



## **SCHOOL EMPLOYEE FAMILY LEAVE EXTENSION**

**Public Act 102-335, House Bill 12**

An employee of a school district, public university or community college district who has been employed for at least 12 months and who has worked at least 1,000 hours in the previous 12-month period shall be eligible for family and medical leave under the same terms and conditions as leave provided to eligible employees under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

## **CONVICTIONS AND LICENSING**

**Public Act 102-105, House Bill 14**

IDFPR must explain to applicants seeking a license, registration or certificate, who were denied on the basis of a criminal conviction, how the conviction directly relates to and would prevent them from effectively engaging in the position they are seeking. IDFPR must include the types of criminal convictions that contributed to the denial of a license, certificate or registration, and must post on its website a list of all state licensing restrictions that would prohibit an applicant from working in a position for which a license is sought.

## **INFORMAL TEACHER OBSERVATION PLANS**

**Public Act 102-252, House Bill 18**

Districts may perform teacher evaluations every three years, rather than every two years, if the teacher previously received a rating of 'excellent' or 'proficient'. For those teachers, a school district must develop an informal observation plan to ensure those teachers are informally reviewed every two years. This new law also extends the Performance Evaluation Advisory Council to June 30, 2024.

## **DIRECT CHILD WELFARE SERVICE EMPLOYEE LICENSE BOARD**

**Public Act 102-45, House Bill 19**

This new law amends the composition of the Direct Child Welfare Service Employee License Board to include licensed professionals from the field of human services with a human service related degree. It requires that calls to the toll-free number maintained by DCFS to respond to requests from the public about its post-

placement and post-adoption support services shall be answered no more than one business day after (rather than 24 hours from) receipt of the request.

## **GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATE REGISTRATION FEE WAIVED**

**Public Act 102-106, House Bill 20**

The registration fee for a Gold Star license plate requested by a surviving widow, widower, or parent of a deceased member of the Armed Forces is removed if that member lost his or her life while in service in wartime.

## **LIFE INSURANCE GUARANTEES FOR THOSE IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT**

**Public Act 102-107, House Bill 33**

Life insurance companies in Illinois cannot cancel, terminate, refuse to renew, add on charges or alter an individual's life insurance policy because of that individual's participation in a substance use disorder treatment or recovery support program no less than 5 years before application.

## **AMENDMENTS TO ENTERPRISE ZONE ELIGIBILITY**

**Public Act 102-108, House Bill 34**

This act modifies the Illinois Enterprise Zone program to make the process easier for applicants and it redefines what constitutes a Disproportionately Impacted Area (DIA) map.

## **CHICAGO INCLUDED IN SMOKE DETECTOR ACT**

**Public Act 102-46, House Bill 51**

Chicago will now be included in the Smoke Detector Act, which now also requires all newly installed smoke alarms to contain sealed, long-term batteries.

## **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE EMPLOYEE APPLICATION BIAS**

**Public Act 102-47, House Bill 53**

Employers who rely solely upon artificial intelligence to determine whether an applicant will qualify for an in-person interview must gather and report demographic information to DCEO. DCEO will analyze and report such data with regards to racial bias by July 1 of every year.

## **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY TESTING**

**Public Act 102-109, House Bill 55**

This new law streamlines the process for psychological testing to allow psychologists to test for determination of developmental and intellectual disabilities.

## **UNLAWFUL COVENANT MODIFICATION**

**Public Act 102-110, House Bill 58**

This act creates a process to permit property owners and home associations to file restrictive covenant modifications to potentially unlawful restrictive covenants (covenants that contain bigoted/racist language) on their property deeds.

## **TRAMPOLINE PARK SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**Public Act 102-255, House Bill 60**

Trampoline parks' dry slides, alpine slides, and toboggan slides must follow the rules and regulations outlined for "amusement rides" in the Amusement Ride and Attraction Safety Act.

## **FEMALE HOSPITAL COVID DEATHS**

**Public Act 102-256, House Bill 68**

Hospitals must include in their quarterly reports the number of female patients admitted to the hospital who died and the number of female patients admitted with a diagnosis of COVID-19 and at least one underlying condition.

## **TINTED WINDOW EXEMPTION**

**Public Act 102-111, House Bill 96**

This new law adds light sensitivity as a result of a traumatic brain injury to the list of medical conditions for which a person is exempt from certain restrictions concerning window tinting and is eligible for a Tinted Windows License Plate.

## **PUBLIC BUSINESS DATA TRANSPARENCY**

**Public Act 102-49, House Bill 115**

The public may now freely access the data maintained by the Secretary of State on corporations, LLCs, and non-profits. Previously a charge was applied to access such data.

## **SECURE CHOICE SAVINGS PROGRAM ACT**

**Public Act 102-179, House Bill 117**

This new law changes the Secure Choice Savings Program Act to provide that the Act applies to employers with at least five employees (currently, small employers that employ fewer than 25 employees are not required to participate in the Secure Choice Savings Program).

## **DRUG REUSE OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM ACT**

**Public Act 102-389, House Bill 119**

The Drug Reuse Opportunity Program Act allows donors to donate drugs to certain recipients and recipients may dispense drugs to eligible patients. The Act establishes when a recipient may dispense or administer a drug and when a recipient can accept a drug.

## **ELIMINATES TERMINATION FEES PAID BY DEAD CUSTOMER**

**Public Act 102-112, House Bill 122**

No provider of telephone, cellular telephone, television, Internet, energy, medical alert system or water services shall impose a fee for termination or early cancellation of a service contract if the customer dies before the end of the contract.

## **HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVE COVERAGE**

**Public Act 102-103, House Bill 135**

A group or individual policy must provide coverage for health care provided by a pharmacist for the dispensation of hormonal contraceptives.

## **SNAP BENEFITS FOR DIAPERS AND MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS**

**Public Act 102-248, House Bill 155**

If the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service creates and makes available to the states a waiver permitting recipients of benefits provided under the SNAP or the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children to use their benefits to purchase diapers or menstrual hygiene products, then DHS shall apply for the waiver.

## **DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS**

**Public Act 102-52, House Bill 161**

The Secretary of State may terminate a driver's license suspension following an accident when the statute of limitations has expired and no action has been filed against the driver during the statute of limitations period. The Secretary of State may return security deposits made by the at-fault driver upon the expiration of the relevant statute of limitations or two years from the date of default in an installment agreement, whichever is later.

## **PROTECTING ANIMALS FROM DANGEROUS OWNERS**

**Public Act 102-114, House Bill 168**

In addition to any other penalty, the court may order that a person and persons dwelling in the same household may not own, harbor or have custody or control of any other animal if the person has been convicted of two or more of the following offenses: (1) a violation of aggravated cruelty; (2) a violation of animals for entertainment; or (3) a violation of dog fighting.

## **FIREFIGHTER TRAINING HISTORY OF LABOR MOVEMENT**

**Public Act 102-115, House Bill 202**

Chicago firefighters will now be required to receive training in the history of fire service labor movement.

## **ALLOWING APRNs TO SIGN DEATH CERTIFICATES**

**Public Act 102-257, House Bill 214**

Death certificates and medical certifications may be completed and signed by a physician or an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, instead of solely by the physician. APRNs are many times, and especially in rural

areas, the primary caregivers for patients and are most familiar with the cause of death. Some areas of the state have a shortage of physicians, and only allowing physicians to sign death certificates can create a delay in the receipt of the death certificates and undue stress on the deceased's family.

## **TEST OPTIONAL POLICY FOR PUBLIC COLLEGES & UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS**

**Public Act 102-54, House Bill 226**

The Higher Education Fair Admissions Act requires that all Illinois public colleges and universities must adopt a test-optional policy as part of their undergraduate admissions process. Under the test-optional policy, an institution may not require Illinois applicants to submit standardized test scores as part of the admissions process. Submission of standardized test scores shall be at the option of the applicant. This test-optional policy only applies to Illinois residents.

## **BIRD SAFE STATE BUILDINGS**

**Public Act 102-119, House Bill 247**

Each state building constructed, acquired or of which more than 50% of the facade is substantially altered shall meet specified standards concerning bird safety. Some buildings on the National Register of Historic Places are exempted from the act.

## **BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PATHS**

**Public Act 102-660, House Bill 270**

In or within a municipality with a population of over 1,000 people, IDOT shall establish and solely fund bicycle and pedestrian ways in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction, or other change of any state transportation facility. There is an exemption in cases in which the municipality passes a resolution stating that a bicycle or pedestrian way does not fit within its development plan. If programmed funds identified as supplemental funding for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) are not expended for five years, IDOT has the option to use those funds to pay the cost of bicycle and pedestrian ways in roadway projects.

## **GLUTEN LABELING REQUIREMENT**

**Public Act 102-121, House Bill 279**

An oral drug is misbranded if gluten is included as an inactive ingredient and is not so listed on its label. The provisions do not apply to pharmacies or pharmacists.

## **FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS AT HOMELESS SHELTERS**

**Public Act 102-249, House Bill 310**

The Feminine Hygiene Products for the Homeless Act is created to provide that feminine products including, but not limited to, sanitary napkins, tampons and panty liners shall be available free of charge at all homeless shelters that provide temporary housing assistance to women or youth; however, each homeless shelter will absorb associated costs subject to the availability of funds.

## **MORE TIME TO SUBMIT MEDICAID DOCUMENTS**

### **Public Act 102-123, House Bill 357**

Long-term care facilities will now have up to 120 calendar days; rather than 45; to submit Medicaid admission documents.

## **DUI MEMORIAL MARKERS**

### **Public Act 102-60, House Bill 365**

On and after July 1, 2021, a DUI memorial marker shall bear the message “Don’t Drive Under the Influence” (rather than “Please Don’t Drink and Drive.”) A fatal accident memorial marker shall consist of a white on blue panel bearing the message “Reckless Driving Costs Lives” if the victim or victims died as a proximate result of a crash caused by a driver who committed an act of reckless homicide. All other fatal accident memorial markers shall consist of a white on blue panel bearing the message “Drive With Care”. This legislation is in response to the state’s legalization of recreational cannabis.

## **AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

### **Public Act 102-62, House Bill 374**

Community colleges and housing authorities may develop affordable housing for community college students. The new law permits non-exempt local governments to develop affordable housing for community college students in coordination with nonprofit affordable housing developers and housing authorities.

## **CLASS ENROLLMENT NOTIFICATION FOR ADJUNCT PROFESSOR**

### **Public Act 102-260, House Bill 375**

At least 30 days before the beginning of a semester or term and again at 14 days before the beginning of the semester or term, a community college must notify an adjunct professor about the status of class enrollment of the class the adjunct professor was assigned to teach.

## **ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM**

### **Public Act 102-44, House Bill 376**

Asian American history will be taught in public elementary and high schools across Illinois.

## **ANIMAL PARTS AND PRODUCTS BAN ACT**

### **Public Act 102-64, House Bill 395**

An initiative of the Humane Society, this new law amends the Ivory Ban Act to protect imperiled animals and ensure that Illinois residents do not unwittingly contribute to the illegal wildlife trade. It makes it unlawful to import with the intent to sell any animal part or product—not just ivory and rhinoceros horns. The law authorizes DNR to permit the transfer of covered animal parts or products to or from a museum, makes changes concerning exemptions for certain antiques, and authorizes DNR to permit the transfer of covered animal parts or products to or from a museum. It also makes changes concerning exemptions for certain antiques.

## **FOID MODERNIZATION ACT**

**Public Act 102-237, House Bill 562**

This new law adds that each applicant for the issuance of a FOID Card may include a full set of his or her fingerprints in electronic format to ISP. A FOID Card of a licensee under the Firearm Concealed Carry Act shall not expire during the term of the licensee's concealed carry license. A FOID Card of a licensee under the Firearm Concealed Carry Act shall not expire during the term of the licensee's concealed carry license. If a person who possesses a combined FOID Card and CCL becomes subject to suspension or revocation under the Firearm Concealed Carry Act, but is otherwise eligible for a valid FOID Card, ISP shall ensure the person's FOID Card status is not interrupted. The state police must establish a portal for law enforcement agencies to capture a report of persons whose FOID cards have been revoked or suspended. In addition, any person within the state who receives any firearm, stun gun, or taser from a person who is not a federally-licensed firearm dealer shall provide a record within 10 days of the transfer to a federally-licensed firearm dealer.

## **PUPPY MILL PREVENTION**

**Public Act 102-128, House Bill 572**

In an effort to prevent puppy mills, a sales finance agency shall not finance, enter into a retail installment contract, or make a loan for the purchase of a canine or feline.

## **DISPUTE RESOLUTION FEE INCREASE**

**Public Act 102-139, House Bill 574**

The Not-For-Profit Dispute Resolution Center Act is amended to increase the dispute resolution fund fee charged and collected by the clerks of the circuit court to \$2 (rather than \$1).

## **MENTAL HEALTH DAYS IN SCHOOL**

**Public Act 102-266, House Bill 576**

The Compulsory Attendance Article of the School Code is amended to allow students to take up to five absences for mental or behavioral health; after the second mental health day used, they may be referred to the appropriate school support personnel.

## **HUMAN TRAFFICKING NOTICE**

**Public Act 102-131, House Bill 588**

Certain businesses and establishments may post the notice required by the Human Trafficking Resource Center Notice Act in all restrooms open to the public.

## **SARCOIDOSIS AWARENESS MONTH**

**Public Act 102-132, House Bill 590**

To promote the awareness of Sarcoidosis disease and treatment, the month of April will be designated as Sarcoidosis Awareness Month.

## **AMERICAN-MADE ILLINOIS FLAGS**

**Public Act 102-268, House Bill 605**

State of Illinois flags that are flown on state buildings, must be manufactured in the United States.

## VEGETABLE GARDEN PROTECTION

**Public Act 102-180, House Bill 633**

This new law protects the sustainable cultivation of fresh produce at all levels of production, including on residential property for personal consumption or non-commercial sharing. Home rule exemption for garden houses in residential areas.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR RENTAL HOUSING

**Public Act 102-270, House Bill 648**

Once a tenant has received assistance under the Rental Housing Support Program, the tenant shall remain eligible for assistance under the Program until the tenant reaches an income level of 35% of area median family income; thereafter they will begin the transition out of the Program. It also makes inclusion of multi-bedroom units in program grants permissive rather than mandatory.

## GROUNDWATER MONITORING

**Public Act 102-271, House Bill 653**

Groundwater monitoring will be required at all clean construction or demolition debris fill operations and all uncontaminated soil fill operations, to prevent any undiscovered contaminants from leaching into the public water supply.

## KEEPING MOTORCYCLE PASSENGERS SAFE

**Public Act 102-344, House Bill 656**

This new law requires the passenger of a motorcycle to be capable of resting a foot on the footrest while the motorcycle is in motion.

## ENTREPRENEUR ASSISTANCE CENTER

**Public Act 102-272, House Bill 665**

DCEO will establish and support entrepreneurship assistance centers at career education agencies and not-for-profit corporations.

## AMBULANCE SERVICES

**Public Act 102-661, House Bill 684**

Ground ambulance services are exempt from the state's managed care medical assistance program.

## DENTAL PRACTICE REGULATION

**Public Act 102-582, House Bill 690**

IDFPR may issue a temporary permit authorizing the practice of dentistry under certain circumstances, with a collaborative agreement with an Illinois licensed dentist. This change will allow Aspen Dental to establish an oral care training center on Chicago's Near West Side that would treat veterans, many of whom don't receive dental care under current VA plans.

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS**

**Public Act 102-408, House Bill 709**

DHS will conduct a public information campaign to educate immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers and other noncitizens residing in Illinois of their rights under the U.S. Constitution and Illinois laws that apply regardless of immigration status—the campaign will include resources and contact information for organizations that can aid residents in protecting and enforcing these rights.

## **PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR HEALTH INSURANCE**

**Public Act 102-409, House Bill 711**

The Prior Authorization Reform Act will require health insurance issuers to disclose and review prior authorization requirements, denial of claims or coverage by a utilization review organization, and the implementation of prior authorization requirements or restrictions. The Act requires an insurer to make prior authorization determinations within a certain time period and requires that adverse determination be made by a physician.

## **ELIMINATING THE COST OF HEALTH CARE RECORDS**

**Public Act 102-183, House Bill 714**

In an effort to defray costs for those in need, health care facilities or health care practitioners are required to provide one complete copy of a patient's records--without charge--if the patient is an indigent homeless veteran applying for: federal veterans' disability benefits, or federal Social Security or Supplemental Security Income benefits, or both, under any title of the Social Security Act.

## **ENSURING VICTIMS OF SEX CRIMES ARE PROTECTED THROUGH NO CONTACT ORDERS**

**Public Act 102-184, House Bill 734**

Protective orders end either after two years in a civil no contact or when the case is done in a criminal proceeding, which forces victims to have to go back to court and obtain another order against their perpetrators, thereby seeing them in court again, re-traumatizing the victim. This provided certain No Contact orders be permanent at the victim's request.

## **ALLOWS EXAMINATION-FREE TREATMENT OF TRICHOMONIASIS FOR SEXUAL PARTNERS OF PATIENT**

**Public Act 102-185, House Bill 739**

A health care professional who makes a clinical diagnosis of trichomoniasis may prescribe antibiotic drugs to the infected person's sexual partner or partners for the treatment of the sexually transmissible disease without physical examination of the partner or partners, if in the judgment of the health care professional the partner is unlikely or unable to present for comprehensive healthcare, including evaluation, testing and treatment for sexually transmissible diseases.

## **U OF I-COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT TRANSFER ADMISSIONS PILOT PROGRAM**

**Public Act 102-187, House Bill 796**

The U of I will create a four-year uniform admission system pilot program, guaranteeing qualified community college students admission to one of the U of I system universities. In order to qualify, a student must meet the following requirements: graduate from an Illinois high school, earn at least 36 transferable credits at an Illinois community college, maintain a 3.0 or better grade point average for all transferable coursework, and satisfy the university system's English language proficiency requirement.

## **PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE SUNSET EXTENSIONS OMNIBUS BILL**

**Public Act 102-20, House Bill 806**

This legislation extended sunset dates until 2027 for the Boxing and Full-contact Martial Arts Act, Cemetery Oversight Act, Community Association Manager Licensing and Disciplinary Act, Home Inspector License Act, Massage Licensing Act, Medical Practice Act of 1987, Petroleum Equipment Contractors Licensing Act, Radiation Protection Act of 1990, Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Act of 2002, Detection of Deception Examiners Act and The Registered Interior Designers Act. It extended until 2023 the Mercury Thermostat Collection Act. The legislation also amended the Massage Licensing Act to exempt members of the American Organization for Bodywork Therapies of Asia until January 1, 2024.

## **FIREFIGHTER HIRING OUTREACH PROGRAM PERMISSIVE AND NOT MANDATORY**

**Public Act 102-188, House Bill 809**

The Municipal Code and the Fire Protection District Act was amended in 2011 to establish a Joint Labor Management Committee to operate the community outreach program or with a register of eligible for full-time firefighter placement, or to contract with a testing agency to establish these programs. Because of logistical concerns, they have been unable to establish this program since that time. This legislation clarified that creation of the program is permissive and not mandatory.

## **INHERITANCE FUNDS FOR MINORS/COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN**

**Public Act 102-189, House Bill 814**

This initiative amends the Probate Act to give courts the option in cases when the estate of a ward consists only of money, that the judge may order, among other dispositions, that the money be deposited in a qualified tuition program. This change in state law was necessary to allow estate funds inherited by minors to be invested in a 529 college savings plan.

## **LAWYERS ASSISTANCE FUNDS TO NO LONGER BE ALLOCATED THROUGH STATE TREASURY**

**Public Act 102-190, House Bill 835**

The Supreme Court wished to streamline the process of collecting funds for the lawyers' assistance programs (LAP). This allows the ARDC to allocate Lawyers Assistance Program funds it collects directly to LAP providers via Supreme Court Rule rather than going through the state treasurer, extending consistency with how funds for the Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism and the Lawyers Trust Fund operate. Upon completion of the transfers, the Lawyers' Assistance Program Fund is dissolved, and the Lawyers' Assistance Program Act be repealed on July 1, 2022.

## **GUARDIAN AD LITEM FEES AT DISCRETION OF COURT**

**Public Act 102-191, House Bill 842**

Instead of the court ordering a petitioner to pay all fees or amounts of the guardian ad litem or appointed counsel if the respondent or their estate is unable to pay, the allocation of guardian ad litem fees and costs is within the discretion of the court. No costs, in addition to legal fees or appointed counsel fees, shall be assessed against the Office of the State Guardian, public guardian, adult protective services agency, DCFS, or agency designated by the Governor under the Protection & Advocacy for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act.

## **UNVESTED EQUITY OR DEFERRED COMP MAY BE DISCUSSED FOR EMPLOYMENT PURPOSES**

**Public Act 102-277, House Bill 1207**

This legislation amends the Equal Pay Act of 2003 in relation to an employer seeking an applicant's salary history. It provides that information concerning unvested equity or deferred compensation may be discussed. This change addresses a current limitation employers have with regards to the inability to verify the amount of unvested equity or deferred compensation that a job applicant would lose if they left their job in the event the applicant asks the prospective employer to match the lost incentives.

## **CHANGING "HONORABLE" DISCHARGE DEFINITIONS TO INCLUDE LGBT**

**Public Act 102-382, House Bill 1290**

For the purposes of determining eligibility for any veterans benefit available from the state, the words "honorable discharge" and "honorably discharged" will include a discharge under other than honorable conditions or general discharge under honorable conditions due to a person's sexual orientation or gender identity but does not include a bad conduct discharge or a dishonorable discharge.

## **CTA EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTING TO RETIREE HEALTH CARE TRUST**

**Public Act 102-415, House Bill 1429**

This act provides that all employees of the Chicago Transit Authority shall contribute to the Retiree Health Care Trust in an amount not less than 1% (instead of 3%) of compensation.

## **EXPANDING CIVIL NO CONTACT ORDER ACT FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT**

**Public Act 102-198, House Bill 1742**

Any family or household member of a victim of non-consensual sexual conduct or non-consensual sexual penetration may file a petition for a civil no contact order. The petition must include a statement that the victim has consented to the family or household member filing the petition.

## **EXPANDING FUNDING TO SPECIAL DISTRICTS AND THE KASKASKIA REGION PORT DISTRICT**

**Public Act 102-347, House Bill 1755**

This act allows DCEO to evaluate special districts to judge eligibility for state and federal programs, grants and subsidies based on eligibility requirements set forth in their statutory charters. The act further allows the Kaskaskia Port District to apply for and accept grants, loans, or appropriations from the federal government,

the state government or any agency that may be used for any of the purposes of the district. The new law also allows the district to enter into agreements with the federal and state government in relation to such grants, loans or appropriations.

## **BIOMARKER TESTING COVERED BY INSURANCE**

**Public Act 102-203, House Bill 1779**

This act states that any group or individual policy of accident and health insurance or managed care plan amended, delivered, issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2022, shall include coverage for biomarker testing for the purposes of diagnosis, treatment, appropriate management or ongoing monitoring of an enrollee's disease or condition when the test is supported by medical and scientific evidence.

## **ILLINOIS TRUST CODE CLEANUP**

**Public Act 102-279, House Bill 1795**

This act makes changes to Illinois Trust Code provisions concerning: definitions; default and mandatory rules; governing law; nonjudicial settlement agreements; representation; representation by holders of certain powers; trust creation; trusts created in other jurisdictions; trusts for domestic animals; modifications to achieve a settlor's objectives; creditor claims; revocation by divorce or annulment; directed trusts; the trustee's duty to inform and account; distribution upon termination; life insurance; conversion by agreement; trust decanting; powers of appointment; and applicability. It also states that sums awarded from one or both parents for the support of their child who has attained majority but is mentally or physically disabled and not otherwise emancipated may be paid to a trust for a beneficiary with a disability (rather than to a special needs trust).

## **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION PROTECTIONS EXPANDED TO THOSE WHO ASSOCIATE WITH A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY**

**Public Act 102-419, House Bill 1838**

This initiative expands the definition of discrimination based on disability to include unlawful discrimination against an individual because of their association with a person with a disability.

## **AFTERCARE PLAN FOR THOSE DISCHARGED FROM MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES**

**Public Act 102-420, House Bill 1854**

When a recipient of services from a DHS facility is being discharged, the patient and their legally authorized representative must be provided a written aftercare plan prior to the patient's discharge from the facility.

## **PENICILLIUM RUBENS NAMED AS STATE MICROBE, RECOGNIZING PEORIA'S ROLE IN BIO-TECH**

**Public Act 102-402, House Bill 1879**

Penicillium Rubens NRRL 1951 is designated the official state microbe of the State of Illinois. Peoria is credited as the place where penicillin was developed into a medicine in the 1940s.

## VEHICLE CODE-FOLD OF HONOR PLATES

**Public Act 102-383, House Bill 1915**

This new law allows the issuance of Fold of Honor special license plate decals by IDVA. Money in the Folds of Honor Foundation Fund shall be paid as grants to the Folds of Honor Foundation to aid in providing educational scholarships to military families.

## MUNICIPAL TUBERCULOSIS SANITARIUMS

**Public Act 102-587, House Bill 1926**

This act eliminates an obsolete state mandate requiring municipalities to operate tuberculosis sanitariums and contagious disease hospitals.

## AUTISM ACCEPTANCE WEEK

**Public Act 102-588, House Bill 1954**

This act denotes that each year the first full week of April is designated as Autism Acceptance Week.

## CAL'S LAW

**Public Act 102-289, House Bill 2109**

Coverage is required for comprehensive cancer testing and testing of blood or constitutional tissues for cancer predisposition to ensure that children diagnosed with cancer can be approved for comprehensive testing.

## SECRETARY OF STATE DUTIES – SERVICE OF PROCESS REQUESTS

**Public Act 102-591, House Bill 2401**

An initiative to clarify duties of the Secretary of State, this act confirms it is the Secretary of State's duty to only accept service of process requests in the specifically mandated areas of the law and as determined by the General Assembly. The Secretary is not the default agent for service of process in the State of Illinois

## FIRE AND SMOKE DAMPER INSPECTION ACT

**Public Act 102-426, House Bill 2408**

A new act, this initiative mandates inspections and testing of HVAC fire dampers and smoke dampers by individuals certified by the International Certification Board and accredited by the American National Standards Institute or another national accreditation board. Inspectors under this act shall certify that all fire and smoke dampers inspected meet the standards established in the applicable code or codes adopted by any authority having jurisdiction. This act exempts nuclear facilities.

## NOTICE BY PUBLICATION FOR MINORITY COMMUNITIES

**Public Act 102-592, House Bill 2412**

Concerning any notice that is required to be published in a newspaper: if a city, town or county consists of more than 45% of a single minority group, the notice must also be published in a local newspaper of that minority group in the official language of the minority group's country of origin.

## **DISCONTINUES THE SOUTH SUBURBAN MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT**

**Public Act 102-428, House Bill 2413**

The Chicago South Suburban Mass Transit District will be discontinued. The act includes procedures for the transfer of all remaining funds, parking lots and related facilities to the specified municipalities that created and made up the District.

## **VEHICLE MANUFACTURER CLARIFICATION**

**Public Act 102-433, House Bill 2435**

A manufacturer may not require a motor vehicle dealer to make available any secondary product or prohibit a motor vehicle dealer from offering a secondary product. A "secondary product" is defined to mean all products that are not new motor vehicles or original equipment manufacturer parts.

## **JUNK VEHICLE NOTIFICATION**

**Public Act 102-436, House Bill 2529**

An automotive parts recycler, in addition to a scrap processor, may submit a Junk Vehicle Notification to the Secretary of State.

## **PROTECTING HOUSEHOLD PRIVACY ACT**

**Public Act 102-597, House Bill 2553**

Law enforcement agencies may not obtain household electronic data or direct the acquisition of household electronic data from a private third party. Exemptions include data that was obtained due to a warrant, obtained to respond to a call for emergency services, during certain emergency situations, or with the consent of the device owner. Household electronic data must be destroyed within 60 days if no charges are filed unless it contains evidence of criminal activity or there is an ongoing investigation.

## **LIMITING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INSURANCE PLANS**

**Public Act 102-439, House Bill 2568**

This act states that the insurance plans of public employees who are full-time law enforcement, correctional or correctional probation officers, or firefighters must be limited to the insurance plan options codified in the employee collective bargaining agreement or bargained upon with an authorized agent and subject to the grievance process.

## **PROVIDING AN E-LEARNING OPTION FOR SENIORS TAKING DRIVER SAFETY COURSES**

**Public Act 102-397, House Bill 2570**

Illinois drivers 55 and older may take certified driver safety training courses remotely via eLearning, rather than in a classroom setting. Through eLearning, senior drivers can safely and comfortably access the instruction they need not only to stay safe on the roadways but also to reduce their vehicle insurance premiums. Accident prevention courses approved by the Secretary of State will include at least 8 hours of classroom or eLearning equivalent instruction.

## **SCHOOL BUS SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

**Public Act 102-441, House Bill 2584**

This legislation allows IDOT to establish a pilot program to permit the testing and use of certain new safety equipment for school buses such as an extended flashing arm attached to a bus stop sign, known as a S.A.F.E. Gate, to reduce motorists ignoring bus stop signs.

## **OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION**

**Public Act 102-598, House Bill 2589**

The Substance Use Disorder Act is amended to include opioid overdose prevention activities as eligible grant activities. Health care professionals or persons acting under the direction of a health care professional can obtain, store and dispense an opioid antagonist to a patient in certain health care settings. Additionally, the Public Aid Code is amended to include hospital fees related to opioid antagonist distribution under provided coverage. Lastly, HFS is required to develop and seek federal approval for a SBIRT (screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment) benefit for which providers will be reimbursed.

## **AUTHORIZATION OF DELINQUENT TAX REPAYMENT LOAN FUND FOR NORTHWEST HOME EQUITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM**

**Public Act 102-599, House Bill 2614**

If authorized by either a referendum approved by a majority of the voters or an approved resolution of the governing commission by two-thirds of the commissioners, the Northwest Home Equity Assurance Program may establish a Delinquent Tax Repayment Loan Fund to provide low-interest emergency loans to eligible applicants.

## **PROHIBITING COST-SHARING FOR MEDICALLY NECESSARY FOLLOW-UP COLONOSCOPY EXAMS**

**Public Act 102-443, House Bill 2653**

This new law requires certain group policies of accident or health insurance to provide coverage for colonoscopies that are follow-up exams from an initial screen where the procedure was determined to be medically necessary. Applicable policies may not impose a cost-sharing requirement on the coverage provided, not applying if the coverage would disqualify a high-deductible health plan from eligibility for a health savings account pursuant to Section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **UNION DUES FOR CITY OF CHICAGO ANNUITANTS**

**Public Act 102-601, House Bill 2766**

Annuitants formerly employed by the City of Chicago are allowed to withhold a portion of their annuities to pay dues to a labor organization instead of just the labor organization that formerly represented the annuitants when they were actively employed by the City of Chicago.

## **EXPEDITION OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE FOR SERVICE MEMBERS AND SPOUSES**

**Public Act 102-384, House Bill 2776**

Review and determination of an application for a professional license to a service member or service member's spouse is expedited by the department processing it within 30 days after the date the department

receives all the necessary documentation, from 60 days. Instead of a requirement that the service member's or spouse's licensure in another state be substantially equivalent to the standards for licensure of Illinois, an application must include proof the applicant meets the requirements and standards for licensure through endorsement or reciprocity for the profession where he or she is applying.

## **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICES AND SUPPORT ACT**

### **Public Act 102-580, House Bill 2784**

A new statewide advisory committee will review and make recommendations for the coordination of the 9-1-1 system and the 9-8-8 mobile mental health response system. The committee must recommend a system for gathering data related to these systems to make improvements. The legislation sets membership of the committee and outlines responsibilities. Responsibilities include establishing local protocols to allow its region's 9-1-1 call center and emergency responders to coordinate with the 9-8-8 number, setting maximum times for the 9-8-8 number to provide service, and more.

## **COOK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER MAY REPRESENT NONCITIZENS IN IMMIGRATION CASES**

### **Public Act 102-410, House Bill 2790**

Public defenders in counties with populations over 3,000,000 to act as attorney to noncitizens in immigration cases. The law requires concurrence of the county board and representation is limited to immigration cases arising in immigration courts located within the county where the public defender has been appointed to office. The board may also authorize the public defender to provide representation outside the county.

## **ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION DAY**

### **Public Act 102-447, House Bill 2834**

The Commemorative Dates Act is amended to provide that August 26 of each year is designated as Illinois Constitution Day, to be observed throughout the state as a day to commemorate August 26, 1818 as the day Illinois ratified its first state Constitution.

## **EXPANDS USE OF SIRENS AND PLATES FOR DEPUTY AND ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEFS**

### **Public Act 102-448, House Bill 2860**

Vehicles of deputy fire chiefs and assistant fire chiefs may be equipped with a siren, whistle or bell capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than 500 feet. Deputy fire chiefs and assistant fire chiefs are eligible for fire chief license plates. Any fire chief, deputy fire chief or assistant fire chief operating warning devices upon a vehicle not owned by a municipality or fire protection district shall display fire chief license plates.

## **BASIS OF DENIAL FOR CONSTRUCTION REQUIRED FROM COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS**

### **Public Act 102-449, House Bill 2863**

In the case of township roads, the county superintendent of highways may either grant consent for construction or deny the application. The county superintendent of highways shall provide written confirmation, citing the basis of the decision, to both the highway commissioner and the applicant.

## **ALLOWS NURSES, APNs, AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO VOLUNTEER AS EMTs IN RURAL AREAS**

**Public Act 102-450, House Bill 2864**

In a rural population of 7500 or fewer inhabitants, each EMS system medical director shall create an exception to the credentialing process to allow registered nurses, physician assistants, and advanced practice registered nurses to apply to serve as volunteers who perform the same work as EMTs. Provisions are included to ensure proper licensure, documentation of observed riding time, and other specified requirements.

## **VETERANS GARDENING DAY**

**Public Act 102-385, House Bill 2894**

The first Saturday in May of each year is Veterans Gardening Day to be observed throughout the state as a day set apart in the honor and remembrance of veterans and celebrated with appropriate activities. Veterans benefit from gardening in many ways. Horticultural therapy can help improve mental and physical health through light activity, time in nature and access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

## **ANNUAL REPORT FROM DCFS REGARDING RACIAL DISPARITIES IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM**

**Public Act 102-451, House Bill 2914**

DCFS shall submit an annual report regarding racial disparities for children and families in the child welfare system. The report must be conducted by a research institution at a public university and must include a minimum amount of specified de-aggregated data by race as compared, where appropriate, to population-level data. This data includes key metrics that serve as indicators of child and family well-being and can measure socioeconomic conditions in communities. The data also includes children and families involved in a safety plan, the number of protective custodies and more.

## **EMPLOYMENT OF MEMBERS OF BOARDS OF INVESTMENTS, PENSION FUNDS OR RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

**Public Act 102-603, House Bill 3004**

No board member of a public pension fund, investment board, or retirement system can be employed by that fund, board or system at any time during his or her service and for a 12-month period after ceasing to be a board member. There is an exemption for a board member to fill a vacancy on an interim basis if certain conditions are met.

## **EXPECTANT MOTHERS IN THIRD TRIMESTER CAN OBTAIN FREE PARKING PLACARD**

**Public Act 102-453, House Bill 3027**

Expectant mothers in their third trimester will now have the option to obtain a free placard for their vehicle valid for 90 days permitting them to park in handicap-designated spots throughout Illinois. Women with a valid Illinois driver's license who show documentation that they have entered the third trimester of their pregnancy are able to receive a temporary parking placard at no charge, similar to those provided to disabled persons, by visiting any Driver Services facility operated by the Secretary of State.

## **INTERACTIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN DRIVER'S EDUCATION**

**Public Act 102-455, House Bill 3097**

A requirement is added to driver's education in the School Code and Vehicle Code including course instruction on law enforcement procedures during traffic stops. This includes actions motorists should take during traffic stops and appropriate interactions with law enforcement officers. Every adult education course must include instruction in law enforcement procedures during traffic stops, including appropriate interactions with law enforcement officers. The Secretary of State, in consultation with the state police, must include in the Rules of the Road publication a description of these procedures during traffic stops and the actions motorists should take during traffic stops.

## **CHANGES TO CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS TRUANCY APPROACH**

**Public Act 102-456, House Bill 3099**

This legislation eliminates the requirement that the Chicago Board of Education establish an Office of Chronic Truant Adjudication. Instead, it requires the CEO of Chicago Public Schools to implement a socio-emotional focused attendance approach targeting the underlying causes of chronic truancy. If the chronic truant or parent/guardian fails to fully participate in intervention services, the CEO can refer the matter to an applicable organization or state agency. This also removes language in the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, which will no longer subject chronic truants in CPS to fines in amounts above \$5, but not exceeding \$100 (each day of absence without valid cause is a separate offense) or suspension of their driver's licenses or driving privileges.

## **IMPLICIT BIAS SECTION IN MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING**

**Public Act 102-604, House Bill 3100**

DCFS must include a section on implicit bias training with mandated reported training. The implicit bias section should be in-person or web-based and include information on specified topics.

## **EXTENSION OF ICC INTERIM ORDERS IN EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES**

**Public Act 102-457, House Bill 3113**

This act extends the time an interim ICC order is valid from 15 days to 45 days. This is regarding the ICC's authority to require any public utility to curtail or discontinue service and otherwise regulate the furnishing of service in specified emergency circumstances.

## **REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS TO DEVELOP THE ILLINOIS & MICHIGAN CANAL**

**Public Act 102-461, House Bill 3165**

This legislation amends the Illinois and Michigan Canal Development Act and removes all restrictions imposed under certain laws and in a 1970 deed in regards to specified canal lands conveyed to the City of Ottawa. The purpose of this bill is to allow Ottawa to develop the land by removing restrictions that mistakenly were not recorded after an attempt to remove them in the 1980s.

## CHANGES TO COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

**Public Act 102-463, House Bill 3178**

This law makes changes to the Committee for Agriculture Education's composition of its membership. The Committee must also advise ISBE on the administration of agricultural education line-item appropriation, as well as agency rulemaking affecting agricultural educators.

## UPDATES TO LANGUAGE IN STATE ACTS AND CODES

**Public Act 102-465, House Bill 3217**

This law amends various Acts to remove archaic terminology in 17 Acts or Codes.

## AG SCIENCES AND AG EDUCATION COUNTED TOWARDS COLLEGE PREPARATORY REQUIREMENTS

**Public Act 102-403, House Bill 3218**

The minimum college preparatory curriculum requirements set by law that a person must complete for admission for public university are amended to add "agriculture sciences" to be counted towards the required three years of science and adds "agricultural education" to be counted towards the two years of electives.

## PROVIDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO INDIVIDUALS RELEASED FROM DOC

**Public Act 102-606, House Bill 3235**

45 days prior to the scheduled discharge of a person committed to the custody of DOC, DOC must give the person information about: obtaining a standard or limited-term Illinois ID Card, voter registration, job listings, available housing and any additional information DOC deems necessary for him or her to reenter the community and avoid recidivism. It also require DOC to provide a directory of elected state, county, and municipality officials to the individual. DOC can also give the individual information prepared by the State Board of Elections as well as enter into an interagency contract with the State Board of Elections to participate in the automatic voter registration program. DOC can also be a designated automatic voter registration agency under the Election Code.

## REQUIRING VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS TO BE HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS

**Public Act 102-467, House Bill 3255**

The Department of Veterans' Affairs Act requires all service officers and any supervisors, including the field manager, within the field division to be honorably discharged veterans.

## HATE CRIME-FALSE ALLEGATIONS

**Public Act 102-468, House Bill 3262**

Any person suffering injury as a result of a hate crime, independent of any criminal prosecution, may bring a civil action for damages, injunction or other appropriate relief if the hate crime was caused by disorderly conduct committed by a report knowing at the time of the transmission that there is no reasonable ground for believing that the offense will be committed, is being committed, or has been committed; without the reasonable grounds necessary to believe that transmitting the report is necessary for the safety and welfare of the public; or for the purpose of making or transmitting a false alarm or complaint and reporting

information when, at the time the call or transmission is made, the person knows there is no reasonable ground for making the call.

## **CIVIL EVIDENCE-RAPE CRISIS ORGANIZATION DEFINITION**

**Public Act 102-469, House Bill 3265**

The definition of “rape crisis organization” is changed to mean any organization or association a major purpose of which (instead of “the major purpose of which”) is providing information, counseling, and psychological support to victims of any or all of the crimes of aggravated criminal sexual assault, predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, criminal sexual assault, sexual relations between siblings, criminal sexual abuse, and aggravated criminal sexual abuse. The law adds that a “rape crisis organization” includes, but is not limited to, rape crisis centers certified by a statewide sexual assault coalition.

## **JUVENILE COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES**

**Public Act 102-607, House Bill 3277**

This new law requires (rather than gives discretion to the court) to appoint a special advocate (CASA), if available, upon the filing of a petition outside of Cook County to declare a minor an abused, neglected or dependent minor and to adjudge the minor a ward of the court. The bill also adds requirements for CASAs and grants them access to a minor’s records and information relevant to the minor’s case, which shall remain confidential. The purpose of this bill is to expand a program (CASAs) that has been working well to help abused, neglected, and dependent minors and clarify what is required of them and ensure that they are properly qualified to represent the needs of these children and receive access to all of the child’s court documents.

## **CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION**

**Public Act 102-27, House Bill 3295**

This is a cleanup bill addressing the Crime Victims Compensation Act changes made by the criminal justice omnibus package that passed in January of 2021. Extends the applicant’s period for submitting requested information to 45 days from 30 days. Increases the amount of a final award not to \$45,000, instead of \$27,000, for a crime committed on or after August 7, 2022. Emergency awards may be issued to the applicant for the purpose of paying funeral and burial expenses.

## **OPIOID OVERDOSE REDUCTION ACT**

**Public Act 102-476, House Bill 3445**

Specified violations of the Controlled Substances Act must not serve as the sole basis of a violation of parole, mandatory supervised release, probation, conditional discharge, a person’s pretrial release, or furlough, or any seizure of property under any state law authorizing civil forfeiture so long as the evidence for the violation was acquired as a result of the person seeking or obtaining emergency medical assistance in the event of an overdose.

## **CHILD FORENSIC INTERVIEW**

**Public Act 102-477, House Bill 3462**

Every child reported to DCFS or law enforcement to be a victim of sexual assault or sexual abuse whose case is accepted by either agency for investigation has the right to have that child’s forensic interview conducted by a forensic interviewer from a children’s advocacy center accredited according to the Children’s Advocacy

Center Act and serving the child's area or jurisdiction where the incident(s) occurred, rather than just serving the child's area, when such service is accessible based on the CAC's available resources.

## **RETAINER FEES FOR ATTORNEYS UNDER THE ILLINOIS MARRIAGE AND DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE ACT**

**Public Act 102-480, House Bill 3484**

This new law allows either party in a divorce to petition or move for an allowance from the other party for a retainer fee to obtain an attorney who has agreed to represent the petitioner in the divorce. All awards shall be paid directly to the identified attorney.

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-HOPE CARDS**

**Public Act 102-481, House Bill 3485**

The Supreme Court may implement a program to issue a Hope Card to the petitioner of a plenary order of protection for the petitioner to distribute to any individual who may need to be aware of the order. A Hope Card shall have the same effect as the underlying plenary order of protection.

## **PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT-TECH REGULATION**

**Public Act 102-482, House Bill 3497**

The State Board of Pharmacy shall consist of 11 members. Eight members shall be licensed pharmacists, one of whom shall have a primary site for the practice of pharmacy at an inpatient hospital pharmacy. One member is a pharmacy technician.

## **IDPH-HEALTHY ILLINOIS SURVEY**

**Public Act 102-483, House Bill 3504**

IDPH must administer an annual survey, named the Healthy Illinois Survey. The law specifies what the survey shall do related to sample groups, zip codes and questions to be asked with the ultimate goal of creating a comprehensive survey yielding results that can be used to achieve health equity. IDPH must provide results in a specified form that shall protect the identity of participants.

## **EMPLOYMENT-CRIME VICTIM LEAVE**

**Public Act 102-487, House Bill 3582**

Victims and family members of victims of crimes of violence (in addition to victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, and gender violence) are subject to the provisions of the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act regarding unpaid leave and prohibited discriminatory acts.

## **IDPH-MEDICAL EXAMINER OFFICES**

**Public Act 102-488, House Bill 3592**

IDPH must ensure that medical examiner offices are included as part of medical facilities for the purposes of complying with and implementing specified federal laws.

## **INSURANCE-CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE**

**Public Act 102-611, House Bill 3598**

Companies that issue group policies of accident and health insurance must offer such policies to local chambers of commerce.

## **AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCES ACT**

**Public Act 102-492, House Bill 3650**

Licenses are not required for anyone trying to provide an “agricultural experience” which is defined as any agriculture-related activity, as a secondary use in conjunction with agricultural production, on a farm which activity is open to the public with the intended purpose of promoting or educating the public about agriculture, agricultural practices, agricultural activities, or agricultural products.

## **MOVE OVER EARLY WARNING TASK FORCE**

**Public Act 102-336, House Bill 3656**

The Move Over Early Warning Task Force is created to study: (1) the issue of violations of existing law prescribing how to safely enter a highway construction zone, approach a disabled vehicle and approach an authorized emergency vehicle; and (2) new technologies and early warning systems in cellular phones and vehicles that alert the public to the presence of first responders and road safety hazards. The Task Force shall meet and present its report and recommendations, including legislative recommendations, if any, to the General Assembly no later than January 1, 2023.

## **CORRECTIONS-MEDICAL RELEASE**

**Public Act 102-494, House Bill 3665**

The Prisoner Review Board may grant a person committed to DOC early release for medical incapacity or terminal illness. To be considered “medically incapacitated,” the inmate shall have a medical condition preventing the inmate from completing more than one activity of daily living, rather than one or more activities. The crime victim has the right to submit a victim statement to PRB for consideration at a medical release hearing as provided in the Code of Corrections. DOC and PRB shall release a report annually published on their websites that reports certain information about the Medical Release Program.

## **INSURANCE CODE-INFERTILITY COVERAGE**

**Public Act 102-170, House Bill 3709**

Regarding infertility coverage requirements, this act redefines the definition of “infertility”. Coverage shall be provided without discrimination on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, domestic partner status, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation.

## **CAR-SHARING PROGRAM ACT**

**Public Act 102-497, House Bill 3712**

The Car-Sharing Program Act establishes governance of peer-to-peer car sharing and provides that a car-sharing program shall assume liability of a shared-vehicle owner for bodily injury or property damage to third parties or uninsured and underinsured motorist or personal injury protection losses during the car-sharing period in an amount stated in the car-sharing agreement, which amount may not be less than four times the

minimum amounts required under the Vehicle Code. A car-sharing program shall ensure that, during each car-sharing period, the shared-vehicle owner and the shared-vehicle driver are insured under a motor vehicle liability insurance policy that provides insurance coverage in amounts that, for the shared-vehicle driver, are equal to two times the minimum amounts set forth in the Illinois Vehicle Code. The law prohibits sharing and use of vehicle subject to federal safety recalls.

## **IDOT HIRING PREFERENCE FOR VETERANS**

**Public Act 102-498, House Bill 3716**

Veterans shall be preferred for appointment to and employment with IDOT for the positions of snow removal operator and winter salaried highway maintainer under IDOT's Winter Seasonal Employment Program.

## **LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT AND NOTIFICATION ACT**

**Public Act 102-613, House Bill 3739**

The IEPA is required to design a program within one year of the law's effective date which would administer lead service line replacement funds. DCEO shall establish a comprehensive low-income water assistance policy and program with specified requirements. IEPA will establish procedures for the collection of a fee by all community water suppliers for the purpose of protection from lead in drinking water.

## **FORFEITURE OF VEHICLES SEIZED AS DRUG ASSETS**

**Public Act 102-499, House Bill 3762**

When the property seized for forfeiture under the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act is a vehicle, the law enforcement agency seizing the property shall no longer be required to immediately notify the Secretary of State that forfeiture proceedings are pending regarding the vehicle since the Secretary of State's office made no use of the information.

## **RESPONSE TIME STUDY FOR FIRE DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGES**

**Public Act 102-574, House Bill 3763**

This Act amends the Fire Protection District Act to require a response time study before the closing of any fire station; dissolution of a fire protection district; disconnection of territory; or consolidation of a fire protection district or municipal fire department.

## **CHANGES TO CERTIFICATES OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

**Public Act 102-500, House Bill 3764**

Under the Uniform Recognition of Acknowledgments Act the definition of "acknowledged before me" is changed to mean that, among other things, the person acknowledging appeared before the person taking the acknowledgment in a manner prescribed by the laws or regulations applicable in the place in which the acknowledgment is taken. The change was made in order to allow Illinois to recognize remote notarization from out-of-state as long as it was legal in the state in which it was done.

## **PROTECTING RESIDENTS OF MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY FACILITIES**

**Public Act 102-501, House Bill 3786**

When an initial investigation of a reported allegation of abuse, neglect or financial exploitation of a recipient of services indicates, based upon credible evidence, that an employee of a mental health or developmental disability facility is the perpetrator of the abuse, that employee shall immediately be barred from any further contact with recipients of services of the facility. The law provides that an employee barred from contact with recipients of services shall remain barred pending the outcome of any further investigation, prosecution or disciplinary action against the employee; or until the DHS Office of Inspector General independently determines that the allegation or allegations against the employee will be unsubstantiated or unfounded in the Office of Inspector General's final investigative report.

## **PROTECTING DUE PROCESS IN TERMINATION OF PARENTAL OR SIBLING CONTACT WITH ABUSED OR NEGLECTED MINORS**

**Public Act 102-502, House Bill 3793**

In those cases in which an abused or neglected minor is placed in temporary custody, this new law provides that DCFS may immediately restrict or terminate parent-child or sibling contact without either amending the parent-child visiting plan or sibling contact plan or obtaining a court order only if the department or its assigns reasonably believe there is an immediate need to protect (rather than continuation of contact would be contrary to) the child's health, safety, and welfare. These restrictions or terminations must be based on facts available to the department and its assigns when viewed in light of the surrounding circumstances, and shall only occur on an individual, case-by-case basis. The purpose of this change is to prevent DCFS from restricting or terminating parental or sibling contact without proper due process.

## **UNINSURED DRIVER PENALTIES**

**Public Act 102-509, House Bill 3855**

An uninsured motorist who is a resident of another state with similar laws for driving uninsured will be subject to similar penalties for uninsured driving while in Illinois.

## **PROTECTING VETERANS FROM SCAMMERS**

**Public Act 102-386, House Bill 3865**

Under the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act any person providing veteran or military benefit services must disclose that the benefits are available without charge. Under this new law it will be an unlawful practice to fail to make the required disclosure, fail to comply with fiduciary responsibilities under federal law and to charge fees in violation of federal law. The bill was an initiative of the Department of Veterans Affairs as a way to protect veterans who were targeted by scammers because of their access to benefits from the VA pension program

## **DESIGNATING HEALTH CARE TELEMENTORING ENTITIES**

**Public Act 102-512, House Bill 3879**

Under this new law HFS is required to designate one or more health care telementoring entities based on an application to be developed by the department. Approved applicants from Illinois will be eligible for state funding in accordance with rules developed by HFS. Any funding shall be provided based on the number of physicians who are assisted by each approved health care telementoring entity and the hours of assistance provided to each physician.

## **ALLOWING OFF-ROAD POLICE VEHICLES TO BE EQUIPPED WITH LIGHTS AND SIRENS**

**Public Act 102-240, House Bill 3882**

This law changes the definition of “police vehicle” to include recreational off-highway vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, watercraft, and aircraft. The legislation was proposed in order to assist rural police departments in equipping these kinds of vehicles with emergency lights and sirens.

## **MENTAL HEALTH SCREENINGS FOR DOC AND DJJ CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**

**Public Act 102-616, House Bill 3895**

DOC and DJJ shall require applicants for hiring as correctional officers to undergo mental health screenings and tests prior to their employment. Upon their employment the agencies shall develop rules to monitor their interaction with committed persons and to provide for discharge or other assignments for officers who are mentally unable to interact with committed persons. DOC and DJJ shall create a staff-in-crisis committee for correctional officers who have mental health issues as a result of their employment. DOC and DJJ shall implement a wellness program and establish response teams to provide employees and staff with support to address both professional and personal challenges as they relate to the correctional environment.

## **INCREASING WORKFORCE DIVERSITY IN STATE EMPLOYMENT**

**Public Act 102-617, House Bill 3914**

This Act provides requirements for CMS concerning positive action toward addressing systemic racism and barriers to increase workforce diversity in state employment. It requires each state agency to establish the goal of increasing diversity on interview panels in order to increase state employment opportunities to women, minority persons and other specified persons. CMS will also provide employment career counseling for those applicants who are in arrears on child support payments. It also grants appeal rights to candidates who are alleged to have attempted deception or fraud in connection with an examination for a state job.

## **JUNETEENTH**

**Public 102-14, House Bill 3922**

Juneteenth National Freedom Day shall be observed on June 19 of each year as a holiday throughout the state.

## **HEALTH CARE WORKER DECALS**

**Public Act 102-515, House Bill 3929**

IDPH may issue health care worker decals for license plates. Funds from the issuance of such decals shall be deposited into the Illinois Health Care Workers Benefit Fund and the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund. Money in the Illinois Health Care Workers Benefit Fund shall be paid as grants to the Trinity Health Foundation for the benefit of health care workers, doctors, nurses and others who work in the health care industry in Illinois.

## **PROHIBITING MOTOR VEHICLE SALES BY UNLICENSED DEALERS**

**Public Act 102-232, House Bill 3940**

The sale of motor vehicles by unlicensed dealers is prohibited under this new law which also changes the manner in which dealers are reimbursed by manufacturers. Manufacturers must pay a dealer no less than the amount a retail customer pays the dealer for the same services.

## **TERMINATING RENEWALS ONLINE**

**Public Act 102-517, House Bill 3955**

A consumer who accepts an automatic renewal or continuous service offer online shall be allowed to terminate the automatic renewal or continuous service exclusively online. A business which makes an automatic renewal offer or continuous service offer online is required to provide a toll-free telephone number, e-mail address, postal address or another cost-effective, timely and easy-to-use mechanism for cancellation.

## **DRAFTING OF DOCUMENTS BY CIRCUIT CLERKS**

**Public Act 102-619, House Bill 3956**

A clerk or deputy clerk of a circuit court may draft or prepare documents required or authorized by statute or supreme court order (rather than “by law required, or by some statute authorized”). The change was suggested by the Illinois Association of Court Clerks to prevent situations in which court clerks have been forced to draft legal documents that were beyond the scope of their authority to perform.

## **TRANSFER OF PROPERTY AFTER DEATH UPDATES**

**Public Act 102-68, Senate Bill 47**

This legislation renames the Residential Real Property Transfer on Death Instrument Act to the Real Property Transfer on Death Instrument Act. Among updating the definitions of many terms, it allows for all real property, not only residential property, to be transferred to beneficiaries via a transfer on death instrument (TODI) to a trustee of a trust under certain circumstances even if the trust is subject to amendment, modification, revocation, or termination. It also makes changes the rules under which real property subject to a TODI is transferred and provisions regarding rights of creditors, limitations, and preparation of a TODI or its revocation.

## **TRAILER FEE REDUCTION**

**Public Act 102-353, Senate Bill 58**

This legislation decreased the flat weight tax for Class TA trailers from \$118 to \$36 and created a new UT plate trailer plate that is to be used primarily for personal or individual use and not commercially used nor owned by a commercial business. It sets a \$36 annual registration fee for the UT plate and increases the certificate of title fee for vehicles other than all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles, motor homes, mini motor homes, and van campers from \$150 to \$155. The additional fee amount shall be deposited into the Road Fund. The new law also repeals the \$10,000 cap on the exclusion from sales tax when a vehicle is traded in at a dealership and increases the various graduated rates of taxation applicable to private vehicle sales.

## **FAFSA APPLICATION FOR YOUTH IN CARE**

**Public Act 102-70, Senate Bill 63**

Under this new law, DCFS is required to assist every youth in care who is entering their final year of high school complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or an application for state financial aid and requires DCFS to assist in identifying and obtaining all necessary documents for completion.

## **ADULT GUARDIANSHIP UPDATES**

**Public Act 102-72, Senate Bill 80**

This law makes various needed updates to the Probate Act of 1975 regarding guardians for adults with disabilities concerning: a 60-day extension for temporary guardians, co-guardianship, fees, and succession. It also requires agents with a power of attorney who are seeking guardianship to delineate the specific new powers to be granted.

## **COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS**

**Public Act 102-138, Senate Bill 85**

This new law closes a loophole to prevent Fire Protection Districts from bypassing the requirement for competitive bidding for expenditures above \$20,000 when engaging in a lease or lease to own agreement for new real estate and building projects.

## **PRACTICE AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCE PRACTICE NURSES**

**Public Act 102-75, Senate Bill 105**

This law amends the Nurse Practice Act to allow an employer, in addition to a doctor, to attest to the completion of clinical experience for Advance Practice Registered Nurses to obtain full practice authority.

## **STREAMLINING ADOPTION PROCESS**

**Public Act 102-139, Senate Bill 107**

To streamline the adoption process and make it easier for adults wishing to be adopted by a former stepparent, this law removes the joint petition requirement for biological or former stepparents who get remarried so that the rights of the other parent are not terminated. The bill also eliminates the residency requirement to make the process similar to the process for re-adoption.

## **SURROGATE DECISIONS FOR LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT**

**Public Act 102-140, Senate Bill 109**

This law recognizes a uniform Practitioner Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) form to make it easier for an authorized decision maker under the Health Care Surrogate Act to revoke a POLST form and reduce barriers for surrogates to allow for non-resuscitation of serious medical conditions.

## **CORPORATE STATUTE CLEANUP**

**Public Act 102-282, Senate Bill 116**

This law updates various statutes to require corporations in the state to hold shareholder meetings at the corporation's principal (rather than registered) office, add requirements for special meetings, and require annual renewal reports and certificate of existence requests in real time to improve electronic filing and

forego the expedited service fee. The bill will also allow remote shareholder meetings, voting and other records to be kept electronically, reports of interim changes, and certain types of reorganization.

## **HAYLI'S LAW**

**Public Act 102-78, Senate Bill 119**

To ensure children may have a lemonade stand, this new law prevents state or local authorities from regulating children under the age of 16 selling lemonade or similar drinks at a stand.

## **ALLOWS EMTs TO COMPLETE OSHA QUESTIONNAIRE ON BEHALF OF FIRE PERSONNEL**

**Public Act 102-79, Senate Bill 121**

Nothing in the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act shall be construed to prohibit an EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, Paramedic, or PHRN from completing an initial Occupational Safety and Health Administration Respirator Medical Evaluation Questionnaire on behalf of fire service personnel, as permitted by his or her EMS System Medical Director.

## **LOCAL JOURNALISM TASK FORCE**

**Public Act 102-569, Senate Bill 134**

The Local Journalism Task Force is created to study communities underserved by local journalism, review all aspects of journalism, and report its findings and recommendations of legislation to the Governor and General Assembly.

## **NONGENDERED MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE**

**Public Act 102-171, Senate Bill 139**

This law allows county clerks to issue nongendered marriage licenses without gender identifying language.

## **MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT**

**Public Act 102-142, Senate Bill 147**

The minimum standards for Medicare supplement policies are updated by requiring an annual open enrollment for those between the ages of 65 and 75 every year on their birthday to allow the individual to change coverage levels with the same provider. It requires the period to be open for 45 days and prohibits policy denials or adverse pricing based on health status, claims experience, receipt of health care, or a medical condition during the enrollment period. Policyholders must be notified of the open period at policy application.

## **PETS ALLOWED IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**Public Act 102-283, Senate Bill 154**

Any affordable housing over 500 square feet built or rehabbed with money from the Illinois Affordable Housing Trust Fund must allow families the right to keep at least two cats or one dog under 50 pounds to prevent animals from needing to be surrendered to shelters or abandoned.

## HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN

**Public Act 102-87, Senate Bill 258**

The purpose of the law is to ensure that children whose parents are divorced or never married have public or private health insurance when child support is determined, by requiring the parents to obtain health insurance or maintain existing health insurance coverage for the child.

## TEMPORARY CHILD RELOCATION

**Public Act 102-143, Senate Bill 259**

This law allows the court, in family law matters, to temporarily allow children to relocate with one parent while the court proceedings are in motion. It also ensures that such a decision cannot be used to prejudice either parent in the final determination of parental responsibilities allocation.

## LICENSING OF DENTAL ANESTHESIOLOGISTS

**Public Act 102-93, Senate Bill 335**

The Dental Practice Act is updated to add dental anesthesiology to the definition of branches of dentistry. The new law also specifies which exams a person must pass before submitting their application for a license to practice dentistry to IDFP.

## SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTATIVE DENTAL CARE FOR YOUTH

**Public Act 102-95, Senate Bill 346**

This initiative requires HFS to administer and regulate a school-based dental program that allows dentists to provide out-of-office delivery of preventative dental services in a school setting to children under 19 years of age. In developing rules, HFS will consider the geographic differences of both urban and rural areas of the state for initial treatment and necessary follow-up care for youth.

## STRENGTHENING ACCOUNTABILITY & DIVERSITY IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC PENSION FUNDS

**Public Act 102-97, Senate Bill 460**

This new law ensures transparency and accountability in the management of public pensions by requiring the board of trustees of all pension funds and retirement systems to award all contracts for investment services using a competitive process that mirrors those required for professional and artistic services under the Procurement Code. The relevant pension board may also select an emerging investment manager based upon the written recommendation of an investment advisor. According to state law, "emerging investment manager" means a qualified investment adviser which manages investment portfolios of at least \$10 million and is minority-owned, women-owned, or owned by a person with a disability.

## IMPROVING ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

**Public Act 102-144, Senate Bill 471**

In an effort to provide better access to treatment services for Illinois residents near where they live, this initiative places standards into law that patients will not have to travel longer than 60 minutes or 60 miles from their residence to receive inpatient or residential treatment for mental, emotional, nervous, or substance use disorders or conditions if insured by an individual health insurance plan that is part of a network or a

Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO). Under federal law, states must impose time and distance standards for health care treatment providers in MCO networks to ensure access.

## **INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR TEMPOROMANDIBULAR JOINT DISORDER**

### **Public Act 102-30, Senate Bill 499**

This new law updates existing law by requiring insurance providers to offer additional coverage for treatment of temporomandibular joint disorder, which is characterized by pain and compromised movement of the jaw joint and the surrounding muscles. According to the Mayo Clinic, there are more than 3 million cases per year of temporomandibular joint disorder in the United States.

## **PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN ORGAN TRANSPLANTS**

### **Public Act 102-147, Senate Bill 500**

When making decisions about organ transplants, a hospital, physician, surgeon, procurement organization or person shall not; deny a transplant or related services solely on the basis of an individual's mental or physical disability if that individual has the necessary support system to assist in complying with post-transplant medical requirements; or consider the individual's inability to independently comply with post-transplant medical requirements to be medically significant. A covered entity shall comply with requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 in making reasonable modifications to its policies or procedures in response to a request from an individual with disabilities regarding access to transplantation-related services.

## **PREVENTING YOUTH VAPING ACT**

### **Public Act 102-575, Senate Bill 512**

The Preventing Youth Vaping Act establishes standards for packaging and advertising of electronic cigarettes. It prohibits specified additives, including vitamin E acetate and adds "electronic cigarettes" to the definition of tobacco products in state law. This initiative was passed to curb potential health issues caused by young people using electronic cigarettes.

## **PUBLIC UTILITY/WATER SYSTEMS**

### **Public Act 102-149, Senate Bill 515**

The minimum water customer connection threshold for a "large public utility" is lowered from 30,000 customers to 15,000 customers under the Water Systems Viability Act. This initiative was passed to give Utility Services Inc. of Illinois the ability to utilize the alternative acquisition procedure available to larger public water utilities such as Illinois American Water and Aqua Illinois. A "large public utility" is now defined as an investor-owned public utility that is subject to regulation by the ICC and regularly provides water or sewer service to more than 15,000 customer connections.

## **ETHICS REFORM OMNIBUS**

### **Public Act 102-664, Senate Bill 539**

This legislation strengthens requirements for Statement of Economic Interests, imposes 6-month revolving door prohibitions for legislators and Executive branch officers (starting with the 103rd General Assembly for legislators), bans political fundraising in Sangamon County on a session day and the day before session, and prohibits legislators from lobbying for compensation at the local level. It extends lobbyist registration

requirements for lobbying at the local level and grants the Legislative Inspector General the ability to initiate investigations without prior approval from the Legislative Ethics Commission.

## **NEW ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATE DETECTIVES, SECURITY EMPLOYEES**

**Public Act 102-152, Senate Bill 548**

Private detectives and security employees will be required to undergo annual training to maintain the skills necessary to ensure public safety. This new law requires eight hours of yearly private detective training and four hours of annual training for private security contractors. It also increases the firearms-specific training requirement for a firearms control card from 20 to 28 hours to allow for eight hours specifically for firing practice, where card holders must attain 70% firing accuracy. It lowers the threshold before a commercial or industrial operation must register their security forces from five employees to one.

## **E-CIGARETTE RETAILER COMPLIANCE CHECKS**

**Public Act 102-576, Senate Bill 555**

This new law expands state law for compliance checks to include vape shops and codifies an ongoing DHS program to conduct investigations of retailers that sell tobacco products, electronic nicotine products, alternative nicotine products or e-cigarettes to ensure that retailers do not sell tobacco products and e-cigarettes to residents under the age of 21. The Illinois State Police may perform sting operations by an underage individual under the supervision of ISP. The compliance checks apply to all retailers that sell e-cigarettes.

## **MUHAMMAD ALI DAY**

**Public Act 102-411, Senate Bill 564**

In addition to making January 17 (the birthday of Muhammad Ali) a commemorative date in the School Code, this new law requires that the teaching of history of the United States include the contributions made to society by Americans of different faith practices, including, but not limited to, Muslim Americans, Jewish Americans, Christian Americans, Hindu Americans, Sikh Americans, Buddhist Americans, and any other collective community of faith that has shaped America.

## **TELEHEALTH/OPTOMETRY**

**Public Act 102-153, Senate Bill 567**

The act establishes regulations and guidelines for the use of telehealth in optometry. An optometrist practicing through telehealth is subject to the same standard of care and practice standards that are applicable to optometric services provided in a clinic or office setting. It requires the optometrist to have established a provider-patient relationship with the patient prior to the delivery of telehealth services.

## **UPDATES TO SECRETARY OF STATE VEHICLE SERVICES GUIDELINES**

**Public Act 102-154, Senate Bill 573**

The Secretary of State Vehicle Services Department Omnibus Bill made the following changes:

- A “uniform invoice” is defined as a form created by the Secretary of State for the purpose of transporting vehicles and essential parts that does not convey or transfer ownership rights of a vehicle from one entity to another.

- The Vehicles Services Division of the SOS may use commercially available title tracking software to determine title designation for the issuance of title.
- Any licensee under Chapter 5 of the Vehicle Code who sells, transfers, or wholesales a vehicle out of state must mail the certificate of title to the physical business address in the requisite jurisdiction in lieu of transferring title at the time of sale.
- The SOS may remove a franchise affiliate's lien so that the franchise affiliate may pursue the balance of the lien with the defunct dealership instead of the constituent. This item applies if a franchise dealer neglects to pay off a trade-in vehicle's lien, and that lien is held by the franchise affiliate.
- The 30-day permit is now a 90-day permit, which will be provided for a fee of \$13.
- An electric vehicle is included as a vehicle type that can obtain vanity plates or personalized plates.
- Transfer fees on all military plates are removed.
- An "established places of business" for a dealership must have at least five parking spots outdoors or at least room to park one vehicle indoors in a showroom.
- Implementation of the electronic title and lien system is delayed to July 1, 2022.

## **EXPANDING ACCESS TO CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY RECORDS, PAYMENT OPTIONS**

### **Public Act 102-356, Senate Bill 583**

Reports and records of the obligation, receipt and use of public funds of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County are public records available for public inspection. The clerk of the court shall (rather than may) accept credit card payments over the Internet or certified check for fines, penalties, court costs or costs from offenders on voluntary electronic pleas of guilty in minor traffic and conservation offenses. The Circuit Clerk claims this will increase transparency by making certain records subject to FOIA requests.

## **ADDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS TO THE ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY ACT**

### **Public Act 102-292, Senate Bill 593**

The Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking Act is expanded to add the same protections for victims of human trafficking. Those who qualify for the address confidentiality program may register to vote by submitting an Illinois Address Confidentiality Program Voter Registration Application, and their address will not be included in any list of registered voters available to the public, nor will their address or phone be subject to release through the Freedom of Information Act.

## **FILING NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACTIONS**

### **Public Act 102-156, Senate Bill 595**

In mortgage foreclosure actions, the plaintiff, or his or her attorney (rather than the clerk of the court) shall send a copy of the publication to each defendant. The certificate of the plaintiff (rather than the clerk of the court) is evidence that the plaintiff sent a copy of the publication to each defendant. A copy of the certificate shall be filed at the office of the clerk of the court where the action is pending. This was recommended by

the Illinois Association of Court Clerks to ensure that the filings are done more efficiently and with greater likelihood meeting deadlines.

## **ADDING INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE TO THE ISBE SCHOOL REPORT CARDS**

### **Public Act 102-294, Senate Bill 633**

ISBE's school report card must include data on the number of incidents of violence that occurred on school grounds or during school-related activities and that resulted in an out-of-school suspension, expulsion, or removal to an alternative setting.

## **OFFERING UNIT OWNERS MORE CONTROL OVER THEIR CONDOMINIUM BOARDS**

### **Public Act 102-162, Senate Bill 636**

Designed to offer owners of condominiums more control over their board of managers, this new law provides that a majority of a condominium board of managers, or a lesser number specified in a specific declaration, must be comprised of unit owners occupying their unit as their primary residence. The condominium instruments may not require that more than a majority of the board shall be comprised of unit owners who occupy their unit as their principal residence.

## **PROHIBITING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS WITH NON-MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES**

### **Public Act 102-163, Senate Bill 640**

Procurement contracts for the construction, alteration, operation, repair, maintenance, or improvement of any mass transit facility in excess of \$1,000,000 may not be awarded to any vendor that receives support from a non-market economy country, as defined under federal law. Currently, the following countries are so defined: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, People's Republic of China, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan,

Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Vietnam. The purpose of this law is to prevent funding companies that use child labor and pose a security risk due to control by their country.

## **CREATING A NEW SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSE SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Public Act 102-621, Senate Bill 661**

Subject to appropriation, ISAC will award annually up to 250 scholarships for those already holding a master's degree to take courses required to obtain a Professional Educator License with an endorsement in School Social Work. The awardee, within one year of graduation, must begin working at a non-profit preschool, elementary or secondary school in Illinois for a period of two of the five years. If work terms are not met, the awardee must repay the scholarship monies. In awarding scholarships, ISAC will give priority to racial minorities.

## AMENDING “NOT TO COMPETE COVENANTS”

**Public Act 102-358, Senate Bill 672**

This new law makes a number of changes to Illinois’ Freedom to Work Act in regards to “not to compete covenants.” Included among them are annualized earnings-based restrictions on the covenant’s applicability. Such covenants are void when applied to any employee who an employer terminates, furloughs, or lays off as the result of business circumstances or governmental orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic, or under similar circumstances, unless appropriate compensation is included. They are also voided for individuals covered by a collective bargaining agreement under the Public Labor Relations Act or the Educational Labor Relations Act.

## EXPANDING PROTECTIONS FOR OLDER ADULTS AND THE DISABLED

**Public Act 102-244, Senate Bill 701**

The Adult Protective Services Act is expanded to include reports of abandonment. The Department on Aging must offer, subject to appropriations, an annual trauma-informed training program that includes instruction on how trauma impacts caseworkers and other employees who respond to adult abuse, neglect, exploitation, or abandonment. It also requires the department to develop and implement a demonstration project using a risk assessment tool to help identify elderly persons who may be experiencing elder abuse or neglect. Further, the Criminal Code of 2012 is amended to expand the time frame in which investigation of theft by deception of a victim age 60 or older or a person with a disability may be commenced to up to seven years of the last act being committed, and, with regard to crimes against the elderly or disabled, expands the definition of “person who stands in a position of trust and confidence” to include a friend or acquaintance.

## TRACKING SCHOOL SUPPORT PERSONNEL DATA

**Public Act 102-302, Senate Bill 812**

ISBE must make available on its website by December 1, 2023, and annually thereafter the total number of personnel with a school support personnel endorsement, and the pupil-to-school support personnel ratio for each individual Illinois school district. School districts must report the information to ISBE no later than December 1, 2022, and annually thereafter. This will help school districts and the state track school support personnel data to understand if statutory ratios are being achieved and to determine where the largest shortages are and in what support field.

## PROHIBITING SCHOOL DRESS CODES FROM DISALLOWING ETHNIC HAIRSTYLES

**Public Act 102-360, Senate Bill 817**

Named the Jett Hawkins Law, this measure prohibits public and non-public elementary and secondary schools from having school uniform policies that prohibit hairstyles historically associated with race, ethnicity or hair texture. Schools would be subject to losing recognition through the State Board of Education if they have such a policy.

## AMENDMENTS TO 101<sup>ST</sup> GA’S EDUCATION REFORM

**Public Act 102-209, Senate Bill 820**

A trailer bill to P.A. 101-654, this legislation makes five changes:

- In the statute regarding Freedom Schools, replaces “black students” with “historically, disadvantaged students, including African American students and other students of color.”

- Removes the word “statewide” from “one member who represents a statewide organization that represents south suburban school districts appointed by the State Superintendent of Education” in regards to an appointee on the Commission.
- Provides that for a student entering grade 12, the next most rigorous level of advanced coursework in English language arts or mathematics shall be a dual credit course, an Advanced Placement course, or an International Baccalaureate course.
- Adds three members to the Whole Child Task Force.
- Provides that beginning January 1, 2022 (instead of July 1, 2022), children who receive early intervention services prior to their third birthday and are found eligible for an IEP and whose birthday falls between May 1 and August 31 may continue to receive early intervention services until the beginning of the school year following their third birthday.

## UPDATING THE IDNR PORTFOLIO

### Public Act 102-246, Senate Bill 915

This act designates Channahon State Park in Will County as a state park and designates other areas as state fish and wildlife areas and game propagation centers, rather than as conservation areas. The legislation also names additional state natural areas, recreational areas, habitat areas, and state boating access areas. It also names additional state historic sites and state memorials, while deleting references to certain state historic sites, state memorials, and miscellaneous properties. The intent is to update the State Parks Designation Act with 15-20 years' worth of additions to the portfolio of properties overseen by IDNR.

## INCREASING DIVERSITY ON THE BROADBAND ADVISORY COUNCIL

### Public Act 102-247, Senate Bill 919

To increase diversity on the Broadband Advisory Council, this legislation adds four new members to be appointed by the Governor. These new members shall serve for three-year terms and consist a member each from a community-based organization representing the interests of African-American or Black individuals, Hispanic or Latino individuals, Asian-American or Pacific Islander individuals, and ethnically diverse individuals.

## UPDATING HIRING/SALARY GUIDELINES AT THE STATE MUSEUM

### Public Act 102-303, Senate Bill 922

This legislation deletes outdated provisions concerning the Board of the Illinois State Museum fixing the salaries of the museum staff, and that the approval of the Board of the Illinois State Museum is necessary for the appointment of museum staff. These changes were made because the staff reporting to the Museum Director is now under collective bargaining agreements.

## REQUIRING COVERAGE FOR PANCREATIC CANCER SCREENINGS

### Public Act 102-306, Senate Bill 968

An insurer or managed care plan must provide coverage for medically necessary pancreatic cancer screening. This applies to the State Employees Group Insurance Act, Counties Code, Municipal Code, School Code, Health Maintenance Organization Act, Limited Health Service Organization Act, Voluntary Health Services Plans Act, and the Public Aid Code.

# STATE PENSION OMNIBUS CHANGES

## Public Act 102-210, Senate Bill 1056

This large bill is a pension omnibus proposal that combines many of the technical changes proposed by the numerous public pension funds and systems. Among other provisions, this bill makes the following changes:

- In the General Assembly, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), State Universities, Downstate Teachers, and Judges Articles, the law makes changes to the age at which certain distributions are required and the age at which certain annuities are payable.
- In the General Provisions and IMRF Articles, the legislation moves provisions concerning Tier 2 members of IMRF from the General Provisions Article to the IMRF Article.
- The increase to the retirement annuity of a Tier 1 regular employee shall be computed from the effective date of the retirement annuity, the first increase being 0.25% (instead of .167%) of the monthly amount times the number of months from the effective date to January 1. If the employee was a Tier 1 regular employee, the surviving spouse annuity shall be increased by an amount equal to (i) 3% of the original amount thereof if the deceased employee was receiving a retirement annuity at the time of his or her death; otherwise (ii) 0.25% (instead of 0.167%) of the original amount thereof for each complete month that has elapsed since the date the annuity began.
- In the Chicago Teacher Article, the new law makes changes concerning mistakes in benefit amount, the definition of “administrator”, and payroll deductions.
- In the State Universities Article, the legislation makes changes concerning the qualification of trustees and the optional defined contribution benefit
- In the Downstate Firefighter Article: an active member of the State Employees’ Retirement System (SERS) who is an arson investigator may apply to transfer to SERS his or her credits and creditable service accumulated in any downstate firefighter pension fund.
- In the State Employee Article: a state trooper, conservation police officer, arson investigator, or Commerce Commission police officer may elect to establish eligible creditable service under the alternative retirement annuity formula. A state trooper or conservation police officer may elect to convert service credit earned under the Article to eligible creditable service.
- In the Downstate Teacher Article, the legislation adds to the definition of “teacher” the chief administrative officer of the education service centers established under the School Code and serving that portion of a Class II county outside a city of 500,000 or more inhabitants.

# UPDATING REQUIRED TRAINING FOR “DRY NEEDLING”

## Public Act 102-308, Senate Bill 1078

An athletic trainer, occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant, or a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant may only perform dry needling after completion of the requirements as determined by IDFPR. “Dry needling”, also known as intramuscular therapy, is a technique limited to the treatment of myofascial pain, using a single use, single insertion, sterile filiform needle. A physical therapist providing services to a patient who has been diagnosed by a health care professional with a chronic disease must communicate at least monthly with the patient’s treating health care professional.

## **INCREASING CONSUMER PROTECTION FOR COLLEGE SEEKERS**

**Public Act 102-571, Senate Bill 1085**

The Educational Planning Services Consumer Protection Act protects consumers who enter into agreements with educational planning service providers, and regulates educational planning service providers. It sets forth prohibitions and requirements for these providers, and makes it unlawful for any person or entity to act as an educational planning service provider except as authorized by the act. It also contains provision concerning required disclosures, the cancellation of a contract and refunds, noncompliance, and civil remedies.

## **NON-HIGHWAY VEHICLE REGULATIONS**

**Public Act 102-312, Senate Bill 1231**

The weight limit for recreational off-highway vehicles that are electric powered is increased to 3,000 pounds (previously 2,000) and a new classification is created for “large non-highway vehicle” defined as any motorized off-highway device greater than 64 inches and not more than 75 inches in width, having a weight of 3,500 pounds or less, traveling on four or more non-highway tires, designed with a non-straddle seat and a steering wheel for steering control, except equipment such as lawnmowers. Large non-highway vehicles are not allowed on recreational trails, but electric powered recreational off-highway vehicles of less than 3,000 lbs. are permitted on recreational trails.

## **IDOT-AERONAUTICS FUNDING FOR HANGARS & BUILDINGS**

**Public Act 102-303, Senate Bill 1232**

Use of IDOT’s Division of Aeronautics funds for construction costs can only contribute for the development of public-use aeronautical facilities. Financial assistance for construction costs directly related to projects financed in whole or in part by state funds. The prohibition on a municipality or political subdivision from directly accepting, receiving, or disbursing any funds granted by the United States under the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982 shall not prohibit any municipality or any political subdivision owning a primary commercial service airport serving at least 10,000 annual enplanements from accepting, receiving, or disbursing funds directly from the federal government. Federal money awarded to airports in the state under federal laws that includes project applications approved by IDOT where IDOT is designated as agent to accept, receive, and disburse such funds also include a state match to the local share of the application for all costs eligible.

## **IDNR - WILDLIFE – PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEER**

**Public Act 102-314, Senate Bill 1245**

This legislation changes the language in the Wildlife Code that DNR shall publicly announce, via statewide news release, the season dates, shooting hours and the counties and sites open to hunting.

## **HERPTILES**

**Public Act 102-315, Senate Bill 1247**

This act replaces the term “reptile or amphibian life” with “herptile” in state statute. It also makes changes to provisions on the taking of turtles or bullfrogs and modifies provisions concerning the protection, control, possession and propagation of herptiles such as alligator snapping turtles, crocodilians, monitor lizards and certain toad species. It allows the propagation of any endangered or threatened herptile species and modifies the penalties section to give Law Enforcement more latitude and discretion than just the current Act permits.

This includes the addition of lower level offenses than the Code currently allows. It removes language that would lead to the prosecution of licensed veterinarians for treating Special Use herptiles.

## **RENTAL VEHICLE DAMAGE WAIVER**

**Public Act 102-317, Senate Bill 1536**

The Renter's Financial Responsibility and Protection Act will allow a rental company to void a damage waiver for damage or loss to the rental vehicle if the rental vehicle is stolen and the renter fails to return the ignition key and key tag; file a police report within the 24-hour period after discovery of the theft; and fully cooperate with the rental company, law enforcement agency, or any other authority in all matters connected to the investigation of the stolen rental vehicle.

## **VEHICLE CODE – SECRETARY OF STATE TITLE TRANSFERS**

**Public Act 102-318, Senate Bill 1542**

This legislation removes the requirement that new vehicle dealers, motor vehicle financing affiliates, used vehicle dealers, buy here-pay here used vehicle dealers, parts recyclers, repairers and rebuilders make out the Uniform Invoice in triplicate. It also requires that records required under the Uniform Invoice requirement be retained for three years instead of seven years.

## **VEHICLE CODE – SALVAGE CERTIFICATES**

**Public Act 102-319, Senate Bill 1545**

The Vehicle Code is amended to re-define that a repossessed vehicle, fleet vehicle or flood vehicle that has been damaged in excess of 50% (instead of 33 1/3%) of its fair market value shall be considered to be salvage and shall be required to complete a successful inspection before being issued a new certificate of title.

## **HUMAN RIGHTS ACT – HOUSING LOAN LENDING**

**Public Act 102-362, Senate Bill 1561**

It is a civil rights violation for a third-party loan modification service provider, because of unlawful discrimination, familial status or an arrest record, to refuse to engage in loan modification services or to discriminate in making such services available, or alter terms, conditions or privileges of these services.

## **CRIMINAL CODE – PREGNANCY CONSIDERATION ON SENTENCING**

**Public Act 102-211, Senate Bill 1566**

This new law adds pregnancy to the list of mitigating factors that must be considered by a sentencing judge in a criminal case when determining a sentence to impose upon a defendant who has been convicted of a crime.

## **SCHOOL CODE - MENTAL HEALTH ABSENCE**

**Public Act 102-321, Senate Bill 1577**

The Compulsory Attendance Article of the School Code is amended to allow students to take up to five absences for mental or behavioral health; after the second mental health day used, they may be referred to the appropriate school support personnel.

## **INSURANCE COVERAGE MANDATES FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS**

**Public Act 102-322, Senate Bill 1592**

This legislation closes a loophole in the Insurance Code with regard to Autism spectrum disorders and habilitative services for children coverage mandates by providing that an insurer or managed care plan may not deny or refuse coverage because of the location wherein the clinically appropriate services are provided. Habilitative services are defined as occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy and other services prescribed by the insured's treating physician pursuant to a treatment plan to enhance the ability of a child to function with a congenital, genetic or early acquired disorder.

## **CRIMINAL CODE – IMMIGRATION STATUS HATE CRIME**

**Public Act 102-235, Senate Bill 1596**

The Criminal Code of 2012 now includes the actual or perceived citizenship or immigration status of someone as a hate crime in the commission of specified criminal acts.

## **HUMAN TRAFFICKING RECOGNITION TRAINING**

**Public Act 102-324, Senate Bill 1600**

The Lodging Services Human Trafficking Recognition Training Act is amended to require restaurants and truck stops to provide employees with training in the recognition of human trafficking and protocols for reporting observed human trafficking to the appropriate authority.

## **SOS - ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES**

**Public Act 102-213, Senate Bill 1611**

The Secretary of State may adopt rules to authorize the filing of documents with his or her office that have been signed by electronic means. Electronic signatures and electronic delivery of records shall have the same force and effect as manual signatures and the physical delivery of records and shall be admissible in all administrative, quasi-judicial and judicial proceedings.

## **HIGHER EDUCATION ADMISSIONS – AGRICULTURE SCIENCES**

**Public Act 102-404, Senate Bill 1624**

This act amends the minimum college preparatory curriculum requirements for admission to an Illinois public university to include "agriculture sciences" as a type of course that may be counted towards the required three years of science and adds "agricultural education" as a type of course that be counted towards the two years of electives.

## **REMOVES SOCIAL WORKER EXAMINATION**

**Public Act 102-326, Senate Bill 1632**

The provision requiring a person to pass an examination as authorized by the IDFPR to be qualified to be licensed as a social worker in Illinois is removed from the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act.

## **ACADEMIC REPORT FOR ALL PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES**

**Public Act 102-214, Senate Bill 1638**

Each student must be provided with an academic report when he or she declares a major. The report provides an estimated cost for their major, average monthly student loan payment, average job placement rate, average entry-level wage and wage or salary after five years of entry into an occupation related to that major.

## **SCHOOL CODE – COUNSELOR GIFT BAN**

**Public Act 102-327, Senate Bill 1640**

A guidance counselor may not intentionally solicit or accept any gift from any prohibited source or solicit or accept a gift that would be in violation of any federal or state statute or rule, with exceptions like promotional materials, and subject to a fine of at least \$1,001 and up to \$5,000.

## **MASS ANIMAL MORTALITY EVENT**

**Public Act 102-216, Senate Bill 1656**

The former Dead Animal Disposal Act is now known as the Animal Mortality Act, which provides that the Director of Agriculture may declare a mass animal mortality event and that the IEPA shall not require a permit for any person conducting a waste transfer, storage, treatment or disposal operation.

## **WEIGHTS & MEASURES - CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**Public Act 102-217, Senate Bill 1657**

Continuing education is required for persons registered to install, service, recondition or repair a weighing or measuring device used in trade or commerce. The new law allows for a phase-in process for persons currently registered and that applications and reports (currently required in writing) shall be filed in a manner prescribed by the Director of Agriculture.

## **WEIGHTS & MEASURES - SEALING DEVICE**

**Public Act 102-218, Senate Bill 1658**

All weighing or measuring devices must be placed into service and sealed before they are first used in trade by a serviceperson, service agency or special sealer registered by the Director of Agriculture or by an inspector. On any device whose sole method of sealing is an audit trail, event counter or similar system, a tamper-evident label shall be affixed to the device that includes the sealer's registration number as issued by the Director and the most recent count or counts listed in the audit trail, event counter or similar system.

## **ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATION OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

**Public Act 102-625, Senate Bill 1667**

This initiative provides greater flexibility to local taxing bodies by allowing them to transmit certification of their tax levy to the county clerk electronically, including any supplemental or supportive documentation. State law requires levies to be certified on or before the last Tuesday in December.

## HOMEOWNER/RENTER INSURANCE AND DOG BITE CLAIMS

**Public Act 102-328, Senate Bill 1672**

In an effort to increase pet owners' access to homeowner or renter insurance and suggested by Best Friends Animal Society, this new law requires that companies offering homeowner or renter insurance must record certain information regarding dog bite claims for two years starting in 2022 and reported annually.

## CAT AND DOG STERILIZATION

**Public Act 102-329, Senate Bill 1673**

The terms "spayed" and "neutered" were replaced by "sterilized" to prepare for when non-surgical methods become available in Illinois. As part of efforts to humanely reduce the number of unwanted cats and dogs this new law provides that county animal funds can only be used to sterilize cats and dogs and that dogs running free must be sterilized within 30 days of reclamation.

## UPDATE TO DEFINITION OF "CONTACT" TO INCLUDE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

**Public Act 102-220, Senate Bill 1677**

To update statutory language to include text, email and other electronic contact in the definition of "contact," this legislation amends the Stalking No Contact Order Act to include electronic communication. It amends the Civil No Contact Order Act to allow a court to restrain the respondent from having any electronic communication with the petitioner.

## INCLUSION OF PROBATION OFFICERS IN LINE OF DUTY COMPENSATION ACT

**Public Act 102-1221, Senate Bill 1681**

In response to probation officers increasingly facing higher levels of threats and violence in the workplace, the Line of Duty Compensation Act is amended to include probation officers so they can receive the same benefits for which other members of law enforcement are eligible.

## PHARMACY PRESCRIPTION PRICE DISCLOSURE RULES

**Public Act 102-400, Senate Bill 1682**

This new law removes the limitation that consumers with a prescription may only request disclosure of the retail price of prescription drugs/medical devices 10 times. It includes guidelines for how and when a pharmacist and their employees are required to report retail costs and when they must inform a consumer that the retail cost is lower than their cost-sharing amount.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE EDGE TAX CREDIT ACT

**Public Act 102-330, Senate Bill 1690**

These amendments were agency-requested clean-up language and make changes to their Administrative Law. The EDGE Act is amended to repeal provisions concerning the Illinois Business Investment Committee. The law also creates the Illinois Small Business Fund as a non-appropriated separate trust fund in the state treasury. DCEO will use the money in the fund to manage proceeds resulting from investments the department has undertaken. The law also makes a conforming change to the State Finance Act and repeals an article within the Build Illinois Act.

## **IMPROVES EFFICIENCY IN FIREFIGHTER TRAINING**

**Public Act 102-331, Senate Bill 1714**

This legislation amends the Fire Protection Training Act to retain the training requirement for the history of fire service labor, but removes current law language that requires this training as part of basic fire training and a minimum standard for schools.

## **DELINQUENT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES**

**Public Act 102-363, Senate Bill 1721**

In provisions regarding delinquent property, the county can now acquire the title to the property and can manage it (i.e. mowing, removal of garbage, etc.). If the county sells the property, the proceeds should go to the taxing districts in proportion to their respective interests. Max penalty bids for the annual tax sale are reduced from 18% to 9%. In the Counties Code, this legislation modifies the ability to declare a property abandoned and other announcements surrounding the declaration of abandonment.

## **RULES FOR CERTIFICATION OF ACCOUNTANTS**

**Public Act 102-222, Senate Bill 1723**

In efforts to streamline the CPA certification process, this new law allows CPA applicants to sit for the exam after 120 credit hours instead of 150 hours and creates an exam certificate for individuals who passed the exam.

## **PUBLIC CORPORATION IDENTITY REPORTING**

**Public Act 102-223, Senate Bill 1730**

Public corporations with principle executive offices in Illinois must report the self-identified sexual orientation and self-identified gender identity of their directors.

## **NON-EMERGENCY MEDI-CAR SERVICE PROVIDER SAFETY TRAINING**

**Public Act 102-364, Senate Bill 1740**

If a provider of non-emergency medi-car and service car transportation is licensed either directly or through an affiliate company by IDPH and meets the training standards set by HFS, they are approved to have in-house safety training for their own staff.

## **SURPLUS LINE INSURANCE “DILIGENT EFFORT” REQUIREMENTS**

**Public Act 102-224, Senate Bill 1753**

In order to allow Independent Insurance Agents to be able to meet their diligent effort requirement annually rather than going through it for every common policy, this new law allows insurance producers to sell a surplus line insurance contract from an unauthorized insurer without completing the “diligent effort” requirements if they have been referred by another Illinois license insurance producer. It allows the “diligent effort” requirements to be met annually rather than each time the policy is issued and requires every surplus line producer to file a report on fire insurance with the Director up to February 1 instead of March 31.

## STATE AGENCY INTERVIEW DIVERSITY

**Public Act 102-225, Senate Bill 1765**

Each state agency should create a goal to increase diversity on interview panels in order to create more state employment opportunities for women, minorities, and people under specific employment plans. Furthermore, the interviewers, if possible, should be representative of the previously listed people. State agencies will be required to submit an annual report to CMS.

## DISCLOSURES FOR A LOAN ON A MANUFACTURED HOME

**Public Act 102-365, Senate Bill 1779**

In an effort to create more transparency in this particular loan process, this legislation provides that when offering terms for a mortgage note for a manufactured home, a lender or agent of a lender company must disclose 5 things: any affiliation between the landlord and lending company, if the loan is a chattel loan, that the terms of a chattel loan do not allow refinancing, that the manufactured home may qualify as a real property, and any other reasons that prohibit refinancing.

## WATER IN MOBILE HOME PARKS

**Public Act 102-227, Senate Bill 1780**

A mobile home park owner must provide water to each household following a 3-day period of no water. The park owner does not need to provide water to tenants if the disruption of water services originates from factors outside the control of the mobile home park.

## PUBLIC POSTING OF REHEARING/RESTORING LICENSE INFORMATION

**Public Act 102-229, Senate Bill 1790**

In order to increase transparency, the IDFPR must publish on its website information about the process of requesting a rehearing and the process for restoring a license after successful completion of probation, suspension or revocation of a license.

## REQUIREMENTS FOLLOWING A FATAL STATE HIGHWAY ACCIDENT

**Public Act 102-333, Senate Bill 1791**

IDOT will now be required to conduct a traffic study following any accident involving a pedestrian fatality that occurs at an intersection of a state highway.

## FIDUCIARY DUTIES IN A MEMBER-MANAGED COMPANY

**Public Act 102-230, Senate Bill 1795**

This bill is an effort to clarify fiduciary duty provisions in the Limited Liability Company Act. Statutory fiduciary duties a member owes to a member-managed company and other members do not limit duties owed at common law. It replaces a provision that requires a member to discharge their duties to a member-managed company and its other members and to exercise rights consistent with the obligation of good faith dealing. Instead, it provides that the implied contractual obligation of good faith dealings applies to the agreement and members of a member-managed company in the same way and extent that it applies to other contracts and parties. The law also changes the extent to which an operating agreement of a limited liability company can restrict/eliminate a fiduciary duty owed at common law or under the Act.

## STATE-DESIGNATED CULTURAL DISTRICTS

**Public Act 102-628, Senate Bill 1833**

Inspired by other states' cultural district programs, this new law seeks to establish similar programs in Illinois. DCEO will establish guidelines for state-designated cultural districts as defined in the bill, which also provides requirements for certification and reporting. The law creates an Advisory Committee which will have two House and two Senate members with each of the four caucus leaders making one appointment.

## PROTECTS LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES ON INACTIVE EMPLOYEES IF PROVIDER IS CHANGED

**Public Act 102-367, Senate Bill 1876**

This new law amends the Insurance Code to require that a policy of group life insurance that is replacing another group policy contain a provision that prevents loss of coverage for active employees who are not actively working if certain conditions are met.

## DEFINING BUILDING CODES FOR ONE AND TWO FAMILY MODULAR HOME DWELLINGS

**Public Act 102-526, Senate Bill 1839**

This initiative states that codes for structural requirements adopted for modular dwellings shall be no more stringent than the requirements contained in the most recent edition of the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings or the International Building Code. The law says the Code of Standards shall permit the use of new technology, techniques, methods and materials, for both modular dwellings and mobile structures, consistent with recognized and accepted codes and standards developed by the Energy Conservation Code.

## CLARIFYING HOSPITAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR UNDER AND UNINSURED PERSONS

**Public Act 102-581, Senate Bill 1840**

This initiative says community benefits plans developed by a nonprofit hospital must describe activities the hospital is undertaking to address health equity, reduce health disparities, and improve community health. The law also clarifies requirements for hospital reporting on public health benefit applications and details discount rates and percentages for under and uninsured patients and requires annual reporting to the Attorney General on how medical discounts and services are offered and provided to under and uninsured persons.

## CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND COUNTY CLERKS

**Public Act 102-528, Senate Bill 1845**

The new law requires the owner of a certificate of purchase to file with the county clerk the names and addresses of the owners of the property and those persons entitled to service of notice at their last known addresses. The legislation also requires the clerk to mail notice within 30 days from the date of the filing of addresses.

## **RESTAURANT SPECIFICATIONS FOR CHILDREN'S MEALS**

**Public Act 102-529, Senate Bill 1846**

The initiative requires restaurants to specify that water, milk, a milk alternative or juice is included in the drink options for children's meals. The new law allows restaurants to serve a different drink alternative with children's meals. It lays out requirements for health inspectors to verify these choices are being offered and allows for a warning and financial penalties process for violations.

## **DIABETES AND VITAMIN D TESTING COVERAGE REQUIREMENT**

**Public Act 102-530, Senate Bill 1854**

The new law states that a group or individual policy of accident and health insurance or managed care plan shall provide coverage for A1C testing for prediabetes, type 1 diabetes, and type 2 diabetes in accordance with prediabetes and diabetes risk factors identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The new law states similar coverage for vitamin D testing recommended by a health care provider in accordance with vitamin D deficiency risk factors identified by the CDC and defines "A1C testing" and "vitamin D testing".

## **DOC IMPACT PROGRAM NO LONGER REQUIRES PHYSICAL LABOR OR MILITARY STYLE DRILLS**

**Public Act 102-629, Senate Bill 1861**

The initiative removes "incarceration" from the impact incarceration program and requires the impact program to include community service activities, cognitive behavioral programming, life skills and reentry planning. The new law also removes requirements for mandatory physical training and labor, military formation and drills, regimented activities and uniformity of dress and appearance. The new law also changes the length of the program from 120-180 days to one year to 18 months and allows State's Attorney's to determine eligibility for the program.

## **INCREASING AQUATIC SPECIES PROTECTIONS**

**Public Act 102-368, Senate Bill 1878**

A person who violates the Fish and Aquatic Life Code or administrative rule (rather than only the Code) relating to specified unlawful actions concerning protected species valued in excess of a total of \$300 commits a Class 3 felony. Bowfin and paddlefish are added to a species list with a \$4 per pound or \$8 per pound fair market value or replacement cost.

## **NO PITCHFORK FISHING FROM HIGHWAYS OR RIGHT OF WAYS**

**Public Act 102-369, Senate Bill 1879**

It is unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take aquatic life by means of a pitchfork, underwater spear gun, bow and arrow or bow and arrow device, including a sling shot bow, spear, or gig along, upon, across, or from any public right-of-way or highway in the state.

## **CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CONVICTION INVOLVING PROFOUNDLY DISABLED FAMILY MEMBER AS VICTIM**

**Public Act 102-531, Senate Bill 1892**

The new law requires a jail sentence for anyone convicted of child pornography charges where the exploited victim was a family member or household member and is also severely mentally or physically disabled. The initiative disallows probation, work release, or conditional discharge in such cases.

## **SURGICAL SMOKE EVACUATION SYSTEM FOR CERTIFIED HOSPITALS AND SURGERY CENTERS**

**Public Act 102-533, Senate Bill 1908**

This initiative requires licensed hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers to adopt policies to ensure the elimination of surgical smoke plume by use of a surgical smoke plume evacuation system for each procedure that generates surgical smoke plume from the use of energy-based devices, including electrosurgery and lasers. The law requires these healthcare facilities to report they have met this requirement within 90 days of the effective date of the public act.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR SCOTT'S LAW VIOLATORS**

**Public Act 102-338, Senate Bill 1913**

Violators of Scott's Law, a law that requires motorists traveling on Illinois' highways to move over when approaching a stopped police or emergency vehicle, may now face the punishment of community service in addition to other applicable punishments for violations of the law.

## **MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER TREATMENTS FOR INVOLUNTARY INPATIENT TREATMENT OF ILLINOIS AND WISCONSIN RESIDENTS**

**Public Act 102-371, Senate Bill 1966**

The new law will enable Illinois and Wisconsin residents who are subject by court order to involuntary inpatient admission for the treatment of a mental health or substance use disorder to obtain appropriate treatment across state lines in qualified hospitals and facilities that are closer to their homes than are facilities available in their home states. Specifically, the law allows mental health facilities located in certain northern border counties to contract with Wisconsin county departments to provide substance use or mental health treatment to Illinois and Wisconsin residents who are subject to involuntary commitment orders for treatment issued by Wisconsin courts.

## **LIMITED RELEASE OF MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION OF INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH CARE RECIPIENTS**

**Public Act 102-372, Senate Bill 1970**

This initiative allows for the limited disclosure of protected mental health information of a recipient who is an inpatient of a mental health facility related to an individual's involvement with the recipient's mental health care or payment related to the recipient's mental health care. The law defines eligibility factors for an individual seeking the disclosure of the information and further states that whenever the disclosure of information is made without consent, the recipient shall be provided with written disclosure and given an opportunity to designate an agent or appropriate counsel. The law requires documentation of the disclosure or use to be noted in the recipient's record.

## **LIMITING RECOUPMENT LIABILITY FOR HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDERS**

**Public Act 102-632, Senate Bill 1974**

This initiative limits insurance recoupments and offsets to 12 months after payment is made, instead of 18 months. The law exempts an insurer contracted with the HFS that is required by the department to recoup or offset payments due to a federal Medicaid requirement from the recoupment time limit. The change is aimed at easing financial burdens on smaller health care providers.

## **A NEW LIAISON POSITION CREATED AT DOC TO RECEIVE SUGGESTIONS, COMPLAINTS, REQUESTS**

**Public Act 102-535, Senate Bill 1976**

The new law requires DOC to appoint a point of contact person to receive suggestions, complaints, or other requests to the department from visitors to department institutions or facilities and from other members of the public.

## **EXPANDING SALES AVENUES FOR COTTAGE FOOD OPERATIONS**

**Public Act 102-633, Senate Bill 2007**

The new law makes clear several definitions involving the cottage food industry and expands sales avenues for cottage food operators to include sales at fairs, festivals, home, online, and home delivery. It establishes a self-certification program for cottage food operators to affirm compliance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations involving the new law and Illinois food preparation and handling codes.

## **LEGAL PROTECTIONS FOR UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS THAT ARE VICTIMS OF CRIME**

**Public Act 102-401, Senate Bill 2079**

The new law amends the VOICES Act to mandate that, when a law enforcement official declines to issue a certification of a victim of qualifying criminal activity, they shall provide written notice to anyone requesting an explanation as to why the available evidence does not support a finding that the individual is a victim of a qualifying criminal activity. It also requires a response to appeals within 30 days. The law is supposed to encourage undocumented immigrant victims of crime to report crimes and assist in the investigations and prosecutions of a wide variety of criminal activity.

## **ISBE'S KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**

**Public Act 102-635, Senate Bill 2088**

This initiative adds state policy advocates, early childhood administrators and other stakeholders as members to ISBE's kindergarten assessment committee. The new law also adds to the goal of the Whole Child Task Force the responsibility of recommending legislation, policies, and practices to prevent learning loss in students during periods of suspension and expulsion, including, but not limited to, remote instruction

## **DNR MUST FLY US FLAGS, ILLINOIS FLAGS, AND POW/MIA FLAGS AT ALL STATE PARKS**

**Public Act 102-388, Senate Bill 2089**

The new law requires DNR to fly the United States Flag, an Illinois flag, and a POW/MIA flag at all state parks within the next five years.

## **LIFE INSURANCE NOTICE**

**Public Act 102-542, Senate Bill 2112**

Life insurance companies must notify an applicant of their right to designate a secondary addressee to receive notice of cancellation of the policy for nonpayment and must allow for such designation at any time. Notice to the secondary addressee is in addition to the notice to the policy holder and the secondary addressee does not accept any liability for the policy. Policies that are collected by a licensed agent or paid by credit card, preauthorized check processing or automatic debt service are exempt. Life insurance agents may serve as a secondary addressee.

## **CIVICS EDUCATION FOR RE-ENTERING CITIZENS**

**Public Act 102-374, Senate Bill 2116**

Civics classes shall offered to those committed to DJJ who are due to re-enter society upon the completion of their sentence within the next 12 months.

## **INTERROGATIONS OF MINORS**

**Public Act 102-101, Senate Bill 2122**

This new law prohibits the use of deceptive tactics in custodial interrogations of a minor who was under the age of 18 at the time of the commission of the offense. Confessions made during an interrogation where deceptive practices were used are presumed inadmissible but may be overcome by a preponderance of the evidence. The burden is on the state to prove that a confession was voluntary.

## **STATE RESENTENCING MOTION**

**Public Act 102-102, Senate Bill 2129**

The State's Attorney may file a petition to resentence an offender, the court may resentence the offender if they find that the original sentence no longer advances the interests of justice.

## **INSURANCE/PORT-WINE STAINS**

**Public Act 102-642, Senate Bill 2158**

This act requires insurance companies to cover the treatment of nevus flammeus (port-wine stain birth marks) including, but not limited to, port-wine stains caused by Sturge-weber syndrome so long as the treatment is not solely cosmetic. Treatment shall include early intervention, topical, intraregional or systemic medical therapy, surgery and laser treatments approved by the U.S Food and Drug Administration in children 18 years and younger that are intended to prevention functional impairment related to vision, oral function, inflammation, bleeding, infection and other medical complications associated with port-wine stains.

## **POWERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Public Act 102-376, Senate Bill 2175**

The Department of Innovation and Technology Act is amended to modify provisions concerning the powers and duties of the department and its Secretary. The new law provides purpose provisions and modifies definitions.

## **DCFS-BAGGAGE FOR YOUTH-IN-CARE**

**Public Act 102-545, Senate Bill 2177**

Youth in care will not be required to store their belongings in plastic bags or similar forms of disposable containers when relocating from one placement to another, or when discharged from the custody of DCFS. DCFS must ensure that youth in care has appropriate baggage to store their belongings.

## **ATTORNEY MALPRACTICE LIMITATION FOR ESTATE PLANNING**

**Public Act 102-377, Senate Bill 2179**

This law creates an absolute bar on any attorney malpractice action for estate planning work after six years from when the services were rendered by the attorney to make it consistent with other legal work and not discourage attorneys from entering the practice due to liability concerns.

## **FREIGHT CONTAINER BURGLARY**

**Public Act 102-546, Senate Bill 2193**

A person commits burglary when they knowingly enter without authority, or remain within a freight container with the intent to commit a felony or theft. A burglary committed inside but without causing damage to a freight container is a Class 3 felony, and a burglary committed while causing damage to a freight container is a Class 2 felony.

## **THREATS INCLUDED IN DEFINITION OF STALKING**

**Public Act 102-547, Senate Bill 2204**

A person commits stalking when they knowingly make threats that are a part of a course of conduct and are aware of the threatening nature of their speech.

## **USE OF PESTICIDES DURING SCHOOL DAY**

**Public Act 102-548, Senate Bill 2245**

It is unlawful to apply a restricted use pesticide on or within 500 feet of a school property during normal school hours, except for whole structure fumigation, unless the pesticide application information listed on the label is more restrictive, in which case the more restrictive provision applies. This initiative aims to address concerns regarding the effects of pesticides on the environment and public health.

## **FOID-MENTAL HEALTH-CORRECTIONS**

**Public Act 102-645, Senate Bill 2249**

DOC employees may continue their employment after having their FOID card revoked due to receiving mental health treatment as long as the employee has not been deemed a threat to themselves or others.

## VET BENEFIT FUND REPORTING

**Public Act 102-549, Senate Bill 2250**

This legislation increases transparency in the use of donations to Illinois veterans' homes by requiring administrators at homes to prepare and submit a monthly report of all donations received, including non-monetary donations, to the IDVA. IDVA must prepare a quarterly report on all locally-held member's benefits funds from each Illinois veterans' home to submit quarterly to the General Assembly and the governor as well as publish on its website.

## MENTAL HEALTH BOARD IN COUNTIES WITH SPECIAL TAX

**Public Act 102-379, Senate Bill 2278**

Counties that are authorized to impose a special county retailers' occupation tax for public safety, public facilities, mental health, substance abuse, or transportation must establish a seven-member mental health board. Money from the special county retailers' occupation tax that are earmarked for mental health or substance abuse purposes must be deposited into a special county occupation tax fund for mental health and substance abuse to be administered by the board.

## PRIVACY OF CHILD VICTIMS

**Public Act 102-651, Senate Bill 2339**

This act protects the identities of child sex crime victims and alleged victims by providing that their identity be restricted unless a court order is issued authorizing the removal of restrictions of a particular case record or particular records of cases maintained by any circuit court clerk. Advocates and victim's attorneys are exempt from a requirement to exclude the victim's identity in certain records.

The Attorney General and Assistant Attorneys General may be exempt from a requirement to exclude a victim's identity in certain records. Superintendents are restricted from revealing the identity of a victim.

## ADULT VICTIM PRIVACY

**Public Act 102-652, Senate Bill 2340**

The Privacy of Adult Victims of Criminal Sexual Offenses Act allows a court, for the adult victim's protection and for good cause shown, to prohibit any person or agency present in court from further disclosing the adult victim's identity. Advocates and victim's attorneys may be exempt from a requirement to exclude the victim's identity in certain records. The copy of the criminal history record information provided under a provision concerning criminal sexual offense and school districts shall exclude the identity of the adult victim. The superintendent is restricted from revealing the identity of the adult victim. The Attorney General and Assistant Attorneys General may be exempt from a requirement to exclude a victim's identify in certain records.

## ADDS SPEECH AND DEBATE TO ELECTIVES TO GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL

**Public Act 102-551, Senate Bill 2354**

This new law adds forensic speech (speech and debate) to the list of electives that a student may choose to satisfy the one year prerequisite that each high school student must complete to graduate. A forensic speech course used to satisfy the course requirement in language arts may not be used to satisfy a forensic speech course chosen as an elective course.

## **PUBLIC BODY CLOSED MEETING REVIEW**

**Public Act 102-653, Senate Bill 2356**

Public bodies must meet no less than every six months to review minutes of all closed meetings. The unit of local government which assumes the functions of a recently dissolved, consolidated, or otherwise eliminated public body shall review the closed session minutes of that public body.

## **STREAMLINING EDUCATOR MISCONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS**

**Public Act 102-552, Senate Bill 2357**

This new law adds homicides to the list of criminal offenses that warrant disqualification of an educator and streamlines educator misconduct investigations at the request of the State Board of Education to require school boards to notify the Teachers' Retirement System when a teacher has been convicted, allows licensee endorsements to be revoked, and provides that notification to the State Board following an educator's dismissal or resignation due to child abuse or neglect must include the teacher's identification number and a description of the alleged misconduct.

## **BANKING EMERGENCY ACT – HOLIDAYS**

**Public Act 102-553, Senate Bill 2360**

Due to COVID-19 mitigation some banks were forced to close. They now have more flexibility in opening and closing after receiving authorization from IDFPD commissioners.

## **PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE**

**Public Act 102-655, Senate Bill 2384**

The Public Aid Code is amended to provide that the medical assistance program shall cover community-based pediatric palliative care from a trained interdisciplinary team. HFS must develop a pediatric palliative care program under which a qualifying child may receive community-based pediatric palliative care from a trained interdisciplinary team. A qualifying child is a person under the age of 21 who is enrolled in the medical assistance program and is diagnosed by the child's primary physician or specialist as suffering from a serious illness. Certain reimbursable services offered under the pediatric palliative care program will be subject to federal approval for matching funds.

## **REPEAL OF THE AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT ACT**

**Public Act 102-555, Senate Bill 2395**

The Aquaculture Development Act is repealed because it is outdated and covered by other various acts.

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE ELECTRONIC COMMERCE SECURITY ACT**

**Public Act 102-572, Senate Bill 2459**

An initiative of the American Council of Engineering Companies, this legislation allows for electronic signatures for small business contractors working with the state.

## STATE BUILDING MUNICIPAL IDENTIFICATION

**Public Act 102-561, Senate Bill 2460**

City of Chicago identification cards, CityKey, may be used as a secondary form of identification. It also allows CityKey to be used as an I.D. when entering certain state buildings.

## PERSONAL RECORD DISCIPLINE

**Public Act 102-564, Senate Bill 2486**

Illinois employees will now be able to file a grievance with the Department of Labor if a former employer unlawfully divulges a disciplinary report, reprimand or other disciplinary action to a third party within three years after the date of disclosure of the disciplinary action.

## STATE'S ATTORNEY CONFLICT WITH COUNTY

**Public Act 102-657, Senate Bill 2520**

This allows a court, on its own motion, or an interested person in a matter other than a cause or proceeding arising under the State's Attorney's duties, civil or criminal, to file a petition alleging that the State's Attorney has an actual conflict of interest in the matter. If the court finds that the petitioner has proven by sufficient facts and evidence that the State's Attorney has an actual conflict of interest, the court may appoint an attorney to prosecute or defend the matter. The bill was in response to an issue in Piatt County where the State's Attorney filed criminal charges for Open Meetings Act violations on the entire County Board. Though all of the charges were eventually dropped, the County Board did not want to have any meetings with the legal counsel (the State's Attorney criminally charging them) for several months, until the charges were dropped. The language of this bill allows any board that has a conflict with their State's Attorney to petition for outside legal counsel.

## EMERGENCY POLICE ACCESS TO CELL LOCATION

**Public Act 102-565, Senate Bill 2530**

Wireless providers must quickly deliver cell phone location information to law enforcement in cases when a person has been determined by law enforcement to be at risk of death or serious physical harm.

## PORTABLE EMISSIONS TESTING

**Public Act 102-566, Senate Bill 2563**

Truck fleets may now receive portable emission tests rather than driving their entire fleet to a brick and mortar facility. The new law reduces emissions by allowing the tester to travel to the fleet rather than driving an entire fleet to the tester.

## NEGLECTED CHILD-DISREGARD

**Public Act 102-567, Senate Bill 2567**

It is unlawful for any person to knowingly make a video record or transmit live video of another's intimate parts. In any criminal proceeding, any property or material that constitutes child pornography shall remain in the care, custody and control of either the state or the court. The law determines when a victim is considered unable to give knowing consent and amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act to provide that blatant disregard for the welfare of the child by the person responsible for the welfare of the child may contribute to the child being considered a "neglected child."

# CONDITIONAL PERMANENT RESIDENT

**Public Act 102-659, Senate Bill 2662**

Illinois driver's licenses issued to conditional permanent residents are allowed to expire under specified conditions. REAL ID compliant Illinois driver's licenses issued to conditional permanent residents will be marked as "Limited Term."