439  EPA-COAL-FIRED GENERATING UNIT
Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Requires the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study comparing airborne emission reductions of coal-fired electric generating units within the State of Illinois between 1990 and 2014 and forecasting additional reductions for the period from 2014 to 2020. Requires the Agency to identify where and how Agency policies have led to such reductions and are likely to lead to additional reductions going forward and which Illinois regulations are unnecessary because of more stringent State or federal regulations. Requires the Agency to consult with only the owners of each coal-fired electric generating unit in the State when compiling this information.

HB 3456  USE/OCC TAX-DATA CENTERS
Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that, beginning on July 1, 2015 and through June 30, 2025, certain tangible personal property to be used in the construction or operation of a data center is exempt from taxation under the Acts. Provides that the data center must sign an agreement with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity containing the following elements: (1) the data center, including its colocation tenants, must create and maintain at least 30 full-time equivalent jobs; (2) those jobs must pay at least 125% of the median wage paid to full-time employees in the county where the data center is located, as determined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; and (3) at least $25,000,000 in capital must be invested in the data center.

HB 3461  CONCEALED CARRY-IMMUNITY
Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Provides that the owner of a business that allows a licensee to carry a firearm into his or her business establishment is not criminally or civilly liable for any acts or omissions that arise from the licensee carrying a firearm into the business establishment.
HB 3462  TRICLOSAN BAN
Amends the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Prohibits any person or business from selling or offering to sell any cleaning product that contains triclosan and is used by consumers for sanitizing or hand or body cleansing. Provides that this prohibition does not apply to individual products for which specific United States Food and Drug Administration approval for consumer use has been secured. Provides that each violation of this prohibition is a business offense with a fine of $10,000.

HB 3467  WRK COMP CONSIDER APPROPRIATED
Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that, in the event of insufficient funds in the Injured Workers' Benefit Fund to pay all claims, an amount of money sufficient to make up the deficiency shall be considered to be always appropriated from the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission Operations Fund, the Rate Adjustment Fund, the Settlement Fund, and the Second Injury Fund. Provides that the minimum payout from the Injured Workers' Benefit Fund for death or permanent total disability is 364 weeks of benefits payable in a lump sum.

HB 3490  CONCEALED CARRY-SIGNS-LIABLE
Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Provides that if a sign is posted stating that the carrying of firearms is prohibited on private real property, the owner of the private real property is civilly liable for damages for any death or injury that occurs on his or her property as a result of prohibiting firearms on the property. Effective immediately.

HB 3499  SALES TAX-SCHOOLS
Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that the general rate of tax under the Acts shall be 7.25% (currently, 6.25%). Provides that the additional moneys received from the increase shall be deposited into the School Infrastructure Support Fund. Provides that moneys in the School Infrastructure Support Fund shall be used to make grants to school districts in the State for safety and security upgrades, energy efficient heating and cooling systems, building projects, and facility enhancements, and for the payment of obligations issued by the school district. Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois and the State Finance Act to make conforming changes.

HB 3501  TAX INCENTIVE RECAPTURE
Creates the Business Tax Incentive Recapture Act. Provides that, if a business is awarded a tax incentive in any taxable year, and that business relocates its corporate headquarters from Illinois to another state in the next taxable year, then the Department shall recapture the amount of the tax incentive from the business.

HB 3518 CIV PRO-CONFIDENTIALITY ORDERS
Amends the Civil Practice Law of the Code of Civil Procedure. Defines "product liability action" and "confidentiality order". Provides that for good cause shown, a party required to respond to discovery in a product liability action may obtain a confidentiality order. Provides that if the court finds that such a confidentiality order is appropriate, the order shall be narrowly drafted and may permit the subsequent designation of specific confidential materials. Provides that, if a party objects to a designation that limits disclosure or dissemination of materials under a confidentiality order, the party seeking to limit disclosure or dissemination pursuant to a claim of confidentiality must demonstrate, by a preponderance of the evidence, a specific, serious, and substantial interest in confidentiality that outweighs the adverse effect of confidentiality upon the general public health or safety. Provides for appeals of orders denying confidentiality. Provides that the new provisions do not: preclude the use of confidentiality orders to protect trade secrets; apply to laws or regulations safeguarding the confidentiality of medical records; or apply to healthcare services. Contains provisions concerning intervention; prohibited agreements; applicability; and other matters.

HB 3521 MOTOR FUEL TAX-RATES
Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that motor fuel is exempt from taxation under those Acts. Amends the Motor Fuel Tax Law. Provides that the rate of tax under that Act shall be (i) 36 cents per gallon for diesel (currently 21.5 cents per gallon) and 35 cents per gallon for other motor fuel (currently, 19 cents per gallon). Provides that certain amounts shall be transferred from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund to the General Revenue Fund.

HB 3522 ESTATE TAX-EXCLUSION AMOUNT
Amends the Illinois Estate and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Act. Provides that the exclusion amount shall be calculated according to provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.
HB 3537  UNEMP INS-CONTRIBUTION RATE  
Amends the Unemployment Insurance Act. Provides for a reduction in the employer's contribution rate in the amount of 0.1% annually. Provides for a surcharge upon employers in the amount of 0.1% to be deposited into the 21st Century Workforce Development Fund.

HB 3541  GREEN CONSTRUCTION ACT  

HB 3548  INSURANCE TAX  
Creates the Insurance Premium Tax Act. Imposes a tax on each authorized domestic, foreign, or alien insurer engaged in the business of entering into contracts of insurance or annuity in the State in an amount equal to 1.3% of the premiums and fees charged for those insurance policies. Provides that the proceeds from the tax shall be deposited into the Flood Catastrophe Fund and shall be used by the Department of Insurance for the purpose of providing reimbursement to insurers for a portion of their catastrophic losses due to flooding. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Flood Catastrophe Fund.

HB 3554  WORKERS 2 WEEK NOTICE OF SHIFT  
Amends the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act. Provides that employees must be given notice of the shifts to be worked 2 weeks in advance of the scheduled shift. Establishes requirements for minimum pay for working shifts outside of scheduled shifts.

HB 3555  INC TX-RENEWABLE ENERGY  
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that each taxpayer that is primarily engaged in manufacturing is entitled to a credit in an amount equal to 5% of the cost of renewable energy resources used by the taxpayer during the taxable year. Provides that the credit may be carried forward. Provides that the credit is exempt from the Act's automatic sunset provision.

HB 3568  USE/OCC TAXES-GREEN TECH  
Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service
Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that machinery and equipment incorporated into a green energy project is exempt from the taxes imposed under those Acts.

**HB 3569  UNEMP INS FRAUD 125% PENALTY**
Amends the Unemployment Insurance Act. Provides that the additional penalty for fraudulently obtaining benefits is 125% (instead of 15%) of the amount fraudulently obtained. Provides that the amounts collected shall be paid into the State's account in the Unemployment Trust Fund (instead of shall be treated in the same manner as benefits recovered from an individual).

**HB 3594  WORKER COMP-OBJECTIVE FINDINGS**
Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that one of the factors upon which the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission shall base its determination of the level of permanent partial disability shall be evidence of disability corroborated by objective findings in the medical records (rather than evidence of disability corroborated by the treating medical records). Deletes a provision that no single factor shall be the sole determinant of disability.

**HB 3605  INS CD-PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE**
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that insurers that issue individual and group accident and health policies that provides coverage for prescription drugs shall ensure that any required copayment or coinsurance applicable to drugs and rated as platinum, gold, or silver under federal regulations does not exceed $100 per month for up to a 30-day supply of any single drug, and $200 for plans rated as bronze level under federal regulations, and a beneficiary's annual out-of-pocket expenditures for prescription drugs are limited to no more than fifty percent of the dollar amounts in effect under specified provisions of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Provides that policies that provide coverage for prescription drugs and use a tiered formulary shall implement an exceptions process that allows enrollees to request an exception to the tiered cost-sharing structure.

**HB 3652  LIMIT TRANSFER OF PERSONAL INF**
Amends the Personal Information Protection Act. Expands the scope of the Act to cover private contact information (home address, home or personal phone number, personal e-mail address). Limits the transfer of private contact information.
HB 3682  UNEMP INS-FAILRE TO RESPOND
Amends the Unemployment Insurance Act. Provides that, if an employing unit or its agent has a pattern of failing to respond with information required under the Act in a timely or complete manner, benefits paid to a claimant as a result of that failure shall be charged to the employing unit's account. Sets forth criteria for determining whether a pattern of failing to respond with information exists. Provides that, in addition to the amounts charged to the employing unit's account, the Department of Employment Security shall assess a civil penalty equal to the benefits paid as a result of the failure of the employing unit to respond as required. Makes other changes.

HB 3685  PROP TX-INC TX-BUSINESS CREDIT
Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that a taxing district may grant an abatement for property that contains an expanded business facility. Defines "expanded business facility" to include a requirement that the business must create a certain number of new employment positions at the facility. Contains provisions allowing for an enhanced abatement for certain facilities. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act to create a credit equal to a percentage of the remaining tax liability for the property.

HB 3688  STEELMAKING SLAG-DEREGULATION
Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that the Environmental Protection Agency shall not regulate slag generated by the production of steel, which is the beneficial and intended coproduct of the steel manufacturing process and is managed as an item of value in a controlled manner and not as a discarded material, except as may be required by federal law or regulation. Changes "slag" to "coal slag" in the definition of "coal combustion waste". Provides that a beneficial use determination is not required to use steelmaking slags for land reclamation purposes.

HB 3709  INS CD-DEPENDENT COVERAGE
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to provide that policies of accident and health insurance or managed care plans that cover dependents and that are amended, delivered, issued, or renewed after the effective date of the Act shall not terminate or deny election of coverage for an unmarried dependent due to age before the dependent's 29th birthday.

HB 3743  EDGE-NO AGREEMENTS-99TH G.A.
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act and the Economic Development for a
Growing Economy Tax Credit Act. Provides that no new agreements may be entered into under the Economic Development for a Growing Economy Tax Credit Act during the 99th General Assembly.

**HB 3745 INC TX-21ST CENTURY FUND**
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates an addition modification for any deduction allowed to the taxpayer under Sections 243 through 246A of the Internal Revenue Code (for certain qualifying dividends paid to corporations). Provides that the additional revenue attributable to that change shall be deposited into the 21st Century Workforce Development Fund. Amends the 21st Century Workforce Development Fund Act. Provides that the 21st Century Workforce Development Fund is not subject to sweeps, administrative charges or chargebacks, or other fiscal or budgetary maneuvers.

**HB 3755 VEH CD-FREIGHT TRAIN CREW SIZE**
Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that no rail carrier shall operate a train or light engine used in connection with the movement of freight unless it has an operating crew consisting of at least 2 individuals. Provides that the minimum freight train crew size shall remain in effect until a federal law or rule encompassing the subject matter has been adopted. Grants the Illinois Commerce Commission the power to conduct evidentiary hearings, make findings, and issue and enforce orders, including sanctions, with respect to freight train crew member size. Provides that the term "train or light engine" does not include trains operated by a hostler service or utility employees.

**HB 3756 OSHA-EMPLOYMENT-FEDERAL CHANGE**
Amends the Occupational Safety and Health Act. Provides that the Director of Labor shall adopt rules necessary to implement the Act, including, but not limited to, rules dealing with the inspection of an employer's establishment. Authorizes the Director to require the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of evidence under oath during inspections and investigations.

**HB 3760 LOCAL GOV-DISCLOSE INCENTIVES**
Creates the Local Government Tax Incentive Disclosure Act. Provides that each unit of local government shall report the annual value of any tax incentive granted by the unit of local government as lost revenue on the annual financial report for that unit of local government. Provides that the term "tax incentive" means any property tax abatement granted by a unit of
local government or any tax increment financing affecting a unit of local
government. Provides that, no later than August 1 of each year, the
Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall report to the
Governor and the General Assembly the total value of all tax credits
awarded by the Department.

HB 3761 BAN CRIB BUMPER PADS
Amends the Children's Product Safety Act. Prohibits a commercial dealer,
manufacturer, importer, distributor, wholesaler, or retailer from selling,
offering to sell, leasing, or offering to lease a crib bumper pad in the State.
Imposes a civil penalty of not less than $100 and not more than $500 for
each violation. Provides for the deposit of these civil penalties into the
Attorney General Court Ordered and Voluntary Compliance Payment
Projects Fund.

HB 3819 EPA-PERMITS-TIRE STORAGE
Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that before issuing a
permit for the operation of a tire storage site, the Environmental Protection
Agency shall conduct an evaluation of the prospective owner's or
operator's prior experience in tire storage site management. Provides that
the Agency may deny such a permit, or deny or revoke interim
authorization, if the prospective owner or operator or any employee or
officer of the prospective owner or operator has a history of repeated
violations of federal, State, or local laws, regulations, standards, or
ordinances in the operation of tire storage sites.

HB 3851 HUMAN RIGHTS-PROTECTION ORDERS
Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act. Provides that it is a civil rights
violation for an employer to refuse to make certain reasonable
accommodations in the workplace for an employee protected under an
order of protection. Provides that an employer is not required to make the
reasonable accommodations if they cause undue hardship on the work
operations of the employer. For purposes of the new provisions, defines
"undue hardship" as significant difficulty or expense on the operation of an
employer, when considered in light of: (1) the nature and cost of the
reasonable accommodation needed; (2) the overall financial resources,
number of employees, and the number, type, and placement of the work
locations of an employer; and (3) the type of operation of the employer,
including the composition, structure, and functions of the workforce of the
employer, the geographic separateness of the employee's work location
from the employer, and the administrative or fiscal relationship of the work
location to the employer. Provides that prior to making the reasonable accommodations, an employer may verify that an employee is protected by an order of protection entered under the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 or the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986.

**HB 3852  CIV PRO-INSTRUCTION-LIABILITY**
Amends and re-enacts provisions of the Civil Practice Article of the Code of Civil Procedure concerning actions on account of bodily injury or death or physical damage to property based on negligence or product liability based on strict tort liability. Provides that the court shall not instruct the jury of the consequence of any findings of fault of any plaintiff or defendant under specified provisions of the Code. Deletes language providing that the court shall instruct the jury in writing that the defendant shall be found not liable if the jury finds that the contributory fault of the plaintiff is more than 50% of the proximate cause of the injury or damage for which recovery is sought. Deletes language providing that: any defendant whose fault is less than 25% of the total fault attributable to the plaintiff, the defendants sued by the plaintiff, and any third party defendant except the plaintiff's employer, is severally liable for non-medical damages; and any defendant whose fault is 25% or greater of the total fault attributable to the plaintiff, the defendants sued by the plaintiff, and any third party defendants except the plaintiff's employer, is jointly and severally liable for non-medical damages. Adds language providing that: any defendant whose fault is less than 25% of the proximate cause of the injury or damage for which recovery is sought by the plaintiff is severally liable for non-medical damages; and any defendant whose fault is 25% or greater of the proximate cause of the injury or damage for which recovery is sought by the plaintiff is jointly and severally liable for non-medical damages. Contains applicability provisions.

**HB 3873  UNEMP INS EXPER RATING 2 YEARS**
Amends the Unemployment Insurance Act. Provides that the contribution rate for any calendar year for an employer who has incurred liability for the payment of contributions within each of the 2, rather than 3, preceding calendar years shall be based upon the 2, rather than 3, calendar years immediately preceding the calendar year for which the rate is being determined.

**HB 3874  UEMPL INS APPEAL INTEREST**
Amends the Unemployment Insurance Act to provide that interest does not accrue when an appeal is pending.
HB 3875  INS PENALTY NOTICE
Amends the Unemployment Insurance Act. Provides that the Department of Employment Security may not make deductions from amounts paid as required contributions and credit the amount deducted toward any penalty outstanding on behalf of an employer without providing at least 30 days' notice of the deduction to the employer.

HB 3881  WORKERS COMP STATUTORY DAMAGES
Amends the Workers' Compensation Act concerning the limitation on the right to recover damages for injury or death sustained while in the line of duty as an employee. Includes occupational safety programs offered by government entities, apprenticeship programs, and not-for-profit organizations within the scope of those provisions.

HB 3888  USE/OCC TX-MPC
Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act to extend the Manufacturing Machinery and Equipment Exemption to production related tangible personal property. Provides that the term "production related tangible personal property" includes certain supplies and consumables used in a manufacturing facility.

HB 3889  GROWING ECONOMY TAX CREDIT
Amends the Economic Development for a Growing Economy Tax Credit Act. Removes provisions concerning conditions that the Business Investment Committee shall determine exist in order for the Committee to make its recommendation that an Applicant’s application for Credit should or should not be accepted.

HB 3894  TECHNOLOGY ZONES-CREATE
Creates the Technology Zone Act. Provides that counties and municipalities may designate technology zones within their jurisdiction, subject to approval by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Provides that a qualified technology business located in a technology zone may apply to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for certification as a technology business. Provides that those certified technology businesses are entitled to credits against taxes and charges imposed under the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, the Electricity Excise Tax Law, or the Public Utilities Act. Amends those
Acts to make conforming changes. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that a certified technology business that makes an investment in qualified property during the taxable year is entitled to an income tax credit in an amount equal to 0.5% of the amount of the investment.

**HB 3898 SUPPORT-NONEMPLOYEE WITHHOLDING**
Amends the Income Withholding for Support Act. Defines "non-employee" as an independent contractor, a vendor, or a person receiving payments who is not an employee and not receiving payments for personal services. Provides that "obligor" includes a non-employee. Provides that the payor shall calculate all applicable deductions to a non-employee obligor's income as if the non-employee were an employee, whether or not the deductions are actually taken from the non-employee obligor's income. Provides that the amount withheld on the remaining balance of payments, paid or payable, to the non-employee shall not be in excess of the maximum amounts permitted under the federal Consumer Credit Protection Act.

**HB 3923 INC TX-HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT**
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a deduction in an amount equal to workers' compensation costs incurred by the taxpayer that are attributable to employees of the taxpayer who are employed at a location in a county with high unemployment. Creates a credit for taxpayers who (i) are not otherwise entitled to a tax credit under the Economic Development for a Growing Economy Tax Credit Act and (ii) employ at least 5 new employees at a project location in a county with high unemployment. Provides that the amount of the credit shall be determined by multiplying the taxpayer's income tax rate by the average wage of the new employees and then multiplying the result by the number of new employees.

**HB 3935 CRIM CD-TRESPASS-TARGETED FAC**
Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Changes the offense of criminal trespass to a nuclear facility to criminal trespass to a targeted facility. Defines "targeted facility" as: (1) a petroleum refinery; (2) a chemical manufacturing facility; (3) a nuclear power electric generation facility; or (4) an electric generation facility. Provides that a violation is a Class 4 felony.

**HB 3943 ESTATE TAX-EXCLUSION AMOUNT**
Amends the Illinois Estate and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Act. Increases the exclusion amount from $4,000,000 to $6,500,000 for persons dying on or after January 1, 2016.
HB 3971  INC TX-R AND D CREDIT  
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that the research and development credit applies on a permanent basis.

HB 4017  RETAIL INCENTIVES-REBATE  
Amends the Use Tax Act. Provides that the "selling price" shall not include any rebate from a manufacturer to reduce prices to a customer where the seller directly passes the rebate onto the customer and the rebate is deducted by the manufacturer from the price paid by the seller for the item. Amends the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Specifies that "sale at retail" shall not include any rebate from a manufacturer to reduce prices to a customer where the seller directly passes the rebate onto the customer and the rebate is deducted by the manufacturer from the price paid by the seller for the item.

HB 4020  IEPA-PERMITS  
Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Makes changes to provisions concerning the registration of smaller sources, general permits, and permits by rule.

HB 4032  HEALTH CARE COST ESTIMATE ACT  
Creates the Health Care Cost Estimate Act and amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that prior to an admission, procedure, or service and upon request by a patient or prospective patient, a health care provider shall, within 2 working days, disclose the allowed amount or charge of the admission, procedure, or service. Provides that if the health care provider is unable to quote a specific amount in advance, the health care provider shall disclose the estimated maximum allowed amount or charge for the proposed admission, procedure, or service. Requires every company that issues, delivers, amends, or renews any individual or group policy of accident and health insurance to establish a toll-free telephone number and Internet website that enables consumers to request and obtain from the company, in real time, the estimated or maximum allowed amount or charge for a proposed admission, procedure, or service and the estimated amount the insured will be responsible to pay for a proposed admission, procedure, or service that is a covered benefit, based on the information available to the company at the time the request is made. Provides that if a patient or prospective patient is covered by a health insurance policy, a health care provider who participates as a network provider under the patient's or prospective patient's health insurance policy
shall, upon request of the patient or prospective patient, provide, based on
the information available to the health care provider at the time of the
request, sufficient information regarding the proposed admission,
procedure or service for the patient or prospective patient to use the
applicable toll-free telephone number and Internet website of the provider
of the health insurance policy.

HB 4036  VICTIM ECON SECURITY ALL12WKS
Amends the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act. Provides that all
employees, not only those working for an employer having more than 49
employees, covered by the Act are entitled to a total of 12 workweeks of
leave during any 12-month period.

HB 4042  INS CD-WORKERS' COMP-RATES
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that with respect to
employers correctly classified within the construction industry, the amount
charged to the insured for workers' compensation and employers' liability
insurance shall be based upon hours worked by employees in specific job
categories or classifications, not the wages or salaries paid to the
employees.

HB 4079  INS CD-PHARM BENEFITS MANAGER
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides a process to register with
the Department of Insurance as a pharmacy benefits manager and what
information must be included. Provides that the Director of Insurance an
revoke, suspend, deny, or restrict a certificate of registration for violation of
the Code or on other grounds as determined necessary or appropriate by
the Director. Provides that the Department shall regulate the drug pricing
process used by pharmacy benefits managers, and specifies the appeals
process for such pricing. Provides that pharmacy benefits managers shall
not mandate that a covered individual use a specific pharmacy or provide
incentives to encourage the use of a specific pharmacy under specified
circumstances. Provides criteria for entities to use in performing on-site
audits of pharmacy records. Provides that health plans must permit their
enrollees to receive benefits, which may include a 90-day supply of
covered prescription drugs, at any of its network community pharmacies.
Contains provisions concerning medication synchronization. Provides that
dispensing fees shall be determined exclusively on the total number of
prescriptions dispensed. Regulates how pharmacy benefits managers may
utilize personally identifiable data. Provides that the Department can
regulate other specified activities of pharmacy benefits managers. Makes
other changes. Effective January 1, 2016.

**HB 4098  WRK COMP-TIME FOR APPEALS**
Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. In provisions concerning judicial review of decisions made by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, provides that a proceeding for review shall be commenced within 35 (rather than 20) days of the receipt of notice of the decision of the Commission.

**HB 4099  WRK COMP-WAGE DIFFERENTIAL**
Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission may adjust the standard award formula for wage differential based on the type of employment, the nature and extent of injuries, and the age of the employee as it relates to the employee's remaining length of career in his or her usual and customary line of employment notwithstanding the injuries.

**HB 4129  INC TX-TRAINING-JOBS CREDIT**
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that each business that enters into an agreement with a community college or area vocational center for employee training is entitled to an income tax credit for taxable years beginning during the term of the agreement if the taxpayer's average employee head count in the State during the taxable year exceeds its average employee head count in the State for the year immediately preceding the year in which the agreement was entered into by more than 10%. Provides that the credit shall be in an amount equal to 6% of the incremental income tax attributable to new employees during the taxable year.

**HB 4133  INC TX-VOCATIONAL CENTERS**
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that each taxpayer who makes a contribution to an area vocational center established under the School Code is entitled to a credit in an amount equal to 50% of the amount of the donation.

**HB 4139  RIGHT TO WORK ACT**
Creates the Right to Work Act. Provides that a person may not be required to join or contribute to a labor organization as a condition of employment. Provides that violations of the Act constitute a Class A misdemeanor. Authorizes injunctive relief. Authorizes a private right of action for damages. Provides that the Attorney General shall enforce the Act.
Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act and the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Provides that employees have the right not to become or remain a member of a labor organization, or to pay any dues, fees, assessments, or other similar charges to a labor organization. Eliminates provisions authorizing fair share agreements. Amends the Illinois State Comptroller Act, and the Illinois State Auditing Act to make related changes.

**HB 4140 INS CD-VISION THERAPY MANDATE**
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that every insurer that amends, delivers, issues, or renews group accident and health policies providing coverage for eye care shall include coverage for vision therapy services offered by an optometrist. Makes conforming changes to the Health Maintenance Organization Act, the Limited Health Service Organization Act, and the Voluntary Health Services Plans Act.

**HB 4193 INS CD-INDUSTRIAL INSUREDs**
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. In the provision concerning transactions in the State involving industrial insureds' contracts of insurance, restores the language that was deleted by Public Act 98-978 and deletes the language that was added by Public Act 98-978. Deletes the references to the provision concerning transactions in the State involving industrial insureds' contracts of insurance that were added by Public Act 98-978. Deletes language in the definition of "home state" that was added by Public Act 98-978. Effective immediately.

**HB 4196 EPA-COAL COMBUSTION BYPRODUCTS**
Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that "coal combustion by-product" means coal combustion waste when used as a functionally equivalent substitute for agricultural lime or mined gypsum (calcium sulfate dihydrate) as a soil conditioner, amendment, fertilizer, or other agricultural purposes when using appropriate agronomic rates.

**HB 4202 PLASTIC BAG & FILM RECYCLE ACT**
Creates the Plastic Bag and Film Recycling Act. Requires manufacturers of plastic carryout bags to register with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and pay to the Agency an initial registration fee and annual registration renewal fee. Prohibits a manufacturer from selling or offering to sell plastic carryout bag in the State unless the manufacturer is registered with the Agency and its name is printed on the plastic carryout bags it manufactures. Requires each manufacturer to develop, and submit
to the Agency, a plan to support the collection and recycling of plastic carryout bags and plastic film product wrap. Prohibits retailers from purchasing plastic carryout bags from manufacturers under certain circumstances. Sets forth duties of the Agency. Creates penalties for violations of the Act. Encourages manufacturers to include recycled content in the plastic carryout bags that they produce. Requires certain reports to be filed with the General Assembly. Makes the Act inapplicable in units of local government with a population of over 2,000,000. Specifies that the Plastic Bag and Film Recycling Act controls in the event of a conflict with another Act. Denies home rule powers. Amends the Regulatory Sunset Act to provide for the repeal of the Plastic Bag and Film Recycling Act on October 1, 2020.

HB 4220  WORK COMP TRANSPARENCY
Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Creates the Workers' Compensation Transparency Task Force. Provides that the Task Force shall collect and review information and data on the effects of the changes in workers' compensation law enacted by the General Assembly with a purpose of collecting and reviewing information relating to changes in the workers' compensation laws of this State and to make as transparent as possible all information relating to the medical treatment, legal representation, and benefits paid to injured workers in this State. Provides for the repeal of the reporting and information collecting requirements on January 1, 2020.

HB 4222  CIV PRO-VENUE
Amends the Code of Civil Procedure. Deletes a provision authorizing an action to be commenced in any county when all defendants are nonresidents of this State. Limits venue for actions against corporations, partnerships, and insurance companies. Provides that in actions in which none of the parties is a resident of this State and over which another forum has jurisdiction, the court shall, upon motion, dismiss the action subject to specified conditions. Provides that joint and several liability attaches when a defendant is found to be 50%, rather than 25%, at fault. Limits amounts recovered for medical care, treatment, or services and caretaking expenses to the amounts actually paid for those expenses regardless of the amounts initially billed.

HB 4223  WORKERS' COMPENSATION-VARIOUS
Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that to obtain compensation, an employee has the burden of showing by a
preponderance of the evidence that the accidental injury arising out of the course of employment is the major contributing cause of the medical condition or injury for which compensation is sought. Excludes from "arising out of the course of employment" injuries resulting from a hazard or risk to which the general public is also exposed or a medical condition or disability resulting from a personal or neutral risk. Provides that "major contributing cause" of a medical condition or injury is the cause that is greater than 50% of all combined causes of the medical condition or injury. Applies that standard to repetitive injuries. Reduces employer liability for injuries incurred while traveling. Provides for a reduction in an award by amounts an injured worker has previously received for prior injuries that resulted in permanency awards. Reduces certain payments under fee schedules to 49% of the scheduled amount after January 1, 2016. Provides that the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, rather than the Director of Insurance, shall adopt rules regarding electronic claims. Makes other changes.

HB 4224  LOCAL GOV-PROP TX-MANDATES
Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Prohibits public employees and labor organizations from collectively bargaining on certain specified matters. Provides that governing authorities of counties, municipalities, and units of local government, including school districts, may by ordinance or resolution prohibit those activities from collective bargaining. Allows the registered voters of counties, municipalities, and units of local government to petition to have the question of whether those activities should be prohibited from collective bargaining certified and presented to the election authority. Makes similar changes in the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, beginning with the 2016 levy year, the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law applies to all taxing districts, including home rule units and school districts. Provides that, beginning with the 2016 levy year, the extension limitation under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law is 0% or the rate of increase approved by the voters. Preempts home rule. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Excludes from the scope of the Act units of local government and school districts. Excludes from the scope of the term "public works" any public works constructed by a unit of local government or school district. Amends various other Acts to make related changes. Contains legislative findings.

HB 4246  CIV PRO-VENUE; TORT LIABILITY
Amends the Code of Civil Procedure. Deletes a provision authorizing an
action to be commenced in any county when all defendants are nonresidents of this State. Limits venue for actions against corporations, partnerships, and insurance companies. Provides that in actions in which no party is a resident of this State and over which another forum has jurisdiction, the court shall, upon motion, dismiss the action subject to specified conditions. Provides that joint and several liability attaches when a defendant is found to be 50%, rather than 25%, at fault. Limits amounts recovered for medical care, treatment, or services and caretaking expenses to the amounts actually paid for those expenses regardless of the amounts initially billed.

**HB 4247  LOCAL GOV TAXPAYER PROTECTION**

Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Prohibits public employees and labor organizations from collectively bargaining on certain specified matters. Provides that governing authorities of units of local government, school districts, and community college districts, may by ordinance or resolution prohibit those activities from collective bargaining. Allows the registered voters of units of local government, school districts, and community college districts to petition to have the question of whether those activities should be prohibited from collective bargaining certified and presented to the election authority. Makes similar changes in the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, for the 2016 levy year and 2017 levy year, the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law applies to all taxing districts, including home rule units and school districts. Provides that, for the 2016 levy year and the 2017 levy year, the extension limitation under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law is 0% or the rate of increase approved by the voters. Preempts home rule powers. Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Excludes from the scope of the Act units of local government and school districts. Excludes from the scope of the term "public works" any public works constructed by a unit of local government or school district. Amends various other Acts to make related changes. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Contains legislative findings.

**HB 4248  WORKERS' COMPENSATION-VARIOUS**

Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that, to obtain compensation under the Act, an employee bears the burden of showing, by a preponderance of the credible evidence, that he or she has sustained accidental injuries arising out of and in the course of the employment and the accidental injuries arising out of and in the course of the employment are the major contributing cause of the medical condition or injury for which
compensation is being sought. Defines "major contributing cause". Provides that accidental injuries are not considered to be arising out of and in the course of employment under specified circumstances; adds provisions regarding certain injuries; provides that an injury, its occupational cause, and any resulting manifestations or disability must be established to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, based on objective relevant medical findings; and adds provisions regarding employees who are traveling or on a break. Makes changes regarding workers' compensation insurance. Provides for a reduction of an award by amounts an injured worker has previously received for prior injuries that resulted in permanency awards. Reduces certain payments under fee schedules. Provides that the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, rather than the Director of Insurance, shall adopt rules regarding electronic claims. Provides that the Commission shall establish the Workers' Compensation Ombudsman Program within the Commission and sets forth the Program's responsibilities. Creates the Workers' Compensation Edit, Alignment, and Reform Commission to develop a proposed recodification of the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that the Commission shall procure and implement a computer system to replace its current computer system. Makes changes regarding unlawful acts and penalties. Makes other changes.

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**HB 4297  HIGHER ED-RESEARCH DOGS/CATS**
Creates the Research Dogs and Cats Adoption Act. Requires (i) an institution of higher education located in this State that receives public funds for scientific, educational, or research purposes or (ii) a facility that provides research in collaboration with an institution of higher education with the use of public funds and that confines dogs or cats for scientific, educational, or research purposes and plans on euthanizing the dog or cat for other than scientific, educational, or research purposes must first offer the dog or cat to an animal rescue organization. Provides exceptions. Sets forth provisions concerning an agreement with an animal rescue organization and immunity.

**HB 4299  EPA-USED OIL FILTER PROGRAM**
Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that, beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly, no person may knowingly dispose of a used oil filter in a manner that is intended for collection and disposal at a landfill. Effective immediately.

**HB 4300  BIMP-REVENUE**


**HB 4354  USE/OCC TAX-GRAPHIC ARTS**

Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers’ Occupation Tax Act. Provides that, beginning on August 31, 2014, the manufacturing and assembling machinery and equipment exemption includes graphic arts machinery and equipment. Provides that, beginning on August 31, 2014 and through December 31, 2019, the manufacturing and assembling machinery and equipment exemption includes production related tangible personal property. Provides that, except with respect to production related tangible personal property, the manufacturing and assembling machinery and equipment exemption is exempt from the Acts’ automatic sunset
provisions.

**HB 4361  LLC-VARIOUS**
Amends the Limited Liability Company Act. Establishes distinctions between membership interests. Provides for the appointment of officers. Authorizes the use of oral operating agreements. Makes changes concerning electronic signatures. Makes changes regarding a member's right to information. Provides that members of limited liability company are not agents solely because of membership. Expands the scope of operating agreements. Makes changes concerning unauthorized distributions. Provides that creditors acquire only distributional rights. Requires judicial action for dissolution based upon illegality. Abolishes certain statutory buyout rights. Provides for domestication of foreign companies. Provides for conversion of business entities into other forms. Requires the filing of a post office address for service of process. Limits the ability of companies to transact business until an application is filed with the Secretary of State. Makes technical and other changes.

**HB 4374  COMMISSION ECON DEVELOPMENT**
Creates the Commission on the Future of Economic Development of the African American Community within the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Provides that the Commission's purpose is to maintain and develop the economy within the African American community and to provide opportunities for this community that will enhance and expand the quality of their lives. Requires that the Commission consult with appropriate legislative committees about the State's economic development needs and opportunities in the African American community. Requires that the Commission submit to the Governor and General Assembly a comprehensive statewide economic development strategy for the African American community with a report on progress from the previous comprehensive strategy by October 1 of each even-numbered year. Provides that the Commission shall consist of 12 voting members appointed by the Governor, with representatives from production agriculture; transportation, construction, and logistics; travel and tourism; financial services and insurance; information technology and communications; and biotechnology, as well as manufacturing and small business. Provides that the Commission meet at least 4 times a year. Provides that the Commission make recommendations to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity concerning the award of grants from amounts appropriated to the Department from the African American Community Economic Development Fund. Creates the African American Community Economic Development Fund. Amends the Riverboat
Gambling Act. Provides that $20,000,000 be transferred annually from the State Gaming Fund into the African American Community Economic Development Fund.

HB 4376  BAN CRIB BUMPER PADS
Amends the Children's Product Safety Act. Prohibits a commercial dealer, manufacturer, importer, distributor, wholesaler, or retailer from selling, offering to sell, leasing, or offering to lease a crib bumper pad in the State. Imposes a civil penalty of not less than $100 and not more than $500 for each violation. Provides for the deposit of these civil penalties into the Attorney General Court Ordered and Voluntary Compliance Payment Projects Fund.

HB 4377  CONSUMER FRAUD-USED VEHICLES
Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Removes provisions requiring all new and used motor vehicle dealers to pay a percentage of certain repairs for power train components. Adds provisions regarding used motor vehicle dealers and auction companies. Provides that used motor vehicle dealers and certain auction companies may not exclude, modify, or disclaim an implied warranty of merchantability before the expiration of the 15th calendar day after delivery of the used motor vehicle or before the used motor vehicle is driven 500 miles after delivery, whichever occurs first. Exempts the sale of antique and collector vehicles from the new provisions. Provides that an implied warranty of merchantability does not extend to damage that occurs after the sale of the used motor vehicle that results from certain conduct, including: off-road use, racing, neglect, and failure to perform regular maintenance. Sets forth remedies and defenses.

HB 4378  USE/OCC-FIREARMS
Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that the rate of tax on firearms and firearm component parts shall be 10% (currently, 6.25%). Provides that the proceeds attributable to the increased rate shall be deposited into the At-Risk Youth Assistance Fund. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Fund. Sets forth the purposes for which moneys in the Fund may be used. Effective immediately.

HB 4381  INC TX-DEDUCT MANUFACTURING
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a deduction for corporations in an amount equal to 100% of the portion of the taxpayer's Illinois net
income for the taxable year that is earned by the taxpayer as a result of a manufacturing process. Provides that the deduction is exempt from the Act's automatic sunset provision.

**HB 4398 PEN CD-SALARY-NO SICK/VACATION**
Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), Cook County, State Employees, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, and Chicago Teachers Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. For participants who first become participants on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act, prohibits (i) payments for unused sick or vacation time from being used to calculate pensionable earnings and salary and (ii) unused sick or vacation time from being used to establish service credit. Effective immediately.

**HB 4399 STATE GOV-BALANCED BUDGET**
Amends the State Budget Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that, within 30 days after the enactment of the State budget for a fiscal year, the Auditor General must certify whether the enacted budget will be balanced with expenses not exceeding funds estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that year. Provides that the Comptroller may find at any time during the fiscal year that the State budget has become unbalanced and so report to the Auditor General, which shall have 10 days to respond to this report. Provides that, if the Auditor General certifies that the budget is not balanced or agrees with the Comptroller's finding that the State budget has become unbalanced, then (i) the Comptroller shall withhold all payments for the salaries of General Assembly members and the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller, and Treasurer and (ii) a special session of the General Assembly shall be convened within 10 days to enact a new State budget. Provides that, upon certification that the new budget will be balanced, the Comptroller will be allowed to resume payments.

**HB 4426 CIV PRO-INSTRUCTION-LIABILITY**
Amends and re-enacts provisions of the Civil Practice Article of the Code of Civil Procedure concerning actions on account of bodily injury or death or physical damage to property based on negligence or product liability based on strict tort liability. Provides that the court shall not instruct the jury of the consequence of any findings of fault of any plaintiff or defendant under specified provisions of the Code. Deletes language providing that the court shall instruct the jury in writing that the defendant shall be found not liable if the jury finds that the contributory fault of the plaintiff is more
than 50% of the proximate cause of the injury or damage for which recovery is sought. In the Section concerning joint liability, deletes language providing that: any defendant whose fault is less than 25% of the total fault attributable to the plaintiff, the defendants sued by the plaintiff, and any third party defendant except the plaintiff's employer, is severally liable for non-medical damages; and any defendant whose fault is 25% or greater of the total fault attributable to the plaintiff, the defendants sued by the plaintiff, and any third party defendants except the plaintiff's employer, is jointly and severally liable for non-medical damages. Adds language providing that: any defendant whose fault is less than 25% of the proximate cause of the injury or damage for which recovery is sought by the plaintiff is severally liable for non-medical damages; and any defendant whose fault is 25% or greater of the proximate cause of the injury or damage for which recovery is sought by the plaintiff is jointly and severally liable for non-medical damages. Contains applicability provisions.

HB 4427 PEN CD-ACCEL BENEFIT PAYMENT
Amends the General Assembly, State Employee, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, and Judges Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that beginning January 1, 2017, a person under one of those Articles who (i) has terminated service, (ii) is eligible to receive a retirement annuity, (iii) has not received a retirement annuity under that Article, and (iv) meets certain other eligibility requirements may elect to receive, in lieu of a retirement annuity, a lump sum accelerated pension benefit payment equal to 75% of the present value of the retirement annuity or may elect to receive a lump sum partial accelerated pension benefit payment in exchange for a specified reduction in his or her retirement annuity and all other benefits under the Article. Provides that a person may not elect a percentage reduction of retirement annuity that would result in a partial accelerated benefit payment of less than $50,000. Provides that if a person elects to receive a lump sum accelerated pension benefit payment in lieu of a retirement annuity, his or her credits and creditable service under that Article shall be terminated upon receipt of the accelerated pension benefit payment; except that the terminated service credit shall be used for the purposes of determining participation, benefits, or premiums under the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Contains provisions concerning return to service, rulemaking, qualified plan status, and new benefit increases. Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971 to make related changes.

HB 4449 CORPORATIONS-DISSOLUTION
Amends the Business Corporation Act of 1983 and the General Not For
Profit Corporation Act of 1986. Requires the president, vice-president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, or other officer duly authorized by a corporation’s board of directors to execute and verify (rather than execute) certain documents required to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State. In regard to corporations organized under the General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986, provides that the Secretary of State may dissolve any corporation administratively if it has failed to elect and maintain at least 3 directors. Provides that failure to receive a notice of administrative dissolution shall not relieve a corporation of its obligation to pay the filing fee and any penalties due or invalidate the validity thereof. Amends the Limited Liability Company Act. Provides that the Secretary of State may dissolve any limited liability company administratively if it has failed to appoint and maintain a registered agent in Illinois (rather than if it has failed to appoint and maintain a registered agent in Illinois within 60 days after a registered agent's notice of resignation). Provides that the name of a series with limited liability must commence with the entire name of the limited liability company, as set forth in its articles of organization (rather than articles of incorporation) and be distinguishable from the names of the other series set forth in the articles of organization. Effective July 1, 2016.

**HB 4457 DHS-SNAP-CHILD OBESITY**
Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that in an effort to control the epidemic of childhood obesity, the Secretary of Human Services may seek a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture to allow the State to specify certain foods that may and may not be purchased in Illinois with the benefits funded by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Requires the Secretary to consult with members of the General Assembly in developing the waiver and to obtain approval from the General Assembly before implementing the waiver.

**HB 4473 CIV PRO-JURIES-UNDO PA 98-1132**
Amends the Counties Code and the Code of Civil Procedure to reverse the changes made by Public Act 98-1132 to provisions governing jury size and compensation. Effective immediately.

**HB 4480 CD CORR-ADDITIONAL FINE WAIVER**
Amends the Unified Code of Corrections. Provides that a gross weight truck load violation shall not result in an additional penalty of $15 for each $40 of fine imposed upon a plea of guilty, stipulation of facts or findings of guilty, resulting in a judgment of conviction, or order of supervision.
HB 4542 UTIL-REMOVE BAN-NUCL CONST
Amends the Public Utilities Act. Deletes language that provides that no construction shall commence on any new nuclear power plant to be located within the State, and no certificate of public convenience and necessity or other authorization shall be issued therefor by the Illinois Commerce Commission, until the Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency finds that the United States Government, through its authorized agency, has identified and approved a demonstrable technology or means for the disposal of high level nuclear waste, or until such construction has been specifically approved by a statute enacted by the General Assembly. Deletes the definition of "high level nuclear waste". Effective immediately.

HB 4545 MANUFACTURING JOB CREDIT
Creates the Manufacturing Job Destination Tax Credit Act and amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides for a credit of 25% of the Illinois labor expenditures made by a manufacturing company in order to foster job creation and retention in Illinois. Authorizes the Department of Revenue to award a tax credit to taxpayer-employers who apply for the credit and meet the certain Illinois labor expenditure requirements. Sets minimum requirements and procedures for certifying a taxpayer as an "accredited manufacturer" and for awarding the credit. Effective January 1, 2017.

HB 4546 ROTA-ENTERPRISE ZONES
Amends the Service Occupation Tax Act and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that, by March 1, 2017, and by March 1 of each year thereafter, each business located in an enterprise zone may apply with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a rebate in an amount not to exceed 1% of the amount the tax paid by the business under the Acts during the previous calendar year for the purchase of tangible personal property from a retailer or serviceman located in Illinois. Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall pay the rebates from moneys appropriated for that purpose. Effective immediately.

HB 4554 INS CD-PREVENTATIVE HIV DRUGS
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that individual or group policies of accident and health insurance amended, delivered, issued, or renewed in this State after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall provide coverage for all drugs that are approved for marketing by the
federal Food and Drug Administration and that are recommended by the federal Public Health Service or the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for pre-exposure prophylaxis and related pre-exposure prophylaxis services, including, but not limited to, HIV and sexually transmitted infection screening, treatment for sexually transmitted infections, medical monitoring, assorted labs, and counseling to reduce the likelihood of HIV infection among individuals who are not infected with HIV but who are at high risk of HIV infection. Provides that the provision does not require a policy of accident and health insurance to provide coverage for clinical trials relating to any drug for pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV. Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that upon federal approval, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall provide similar coverage. Effective January 1, 2017.

**HB 4572 INS CD-DISCRIMINATION-FELONY**
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that an insurer or producer authorized to issue policies of insurance in the State may not make a distinction or otherwise discriminate between persons, reject an applicant, cancel a policy, or demand or require a higher rate of premium for reasons based solely upon the basis that an applicant or insured has been convicted of a felony.

**HB 4579 CHGO BD EDUC-PENSION TAX LEVY**
Amends the School Code. Provides that a separate tax shall be levied by the Chicago Board of Education for the purpose of making an employer contribution to the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago, at the rate of 0.26%; requires the proceeds from this separate tax to be paid directly to the Pension Fund. Makes a corresponding reduction in the rate limitation for the tax for general educational purposes. Effective immediately.

**HB 4594 EMPLOYMENT-LAYOFF NOTICE**
Amends the Illinois Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act. Redefines "employer" to mean any business or enterprise that employs 65 or more (rather than 75 or more) employees, excluding part-time employees; or 65 or more (rather than 75 or more) employees who in the aggregate work at least 2,600 (rather than 4,000) hours per week (exclusive of hours of overtime). Provides that an employer may not order a mass layoff, relocation, or employment loss unless, 90 (rather than 60) days before the order takes effect, the employer gives written notice of the order to certain persons. Effective immediately.
HB 4600 CIV PRO-VENUE; TORT LIABILITY
Amends the Code of Civil Procedure. Deletes a provision authorizing an action to be commenced in any county when all defendants are nonresidents of this State. Limits venue for actions against corporations, partnerships, and insurance companies. Provides that in actions in which no party is a resident of this State and over which another forum has jurisdiction, the court shall, upon motion, dismiss the action subject to specified conditions. Provides that joint and several liability attaches when a defendant is found to be 50%, rather than 25%, at fault. Limits amounts recovered for medical care, treatment, or services and caretaking expenses to the amounts actually paid for those expenses regardless of the amounts initially billed.

HB 4602 ESTATE TAX-EXCLUSION
Amends the Illinois Estate and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Act. Provides that, for persons dying on or after January 1, 2017, the exclusion amount shall be the applicable exclusion amount calculated under Section 2010 of the Internal Revenue Code, including any deceased spousal unused exclusion amount (currently, the exclusion amount for Illinois estate tax purposes is $4,000,000). Effective immediately.

HB 4605 HUMAN RIGHTS-FAMILIAL STATUS
Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act. Provides that it is a civil rights violation for an employer, employment agency, or labor organization to discriminate against any person on the basis of the person's familial status. Provides that "familial status" has the same meaning as in the Article of the Act concerning real estate transactions. Makes a corresponding change in a Section containing a declaration of policy.

HB 4613 INC TX-CORPORATE RATE
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Reduces the rate of tax on corporations to 1% beginning on January 1, 2016 (currently, the rate is 5.25% until January 1, 2025 and 4.8% thereafter). Makes corresponding changes in provisions concerning transfers to the Local Government Distributive Fund. Effective immediately.

HB 4624 E-VERIFY REQUIRE EMPLOYER
Amends the Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act. Requires every employer, after hiring an employee, to verify the employment eligibility of
the employee through the E-Verify program. Provides that, in addition to any other requirement for an employer to receive a grant, loan, or performance-based incentive from any government entity, the employer shall register with and participate in the E-Verify program. Provides that before receiving the economic development incentive, the employer shall provide proof to the government entity that the employer is registered with and is participating in the E-Verify program. Provides that the State, its political subdivisions, and units of local government, including home rule units, shall require each employer to use an Employment Eligibility Verification System as a condition of receiving a government contract or a business license.

**HB 4631  CNTY CD-SCHOOL FACILITIES**
Amends the Counties Code. Increases the maximum rate for the county school facility occupation tax from 1% to 2%. Provides that, in addition to the uses currently provided for by law, proceeds from the tax may also be used for transportation costs and technology investments. Effective July 1, 2016.

**HB 4636  GROWING ECONOMY TAX CREDIT**
Amends the Economic Development for a Growing Economy Tax Credit Act. Removes provisions concerning conditions that the Business Investment Committee shall determine exist in order for the Committee to make its recommendation that an Applicant's application for Credit should or should not be accepted. Effective immediately.

**HB 4638  WORKER COMP-DETERMINATION-TIME**
Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that, within 120 days after a determination by an arbitrator that an employee is no longer eligible for benefits for temporary total incapacity, the arbitrator shall issue a determination on eligibility for permanent disability benefits unless the arbitrator extends the time for determination for good cause shown.

**HB 4644  PROCUREMENT CODE-VARIOUS**
Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that the chief procurement officer and designated procurement officers owe a fiduciary duty to the State. Exempts certain procurements from the Code. Re-enacts and makes changes to a provision concerning the applicability of the Code to public institutions of higher education. Provides that the chief procurement officer shall be the Director of Central Management Services or his or her designee. Provides for designated procurement officers of
certain State functions. Includes designated procurement officers in certain responsibilities under the Procurement Code. Transfers certain responsibilities from the Procurement Policy Board to the Department. Provides for competitive procurements from a pre-qualified pool. Requires the Auditor General to perform, no less frequently than biennially, separate performance audits of procurements under the authority of the chief procurement officer and each designated procurement officer. Allows the Auditor General to review a specific procurement or category of procurements at any time. Repeals certain provisions concerning proposed contracts and the Board, independent State purchasing officers, procurement compliance monitors, independent chief procurement officers, methods of source selection, and procurement communications reporting. Makes other changes. Amends the State Employee Indemnification Act; Civil Administrative Code, Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Qualifications Based Selection Act; Illinois State Auditing Act; Criminal Code of 2012; and the Illinois Human Rights Act to make related changes. Effective January 1, 2017.

**HB 4663 ARBITRATION-VEssel EMPLOYEE**
Amends the Uniform Arbitration Act. Provides that no agreement to arbitrate any liability arising out of the employment of a seaman, master, or crew member of any vessel is binding or enforceable. Effective immediately.

**HB 4962 ESTATE TAX-REPEAL**
Amends the Illinois Estate and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Act. Provides that no tax shall be imposed under the Act for persons dying on or after the effective date or for transfers made on or after the effective date.

**HB 4993 CRIM CD-POSS EXPLOSIVES**
Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Creates the offense of possession of explosive substances. Provides that a person commits the offense when he or she knowingly possesses triacetone triperoxide (TATP) or hexamethylene triperoxide diamine (HMTD). Provides that a violation is a Class 4 felony. Provides exemptions.

**HB 4997 TAX TRIBUNAL-JURISDICTION**
Amends the Illinois Independent Tax Tribunal Act of 2012. Adds the taxes imposed under the following Acts to the list of taxes over which Tribunal has jurisdiction: the Illinois Hydraulic Fracturing Tax Act; the Cannabis and

**HB 4999  WORK PRIVACY SOCIAL MEDIA**
Amends the Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act. Makes it unlawful for an employer or prospective employer to request or require an employee or applicant to authenticate or access a personal online account in the presence of the employer, to request or require that an employee or applicant invite the employer to join a group affiliated with any personal online account of the employee or applicant, or join an online account established by the employer. Prohibits retaliation against an employee or applicant. Defines terms.

**HB 5002  INSURANCE-COHLEAR IMPLANT**
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code and the Health Maintenance Organization Act. Provides that a group or individual policy of accident and health insurance or managed care plan amended, delivered, issued, or renewed after the effective date of the amendatory Act must provide coverage for hearing instruments and related services for individuals who have received a cochlear implant as a result of complete deafness at birth. Effective immediately.

**HB 5521  CRIM CD-THEFT-RECYC METAL**
Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Creates the offense of theft of recyclable metal. Provides that a person commits theft of recyclable metal when, without the consent of the owner, he or she knowingly obtains or exerts control over property consisting of any recyclable metal as defined in the Recyclable Metal Purchase Registration Law that is manufactured, sold, or used for certain specified purposes. Provides that a person also commits theft of recyclable metal when he or she, in committing theft of recyclable metal, knowingly damages or destroys any property of another by removing or damaging recyclable metal components of that property. Provides differing criminal penalties depending on the value or type of the recyclable metal and where it was acquired.

**HB 5526  MEAT LABELING ACT**
Creates the Meat Labeling Act. Provides that any person selling meat in
this State must package the meat with a label indicating the country in which the meat was produced.

HB 5530  PROCUREMENT CD-FOOD DONATIONS
Amends the Procurement Code. Provides that after the effective date of the amendatory Act, a public entity shall not enter into a contract to purchase food with a bidder or offeror if the bidder's or offeror's contract terms prohibit the public entity from donating food to food banks, including, but not limited to, homeless shelters, food pantries, and soup kitchens. Amends the School Code to make a similar change. Effective immediately.

HB 5533  NEGLIGENT HIRING-LIMITATIONS
Creates the Limitations on Actions for Negligent Hiring Act. Provides that a cause of action may not be brought against a party solely for hiring an employee or independent contractor who has been convicted of a nonviolent, non-sexual offense. Provides that in a negligent hiring action for the acts of an employee or independent contractor, the fact that the employee or independent contractor was convicted of a nonviolent, non-sexual offense before the beginning of the employee's or independent contractor's employment or contractual obligation may not be introduced into evidence. Provides that the new provisions do not preclude any existing cause of action for failure of an employer or other person to provide adequate supervision of an employee or independent contractor, except that the fact that the employee or independent contractor has been convicted of a nonviolent, non-sexual criminal offense may be introduced into evidence in the suit only if: (1) the employer knew of the conviction or was grossly negligent in not knowing of the conviction; and (2) the conviction was directly related to the nature of the employee's or independent contractor's work and the conduct that gave rise to the alleged injury that is the basis of the suit. Provides exceptions in certain situations.

HB 5536  INC TX-PROFIT SHARING
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that each employer that enters into a profit-sharing agreement with its employees is entitled to a credit in an amount equal to 25% of the distributions made to the employee during the taxable year under the terms of the agreement. Provides that the credit may be carried forward. Provides that the credit is exempt from the Act's automatic sunset provision.

HB 5539  POWER AGENCY-ANNUAL REPORTS
Amends the Illinois Power Agency Act. Makes establishment of the Resource Development Bureau discretionary, and makes related changes. Moves language providing that each year the Illinois Power Agency shall prepare a public report for the General Assembly and the Illinois Commerce Commission that shall include certain criteria associated with the procurement of renewable energy resources from under a provision concerning the renewable portfolio standard to a provision concerning Agency annual reports within the Act. In a provision concerning Agency annual reports: provides that the Agency shall report annually each February 15 (currently December 15) on the operations and transactions of the Agency; removes a provision regarding reporting the quantity, price, and rate of all renewable resources purchased under the electricity procurement plans for electric utilities; and provides that average quantity (rather than total quantity) be used for certain reporting criteria. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

HB 5567  HIGHER ED-WORKFORCE NEEDS
Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that the Board's master plan shall include the area of middle-skill workforce needs. Provides that the master plan's accessibility measures shall include access to technical and community colleges, apprenticeship programs, and university course offerings.

HB 5570  SCH CD-HIGH-SKILLED MANUFACTUR
Amends the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education to establish guidelines for the creation of a high-skilled manufacturing curriculum to be used in vocational education programs.

HB 5573  HOME GROWN BUSINESS OPP ACT
Creates the Illinois Home Grown Business Opportunity Act. Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall develop an economic plan to assist businesses and municipalities located geographically close to bordering states. Provides that the plan shall take into account relevant economic data, including input from local economic development officials, and identify and develop specific strategies for utilizing the assets of those regions of the State located geographically close to bordering states, so that those regions may compete economically with bordering states. Requires the plan to include certain economic assessments, recommendations, and resources relevant to assisting businesses and municipalities located near bordering states. Requires that the information and resources collected and established under the plan
shall be available to the public and posted on the Department's Internet website. Defines terms.

**HB 5576  INS CD-CONTRACEPTIVE COVERAGE**
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Makes changes to a Section concerning coverage for contraceptives. Provides that that an individual or group health policy shall provide coverage for all contraceptive drugs, devices, and other products approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, including over-the-counter contraceptive drugs, devices, and products; voluntarily sterilization procedures; contraceptive services, patient education, and counseling on contraception; and follow-up services related to their use. Provides that if the United States Food and Drug Administration has approved one or more therapeutic equivalent versions of a contraceptive drug, device, or product, a policy is not required to include all therapeutic equivalent versions in its formulary, so long as at least one is included and covered without cost-sharing; if an individual's attending provider recommends a particular service or item approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration based on a determination of medical necessity with respect to that individual, the plan or issuer must cover that service or item without cost sharing and the plan or issuer must defer to the determination of the attending provider; if a drug, device or product is not covered, plans and issuers must have an easily accessible, transparent, and sufficiently expedient process that is not unduly burdensome on the individual, provider or person acting as a patient's authorized representative to ensure coverage without cost sharing; and that coverage must provide for the dispensing of 12 months' worth of contraception at one time. Defines "contraceptive services", "medical necessity", and "therapeutic equivalent version". Removes language prohibiting the provisions from being construed to require an insurance company cover services related to permanent sterilization requiring a surgical procedure.

**HB 5578  EPA-COAL TAR BAN**
Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that, on and after January 1, 2017, no person may knowingly cause or allow sale at wholesale or retail of a coal tar sealant product. Provides that, on and after July 1, 2018, no person may knowingly cause or allow application of a coal tar sealant product on any surface, except for highway structures, in the State of Illinois including but not limited to a driveway, parking area, playground, sidewalk, bike trail or roadway. Provides that a city or county may adopt ordinances providing for enforcement of the requirements of this provision. Provides that any violation of this provision shall be
enforceable by administrative citation. Provides that penalties for violation may not exceed $1,000 for the first offense and $5,000 for the second offense. Effective immediately.

**HB 5591  INS CD-PHARM BENEFITS MANAGER**

Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides a process to register with the Department of Insurance as a pharmacy benefits manager and what information must be included. Provides that the Director of Insurance may revoke, suspend, deny, or restrict a certificate of registration for violation of the Code or on other grounds as determined necessary or appropriate by the Director. Provides that the Department shall regulate the drug pricing process used by pharmacy benefits managers, and specifies the appeals process for such pricing. Provides that pharmacy benefits managers shall not mandate that a covered individual use a specific pharmacy or provide incentives to encourage the use of a specific pharmacy under specified circumstances. Provides criteria for entities to use in performing on-site audits of pharmacy records. Provides that health plans must permit their enrollees to receive benefits, which may include a 90-day supply of covered prescription drugs, at any of its network community pharmacies. Contains provisions concerning medication synchronization. Provides that dispensing fees shall be determined exclusively on the total number of prescriptions dispensed. Regulates how pharmacy benefits managers may utilize personally identifiable data. Provides that the Department can regulate other specified activities of pharmacy benefits managers. Makes other changes. Effective January 1, 2017.

**HB 5596  CIV PRO-CONFIDENTIALITY ORDERS**

Amends the Civil Practice Law of the Code of Civil Procedure. Defines "product liability action" and "confidentiality order". Provides that for good cause shown, a party required to respond to discovery in a product liability action may obtain a confidentiality order. Provides that if the court finds that such a confidentiality order is appropriate, the order shall be narrowly drafted and may permit the subsequent designation of specific confidential materials. Provides that, if a party objects to a designation that limits disclosure or dissemination of materials under a confidentiality order, the party seeking to limit disclosure or dissemination pursuant to a claim of confidentiality must demonstrate, by a preponderance of the evidence, a specific, serious, and substantial interest in confidentiality that outweighs the adverse effect of confidentiality upon the general public health or safety. Provides for appeals of orders denying confidentiality. Provides that the new provisions do not: preclude the use of confidentiality orders to protect trade secrets; apply to laws or regulations safeguarding the
confidentiality of medical records; or apply to healthcare services. Contains provisions concerning intervention; prohibited agreements; applicability; and other matters.

**HB 5604 INSURANCE-PANDAS/PANS**
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code, the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971, the Counties Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, the School Code, the Health Maintenance Organization Act, the Limited Health Service Organization Act, and the Voluntary Health Services Plans Act. Provides that a group or individual policy of accident and health insurance or managed care plan amended, delivered, issued, or renewed after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall provide coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, including, but not limited to, the use of intravenous immunoglobulin therapy. Effective immediately.

**HB 5621 INS CD-PROVIDER DIRECTORY**
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that an insurer may not remove a provider from their provider directory until the last day of the end date of the original contract between the insurer and the provider.

**HB 5628 INS CD-MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS**
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that a group or individual policy of accident and health insurance must provide coverage for medically necessary preventative physical therapy for insureds diagnosed with multiple sclerosis without any treatment limitation or calendar year maximum. Removes requirements that coverage under this provision be subject to the same waiting period, cost sharing limitation, treatment limitation, calendar year maximum, or other limitation as provided for other physical or rehabilitative therapy benefits.

**HB 5629 INS CD-WORKERS' COMP-RATES**
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that with respect to employers correctly classified within the construction industry, the amount charged to the insured for workers' compensation and employers' liability insurance shall be based upon hours worked by employees in specific job categories or classifications, not the wages or salaries paid to the employees. Makes technical and grammatical changes.
HB 5634 USE/OCC TX-MPC
Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act to extend the Manufacturing Machinery and Equipment Exemption to production related tangible personal property. Provides that the term "production related tangible personal property" includes certain supplies and consumables used in a manufacturing facility. Effective immediately.

HB 5653 WORKERS COMP-BENEFITS-RECOVER
Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that the payment of temporary benefits is without prejudice and is not an admission of liability. Provides that, upon a determination that a payor is not responsible for the payments of benefits, the payments made may be recovered from the recipient of the benefits.

HB 5659 INC TX-R AND D CREDIT
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that the research and development credit applies on a permanent basis. Provides that the credit may be carried forward for a period of 20 years (instead of 5 years). Increases the amount of the research and development credit by providing that the increase in qualifying expenditures shall be an increase over 50% (instead of 100%) of the average of the qualifying expenditures for each year in the base period. Effective immediately.

HB 5688 VEH CD-LENGTH AND SIZE REQ
Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the maximum length of a truck tractor in combination with a semitrailer may not exceed 65 feet (rather than 55 feet) overall dimension on all non-State highways. Removes the requirement that truck tractor-semitrailer combinations must have no more than a maximum 55 feet overall wheel base on Class III roadways and other non-designated State highways. Provides that the distance between the kingpin and the axle of a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, in combination with a truck tractor, may not exceed 42 feet 6 inches, unless the trailer or semitrailer is used for the transport of livestock.

HB 5700 MANUFACTURING-ENERGY-EXEMPTION -IMA Initiative
Amends the Gas Use Tax Law. Exempts certain business enterprises from taxation under the Act. Amends the Gas Revenue Tax Act. Provides that the definition of "gross receipts" does not include consideration received from certain business enterprises. Amends the Electricity Excise Tax Law. Provides that the tax under the Act is not imposed with respect to any use
by the purchaser in the process of manufacturing or assembling tangible personal property for wholesale or for retail sale or lease. Effective immediately.

**HB 5702 USE/OCC TX-OIL EXPLORATION**
Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Reinstates an exemption for oil field exploration, drilling, and production equipment for the period beginning on July 1, 2016 and ending on June 30, 2021. Effective immediately.

**HB 5716 USE/OCC TX-GRAPHIC ARTS**
Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that the exemption for graphic arts machinery and equipment applies for all periods on and after September 1, 2004. Provides that the exemption includes production related tangible personal property beginning on July 1, 2014. Provides that, beginning on July 1, 2014, the manufacturing and assembly exemption also includes production related tangible personal property. Makes changes to the definition of "production related tangible personal property". Provides that the graphic arts exemption and the manufacturing and assembly exemption are each exempt from the Acts' automatic sunset provisions. Effective immediately.

**HB 5717 REVENUE-VARIOUS IMA Initiative**
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Reinstates the research and development credit for tax years ending on or after January 1, 2016, and provides that the credit applies on a permanent basis. Provides that the credit may be carried forward for a period of 20 years (instead of 5 years). Creates an addition modification in an amount equal to the deduction for qualified domestic production activities allowed under Section 199 of the Internal Revenue Code for the taxable year. Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that the manufacturing and assembling machinery and equipment exemption includes graphic arts machinery and equipment and production related tangible personal property. Provides that the exemption for coal and aggregate exploitation, mining, off-highway hauling, processing, maintenance, and reclamation equipment applies on a permanent basis. Effective immediately.

**HB 5718 EPA-OIL SPILLS**
Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that no person shall discharge oil or hazardous substances from a pipeline into, upon, or so as to threaten waters of the State. Provides that any person who is the owner or operator of any facility, vessel, or pipeline from which oil or a hazardous substance is discharged in violation a specified provision of the Act, shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount up to $25,000 per day of violation or an amount up to $1,000 per barrel (42 gallons) of oil or unit of reportable quantity of hazardous substances discharged. Effective immediately.

**HB 5719   INS CD-PRICE OPTIMIZATION**
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that no insurance company authorized to do business in the State shall utilize price optimization to set policy rates. Effective immediately.

**HB 5722   DAY LABOR-RECORDS-VIOLATIONS**
Amends the Day and Temporary Labor Services Act. Defines "day or temporary labor applicant". Provides that a day and temporary labor service agency shall keep a record of the race, ethnicity, and gender of each day or temporary laborer or day or temporary labor applicant, as provided by the person who requests employment with or is contracted by the day and temporary labor service agency (instead of "the race and gender of each day or temporary laborer sent by the day and temporary labor service agency"). Provides that records shall be open to inspection by the Department of Human Rights. Provides that in the case of a health and safety or notice violation, a private right of action exists for compensatory damages and an amount between $50 and $500 for each violation (instead of "up to $500 for the violation"). Makes corresponding changes.

**HB 5726   FOOD-DRUG-ENERGY DRINKS**
Amends the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Sets forth the General Assembly's findings concerning the sale of energy drinks to minors. Defines "energy drink" as a beverage that contains the following ingredients or any combination of the following ingredients: (1) taurine, naturally occurring or synthesized; (2) guarana, including any extract or product of the plant or the seed of the plant; (3) glucuronolactone; and (4) any extract, herb, or tuber of any species of ginseng. Provides that it is unlawful in this State for any person to sell, offer for sale, or deliver an energy drink to a person under 18 years of age. Provides that the Director of Public Health is authorized to file a complaint and apply to the circuit court for, and such court may upon hearing and for cause shown grant, a
temporary restraining order or preliminary or permanent injunction
restraining any person from violating the provision concerning the Sale of
energy drinks to minors.

HB 5729  POSTSECOND/WORKFORCE READINESS
Creates the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. Sets forth
provisions concerning postsecondary career expectations; a competency-
based, high school graduation requirements pilot program; transitional
mathematics courses; reading and communication transitional
competencies; College and Career Pathway Endorsements and State
Distinction programs; and administrative rules. Effective immediately.

HB 5733  ESTATE TAX-EXCLUSION AMOUNT  -IMA Initiative
Provides that, for persons dying on or after January 1, 2017, the exclusion
amount shall be the applicable exclusion amount under the Internal
Revenue Code. Effective immediately.

HB 5735  SOLID WASTE SITE OPERATOR CERT
Repeals the Solid Waste Site Operator Certification Law. Amends the
Environmental Protection Act. Removes references to the Solid Waste Site
Operator Certification Law. Provides that until October 1, 2018, no person
shall cause or allow the operation of a sanitary landfill that is required to be
permitted under the Act unless the landfill has on its operational staff either
(1) an individual who holds a manager of landfill operations certificate from
the Solid Waste Association of North America or a similar certificate
accepted under another state’s landfill operator certification program; or (2)
an individual who, on the day before the effective date of this amendatory
Act of the 99th General Assembly, held a Class “A” Solid Waste Site
Operator Certificate issued by the Environmental Protection Agency under
the Solid Waste Operator Certification Law and, if the landfill accepts
special waste, a special waste endorsement issued by the Agency under
the Solid Waste Operator Certification Law. Provides that beginning
October 1, 2018, no person shall cause or allow the operation of a sanitary
landfill required to be permitted under the Act unless the landfill has on its
operational staff an individual who holds a manager of landfill operations
certificate from the Solid Waste Association of North America or a similar
certificate accepted under another state’s landfill operator certification
program. Effective immediately.

HB 5738  BONE MARROW ORGAN LEAVE PROTEC
Creates the Bone Marrow and Organ Donor Leave Protection Act. Provides that employees of private employers having 51 or more employees, units of local government, boards of election commissioners, school districts, any subdivisions thereof must permit employees to take leave for purposes of donating organs or bone marrow. Prohibits retaliation for taking leave. Authorizes 30 days of leave for organ donation and 5 days leave for bone marrow donation. Defines terms. Amends the Organ Donor Leave Act to prohibit retaliation for taking leave.

HB 5742  CNTY CD-JUROR FEES
Amends the Counties Code. From June 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016, restores juror fee provisions to the form in which they existed before Public Act 98-1132 became law. On and after December 1, 2016, modifies the fee each county shall provide (currently, pay) to grand and petit jurors to $20 for the first and second days (currently, $25) and $32 for each day thereafter (currently, $50). Provides that these fees may include an offset for travel, meal and other expenses otherwise incurred by jurors associated with jury service, except for day care, as determined by the county board. Provides that the county board may approve higher compensation for jurors. Further provides that a county board may enact an ordinance or resolution to collect a juror services fee not to exceed $15 which may be paid in civil actions. Effective June 1, 2016, except some provisions are effective December 1, 2016.

HB 5750  HEALTH INSURANCE ASSESSMENT
Creates the Health Insurance Claims Assessment Act. Imposes an assessment of 1% on claims paid by a health insurance carrier or third-party administrator. Provides that the moneys received and collected under the Act shall be deposited into the Healthcare Provider Relief Fund and used solely for the purpose of funding Medicaid services provided under the medical assistance programs administered by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

HB 5751  WORKER COMP-FILL PRESCRIPTIONS
Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that no medical provider shall be reimbursed for a supply of prescriptions filled outside of a licensed pharmacy except when there exists no licensed pharmacy within 5 miles of the prescribing physician's practice. Provides that, if there exists no licensed pharmacy within 5 miles of the prescribing physician's practice, no medical provider shall be reimbursed for a prescription, the supply of which lasts for longer than 72 hours from the date of injury or 24 hours
from the date of first referral to the medical service provider, whichever is greater, filled and dispensed outside of a licensed pharmacy. Provides that the limitations on filling and dispensing prescriptions do not apply if there exists a pre-arranged agreement between the medical provider and a preferred provider program regarding the filling of prescriptions outside a licensed pharmacy.

**HB 5754 WORKERS' COMP-BENEFIT RATES**
Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that the increased percentage rate for each spouse and child for temporary total incapacity benefits, serious and permanent disfigurement benefits, and all cases other than temporary total disability benefits shall not exceed 100% of the total minimum wage calculation, nor 83 1/3% of the employee's average weekly wage, whichever is less (rather than shall not exceed 100% of the total minimum wage calculation, nor the employee's average weekly wage, whichever is less). Establishes a maximum weekly compensation rate in death cases, permanent total disability cases, temporary total disability cases, and for cases involving amputation of a member or enucleation of an eye beginning July 1, 2016 and thereafter. Changes the total compensation amount payable to an employee for an accidental injury not resulting in death. Makes changes to the benefit periods for accidental injuries resulting in the loss of or the permanent and complete loss of use of the thumb, fingers, or toes; the amputation of an arm, foot, or leg; the enucleation of an eye; and other injuries.

**HB 5774 UTILITIES-WATER PRICING REPORT**
Amends the Public Utilities Act. Provides that, on April 1 of each year beginning the year after the effective date of the amendatory Act, privately held public water utilities shall provide annual reports to the Illinois Commerce Commission with specified information for each district served by the utility. Provides that privately held public water utilities shall provide to the local emergency services disaster agency any reports discussing the condition of the system in each district for the previous calendar year with information relevant to public safety. Provides that the utilities shall certify the accuracy of the information provided in the reports. Effective immediately.

**HB 5776 WAGE ASSIGNMENT-REVOCATION**
Amends the Illinois Wage Assignment Act. Provides that an employee may revoke a wage assignment at any time by submitting written notice that he or she is revoking the wage assignment to the creditor. Makes
corresponding changes.

**HB 5781 DISPOSAL OF MEDS OF DECEASED**
Amends the State Police Act, the Illinois Police Training Act, and the Counties Code. Provides that police officers, coroners, and medical examiners may dispose of unused medications found at the scene of a death after consulting with any law enforcement agency investigating the death. Provides the unused medications shall not be disposed into any public wastewater collection system. Limits liability for the disposal, or failure to dispose of, unused medications. Amends the Medical Practice Act of 1987 and the Nurse Practice Act making similar changes for physicians and nurses. Amends the Safe Pharmaceutical Disposal Act modifying a definition to clarify excess medication includes unused medication as the result of the death of a person.

**HB 5802 INC TX-MANUFACTURING**
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a credit for qualifying taxpayers who own and operate a business in an area with low long-term manufacturing job projections in the amount of $3,500 for each employee hired by the taxpayer on or after January 1, 2017 to work at job location in an area with low long-term manufacturing job projections and retained by the taxpayer at that job location for 2 years. Provides that the credit is exempt from the Act's automatic sunset provisions. Effective immediately.

**HB 5803 E-VERIFY REQUIRE EMPLOYER**
Amends the Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act. Requires every employer, after hiring an employee, to verify the employment eligibility of the employee through the E-Verify program. Provides that, in addition to any other requirement for an employer to receive a grant, loan, or performance-based incentive from any government entity, the employer shall register with and participate in the E-Verify program. Provides that before receiving the economic development incentive, the employer shall provide proof to the government entity that the employer is registered with and is participating in the E-Verify program. Provides that the State, its political subdivisions, and units of local government, including home rule units, shall require each employer to use an Employment Eligibility Verification System as a condition of receiving a government contract or a business license. Effective immediately.

**HB 5804 PLANT ADVERTISING-BEES**
Creates the Plant Advertising Act. Provides that nurseries in this State
shall not advertise plants as "bee-friendly" if a systemic insecticide has been used on the plants. Provides that "nursery" has the meaning ascribed to that term in the Insect Pest and Plant Disease Act.

**HB 5900  SAVING IL POLLINATORS ACT**
Creates the Saving Illinois' Pollinators Act. Provides that beginning 9 months after the effective date of the Act, it shall be unlawful to apply any neonicotinoid insecticides on any public lands owned or maintained by Illinois. Provides that beginning 9 months after the effective date of the Act, it shall be unlawful to apply neonicotinoid insecticides in any other outdoor residential settings, including landscaping, ornamental, or other outdoor applications in Illinois. Establishes exemptions to the prohibitions. Provides that the Department of Agriculture shall, within 6 months after the effective date of the Act, adopt rules further defining and implementing specified provisions of the Act. Provides that the Department shall, within one year after the effective date of this Act, issue a draft report evaluating whether clear, peer-reviewed, published scientific evidence exists that outdoor applications of these insecticides are safe for honey bees, other pollinators, other beneficial insects, the broader environment, and human health. Effective immediately.

**HB 5920  ELECTRONICS RECYCLING-TABLET**
Amends the Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act. In a definition of "tablet computer", provides that human interface with a tablet computer is achieved through a touch-screen and video display screen greater than 4 (instead of 6) inches in size. Defines "cell phone" and "smart phone".

**HB 5925  INS CD-EMPLOYERS INS CO**
Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. In the provision concerning the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission Operations Fund surcharge, provides that after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the Director of Insurance shall make one or more loans to the Illinois Employers Mutual Insurance Company (the Company) in an amount not to exceed an aggregate amount of $10,000,000 from the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission Operations Fund for the start-up funding and initial capitalization of the Company. Creates the Illinois Employers Mutual Insurance Company Article in the Code and establishes the Company as a nonprofit, independent public corporation. Provides that the Company (1) shall be operated as a domestic mutual insurance company, subject to all applicable provisions of the Code, (2) shall issue insurance for workers' compensation and occupational disease and shall not provide any other
type of insurance, (3) shall not be considered a State agency or instrumentality of the State for any purpose, and (4) shall not receive any State appropriations or funds, except for an initial loan or loans. Sets forth provisions concerning a board of directors, ratemaking, the Illinois Insurance Guaranty Fund, a chief executive officer, liability, a workplace safety plan, investments, dividends, the sale of policies, auditing requirements, and an annual report. Effective immediately.

HB 5929  INS-COVERAGE EXTENSION-ABSENCE
Amends the Legal Reserve Life Insurance Article of the Illinois Insurance Code. Removes a provision concerning continuation of coverage during the insured's total disability. Adds provisions requiring extension of coverage for an individual under a group policy during an authorized absence. Defines "authorized absence" to mean an absence that is administratively approved and does not result in a charge to leave of any kind or in loss of basic salary. Sets forth provisions concerning the conditions of the extension of coverage. Provides that the prior insurer shall be liable only to the extent of its extensions of coverage. Includes provisions related to the liability of the succeeding insurer, including regular coverage, temporary coverage, deductible and waiting periods, and determinations of the prior insurer's coverage. Effective immediately.

HB 5946  ENVIRONMENT JUSTICE COMMISSION
Amends the Environmental Justice Act. Provides that the Commission on Environmental Justice shall review any state implementation plan to comply with the United States Environmental Protection Agency Clean Power Plan and provide comments to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency before submittal to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for approval and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency shall respond to the comments and make modifications to the plan in response. Makes changes to the membership of the Commission. Effective immediately.

HB 6022  PROP TX-PETROLEUM
Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that property that is (i) located within a county of less than 1,000,000 inhabitants and (ii) used for a petroleum refinery may be the subject of a real property tax assessment settlement agreement if litigation is or was pending as to its assessed valuation as of January 1, 2003 or thereafter. Effective immediately.

HB 6025  BIOMETRIC DATA-COMMERCIAL USE
Amends the Biometric Information Privacy Act. Provides that except to the extent necessary for an employer to conduct background checks or implement employee security protocols, a private entity may not require a person or customer to provide his or her biometric identifier or biometric information as a condition for the provision of goods or services. Provides that the new provisions do not apply to: (i) companies that provide medical services; (ii) law enforcement agencies; or (iii) governmental entities.

**HB 6026  E-CIGARETTE MARKETING LIMITS**
Amends the Prevention of Tobacco Use by Minors and Sale and Distribution of Tobacco Products Act. Defines "electronic cigarette" and "electronic cigarette liquids". Contains provisions limiting the advertising and marketing of electronic cigarettes and electronic cigarette liquids targeted at persons under the age of 18 by manufacturers and retailers of such products. Contains provisions discontinuing and prohibiting the outdoor advertising and transit advertising of electronic cigarettes and electronic cigarette liquids by manufacturers and retailers of such products.

**HB 6029  FOOD SCRAP COMPOSTING PROGRAM**
Amends the Solid Waste Planning and Recycling Act. Provides that specified county waste management plans shall include a food scrap composting program. Provides that the program shall provide for separate collection and composting of leaves and food scrap, shall include a report to the Environmental Protection Agency about the capacity and availability of food scrap composting infrastructure in or near the county, and shall include a plan for access to food scrap composting by all county residents within 5 years.

**HB 6032  EPA-WASTE-STEEL SLAG**
Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that "waste" does not include steel slag products. Defines "steel slag products". Effective immediately.

**HB 6052  ESTATE TAX-EXCLUSION AMOUNT**
Amends the Illinois Estate and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Act. Provides that, for persons dying on or after January 1, 2017, the exclusion amount shall be the applicable exclusion amount under the Internal Revenue Code. Effective immediately.

**HB 6054  UTILITIES-WATER PRICING REPORT**
Amends the Public Utilities Act. Provides that, on April 1 of each year
beginning the year after the effective date of the amendatory Act, privately held public water utilities shall provide annual reports to the Illinois Commerce Commission with specified information for each municipality served by the utility. Provides that the utility shall certify the accuracy of the information provided in the reports. Effective immediately.

HB 6081  UNEMP INS SERVICES COVERED
Amends the Unemployment Insurance Act. Provides that services performed for an employing unit shall be deemed to be employment unless proved by judicial precedent or a formal ruling from the Internal Revenue Service that the services do not constitute employment or unless proved in proceeding that the services do not constitute employment under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act. Provides that the changes made by this amendatory Act become operative on the January 1 immediately after certain bond obligations have been reduced to zero. Effective immediately.

HB 6087  UNEMP INS-INFO DISCLOSURE
Amends provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act prohibiting the disclosure of information obtained from an individual or employing unit during the administration of the Act. In language providing that the prohibition does not apply to communication with an individual or entity through unencrypted e-mail or unencrypted electronic means as long as the communication does not contain the individual's or entity's name in combination with specified numbers or codes, deletes "account number" from the numbers and codes. Effective immediately.

HB 6119  ALT FUELS FUND-DC CHRG REBATE
Amends the Alternate Fuels Act. Provides that certain provisions concerning alternate fuel rebates are inoperative after the effective date of this amendatory Act. Provides that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency may issue rebates to entities for the installation of DC fast charging stations made available to the public. Defines "DC fast charging stations". Provides that in order to be eligible an entity shall make charging stations available to the public. Contains provisions concerning rebate amounts. Effective immediately.

HB 6161  ENTERPRISE ZONES-RAILWAYS -IMA Initiative
Amends the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act. Provides that businesses located in an enterprise zone shall be granted access to build facilities to cross a
railroad right-of-way owned by a land management company for the purpose of conveyance of grain, aggregate, construction materials, and other commodities over, under, or across that right-of-way, subject to payment of certain fees and costs. Provides that the crossing fee shall be in lieu of any license, permit, application, or any other fee or charges to reimburse the land management company for the direct expense incurred by the land management company as a result of the crossing. Effective immediately.

**HB 6162 EMPLOYEE SICK LEAVE ACT**

Creates the Employee Sick Leave Act. Provides that employees may use personal sick leave benefits provided by the employer for absences due to an illness, injury, or medical appointment of the employee's child, spouse, sibling, parent, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandchild, grandparent, or stepparent, for reasonable periods of time as the employee's attendance may be necessary, on the same terms upon which the employee is able to use sick leave benefits for the employee's own illness or injury. Provides that the Department of Labor shall issue rules to implement the Act. Effective January 1, 2017.

**HB 6165 GAS PIPELINE SAFETY ACT-INS**

Amends the Illinois Gas Pipeline Safety Act. Provides that each person who engages in the transportation of gas or who owns or operates pipeline facilities shall procure and maintain liability insurance from an independent third-party insurance agent with $100,000,000 limits in general liability insurance and $25,000,000 in environmental impairment liability insurance.

**HB 6203 UNEMPLOY INS-BENEFIT CHARGES**

Amends provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act concerning an employer's benefit charges. Provides that an employer is not regarded as having caused a claimant to become unemployed by reduction of work offered if: the claimant performed services for the employer in each of the 6 weeks immediately preceding the claimant's current benefit year and those services did not result in the claimant ceasing to be an unemployed individual, and the claimant performed services for the employer in each week of the claimant's current benefit year and those services did not result in the claimant ceasing to be an unemployed individual for more than 2 weeks during the claimant's current benefit year. Effective immediately.

**HB 6208 ROTA-PLANTS AND SEEDS**

Amends the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that, when a person
who is engaged in the business of selling seeds or plants sells those seeds or plants to a purchaser who uses the seeds or starter plants in raising lawn grass, vegetables, fruits, nuts, crops, or other plants which they will use or consume and not resell, those retailers are engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property to purchasers for use or consumption and are required to remit the tax imposed under the Act on those gross receipts. Provides that a person who sells seeds or plants to a purchaser who uses those seeds or plants in raising vegetables, fruits, nuts, crops, or other plants for sale is selling those seeds or plants to purchasers for purposes of resale and is not required to remit the tax imposed under the Act on those gross receipts.

**HB 6224  FRACKING-CONSTRUCTION**
Amends the Illinois Hydraulic Fracturing Tax Act. Changes the definition of "Illinois construction worker" to mean a construction worker domiciled in Illinois for 60 months (instead of 24 months) prior to the date of the issuance of a high volume horizontal hydraulic fracturing permit for the well site on which the construction is performed. Effective immediately.

**HB 6225  EMPLOYEE LEASING WORKERS COMP**
Amends the Employee Leasing Company Act. Provides that a lessor that does not provide workers' compensation insurance coverage for leased employees of a lessee under an employee leasing arrangement shall not be subject to certain provisions concerning record keeping and reporting requirements. Provides that either a lessor or lessee may provide workers' compensation insurance coverage for leased employees under an employee leasing arrangement. Provides that when the lessee provides workers' compensation coverage for leased employees under an employee leasing arrangement, the lessor shall notify the Department of Insurance to ensure proper and timely notification of coverage to the Department.

**HB 6232  REVENUE-INC TX-REDUCE LLC FEE**
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. In provisions providing that a unitary business group does not include members whose business activity outside the United States is 80% or more of that member's total business activity, provides that the phrase "United States" means only the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and any area over which the United States has asserted jurisdiction or claimed exclusive rights with respect to the exploration for or exploitation of natural resources, but does not include any territory or possession of the United States (currently, for those purposes, "United States" means only the 50 states and the District of
Columbia, but does not include any territory or possession of the United States or any area over which the United States has asserted jurisdiction or claimed exclusive rights with respect to the exploration for or exploitation of natural resources. Amends the Limited Liability Company Act. Reduces the fees for filing articles of organization, applications for admission, and restated articles of organization to $125 for a series LLC (currently, $750) and $75 for all other LLCs (currently, $500).

HB 6238  LLC REDUCE ARTICLES FILING FEE
Amends the Limited Liability Company Act. Reduces the fee collected by the Secretary of State for the filing of articles of organization, applications for admission, and restated articles of organization from $500 to $39 and reduces those fees in connection with a limited liability company with ability to establish series from $750 to $59. Effective immediately.

HB 6239  DCEO-SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM
Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Department shall establish a Networking for Success Program. Provides that the program shall assist small to mid-sized businesses in strategic market research, geographic information systems, web design and search engine optimization, and social media marketing. Effective immediately.

HB 6242  USE/OCC TAX-GRAPHIC ARTS
Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Reinstates the graphic arts machinery and equipment exemption and the corresponding Manufacturer's Purchase Credit on and after January 1, 2017. Provides that those credits are exempt from the Acts' automatic sunset provisions. Effective immediately.

HB 6244  INC TX-R AND D CREDIT
Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that the research and development credit applies on a permanent basis. Effective immediately.

HB 6250  VEH CD-NATURAL GAS-HIGHWAY
Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a vehicle or combination of vehicles that uses natural gas or propane gas as a motor fuel may exceed its gross weight limitation by 2,000 pounds on any road except for highways or structures with posted weight limits (previously, no exceeded weights permitted on interstate highways).
**HB 6280  $EPA-LUST**
Appropriates $773,000 from the Underground Storage Tank Fund to the Environmental Protection Agency for case processing of leaking underground storage tank permit and claims appeals. Appropriates $2,600,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Fund to the Environmental Protection Agency for the Underground Storage Tank Program. Appropriates $60,100,000 from the Underground Storage Tank Fund to the Environmental Protection Agency for contracts for site remediation and for reimbursements to eligible owners/operators of leaking underground storage tanks, including claims submitted in prior years. Effective immediately.

**HB 6284  IEMA-CONFERENCE FEES**
Amends the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act. Authorizes the Illinois Emergency Management Agency to assess reasonable fees for attendance at Agency-sponsored conferences and trainings to enable the Agency to carry out the requirements of the Act. Requires moneys generated from these fees to be deposited in the Emergency Planning and Training Fund and used by the Agency, subject to appropriation, to effectuate planning and training activities. Effective immediately.

**HB 6287  EGGS-LOT CONSOLIDATION**
Amends the Illinois Egg and Egg Products Act. Defines "lot consolidation" and "registered lot consolidator". Provides that no eggs may be offered for sale for consumer use 45 days or more after candling (rather than after the original 30-day candling date). Extends the expiration date labeling requirement for grade A and AA eggs to no later than 45 days after candling. Removes provisions concerning the repackaging of eggs for sale to consumers. Provides that eggs may be repackaged only when the retailer performs a lot consolidation where the lot consolidation is performed by or under the supervision of a registered lot consolidator. Adds provisions concerning the training and registration of lot consolidators. Requires that stores wishing to consolidate egg lots retain a physical copy of the registered lot consolidator's registration document and maintain Egg Lot Consolidation Log form. Provides that eggs shall be consolidated in a manner consistent with the specified training, every lot consolidation shall be documented using an Egg Lot Consolidation Log form, and that registered lot consolidators shall work at one physical location only.
HB 6305  MOTOR VEHICLE FRANCHISE-ENGINE
Amends the Motor Vehicle Franchise Act. Provides that certain provisions of the Act do not prohibit the ownership or operation of a place of business by a manufacturer that manufactures engines, other than gasoline engines, for installation for vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 16,000 pounds that are required to be registered under the Illinois Vehicle Code, if the manufacturer does not otherwise manufacture motor vehicles as defined in the Act. Effective immediately.

HB 6317  ENTERPRISE ZONES-EFFECTIVE
Amends the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act. Provides that Enterprise Zones shall be effective on the date of certification (instead of January 1 of the first calendar year after certification). Provides that the Zone application process shall begin 3 years (instead of 2 years) prior to the year in which the Zone expires. Effective immediately.

HB 6318  REVENUE-FINANCIAL INFORMATION
Amends the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that the Department of Revenue may furnish certain financial information to municipalities and counties (now, only municipalities) if the municipality or county agrees in writing to the Act's confidentiality provisions. Provides that the Department of Revenue is authorized to provide the information to municipalities or counties by electronic means. Provides that the Department may disclose the standard classification number assigned to a business. Provides that only the chief executive officer or chairman of the municipality or county may enter into an information-sharing agreement with the Department. Requires the chief executive officer or chairman to provide the Department with a list of municipal or county employees who may request return information, view return information, or receive related information. Contains provisions concerning the cancellation of the agreement.

HB 6321  ELECTRONIC RECYCLE-ACCREDIT
Amends the Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act. Provides that accreditation is not required for facilities that place cathode ray tube (CRT) glass in storage cells for future retrieval in accordance with specified provisions of the Act. Provides that any organization that accredits facilities pursuant to this Section is prohibited from penalizing or taking other negative actions against any recycler, refurbisher, or collector of CEDs and EEDs based on the recycler's, refurbisher's, or collector's use of a facility that places CRT glass in storage cells for future retrieval in accordance with specified provisions of the Act. Effective immediately.