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The House and Senate have adjourned for the week. The Senate is scheduled to return Tuesday, February 20 and the House is set to return Tuesday, February 27.

On Wednesday, the Governor delivered his fourth and final budget address of his first term.

GOVERNOR'S FY 19 BUDGET ADDRESS

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As he asks voters for a second term, Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner delivered a budget address Wednesday that was often at odds with what he calls for on the campaign trail.

Candidate Rauner says he wants a freeze on local property taxes, touts changes to increase funding for poorer schools as a key accomplishment and derides the income tax hike lawmakers put in place last year over his veto. But Gov. Rauner, facing pressure to balance the state's books and live up to his promise to bring savvy financial management to state government, offered a spending plan that undermines much of that platform.

His budget could force local property tax hikes by requiring school districts to pick up the cost of teacher pensions. That move also could wipe out much of the extra money that's earmarked for schools. And instead of declining to spend the money from the tax hike, it's integral to his plan.

Left at the end of the day is a budget proposal that serves primarily as a political document designed to blunt criticism that he's failed to produce realistic solutions to the state's financial troubles so far in his first term. As such, Wednesday's proposal instantly ran up against political realities, as Democrats and Republicans alike dismissed it as "phony" and "cynical."

"It was kind of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Rauner," said Rep. Christian Mitchell, D-Chicago. "Part of the challenge of trying to deal with this governor is that he undermines himself at every turn and his credibility."

For his part, Rauner painted a picture of a government that could do more with less. He singled out for major cuts two of his favorite targets, teacher pension programs and public sector unions, saying each need to take more responsibility for their part in the state's financial troubles by accepting less state help and lower state-subsidized health benefits. And he offered

what he called a "path" to roll back the state's income tax rate by one quarter of a percentage point, provided lawmakers enact pension changes to cut retirement benefits for state employees — a proposal that faces a certain court challenge.

In all, Rauner wants to spend about \$37.6 billion of the roughly \$38 billion the state is estimated to bring in from taxes and fees, leaving a theoretical surplus of \$351 million even as the state still has billions in unpaid bills from the impasse. And much of his surplus depends on selling the James R. Thompson Center, a deal that's been stalled by an inability to reach an agreement with Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

PENSION SHIFT

The plan relies in part on roughly \$1.5 billion in savings from shifting pension costs away from the state and onto school districts, slashing health insurance benefits for retirees, and reducing rates for doctors, hospitals and pharmacies that participate in the state's Medicaid health care program for the poor. It also calls for raiding \$600 million from specialized funds that would not be repaid.

Key to that realignment is a proposal that would have CPS, Downstate and suburban school districts and state universities and community colleges pay more toward their teachers' pension benefits, which are currently negotiated by individual school districts but paid for by the state. The idea is to "move pension costs to the people who do the buying, and make them responsible for the paying, too," said Rauner.

CPS would be asked to pay \$228 million for teacher pensions after the state just last year had agreed to pick it up as part of an overhaul of the school funding formula. Suburban and downstate districts would take on about \$262 million a year for the next four years.

A similar plan was floated several years ago by Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan but was pulled amid pushback from Republicans who argued the change could drive up property taxes or result in program cuts as schools take on the added cost.

FISCAL YEAR 18 UPDATE

In July 2017, the General Assembly worked in a bipartisan manner to end the twenty-month budget impasse and enacted a full year budget. Prior to the enactment of the FY18 budget, State spending was occurring due to continuing appropriation, court orders, consent decrees and limited enacted appropriations.

The governor originally stated that the FY18 enacted budget was unbalanced by \$1.5 billion. After the budget was enacted, the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) provided updated revenue estimates that were \$500 million below the estimate that was used by the General Assembly to develop the FYI 18 budget.

Additionally, the governor's administration was not able to implement the Tier III pension plan which was proposed by the governor and included in the bipartisan budget. The savings associated with the new pension benefits was estimated at \$500 million. Issuing bonds to pay down the bill backlog added over \$500 million in costs to the FY18 budget.

The governor imposed \$156 million in budgetary reductions after the FY 18 budget was enacted. These actions included reducing or not funding in their entirety amounts allocated by the General Assembly for human service programs and job training support. The \$156 million in program reductions along with interfund borrowing totaling \$875 million allowed the governor to reduce the estimated budget deficit to \$590 million.

The FY18 bipartisan budget included the authorization of up to \$6 billion in bonds to pay down the bill backlog that had grown to over \$16 billion. In December 2017, the governor issued the full \$6 billion and used the proceeds to pay down some of the oldest and largest bills the state was carrying. The bond fund proceeds generated over \$2 billion in federally matching funds. The bond authorization provided by the General Assembly, along with federal matching funds, allowed the backlog to be reduced by almost \$9 billion. The current backlog is estimated at \$8.8 billion.

Additionally, during FY16 and 17, the administration incurred over \$1 billion in operational expenses. The costs were incurred absent enacted appropriation authority. The agency with the largest incurred expenses is the Dept. of Corrections with over \$420 million in unauthorized spending. The administration, with authority in the enacted budget, accessed FY18 agency appropriations to cover the costs of these prior incurred expenses creating a shortfall in various agencies' FY18 budgets. Without additional appropriation authority in FY18, the administration will likely continue to incur costs without enacted appropriations.

The governor is requesting \$1.2 billion in supplemental FY18 GRF appropriations. Over \$1 billion of the supplemental request is for the incurred operational expenses mentions above.

FISCAL YEAR 19 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

The governor's Fiscal Year 19 budget proposal includes a revenue estimate of \$37.9 billion, a spending level of \$37.6 billion GRF and an estimated budget surplus of \$350 million. However; many of the governor's proposed savings measures would require legislative action or implementation of an employee contract to achieve the savings.

The assumed savings total \$1.5 billion and the governor is proposing to achieve the savings by:

- Shift normal cost of pensions to employer
 - TRS: \$262 million (25% of normal costs)
 - SURS: \$101 million (25% of normal costs)
 - CTPF: \$228 million (full normal costs)
- Shift group health insurance cost to universities
 - \$105 million

- Reduce healthcare coverage for State employees
 - \$470 million
- Eliminate healthcare support for retired teachers
 - \$129 million
- Reduce Medicaid rates by 4%
 - \$150 million

Were the governor not able to enact the required legislative changes to achieve savings his budget would exceed revenues by over \$1 billion.

Tax Rate Rollback: In addition to pension cost shifts the governor once again proposes implementing the “consideration model” in order to achieve an additional \$900 million in pension related savings in FY19. However, this time the governor’s budget does not rely on the savings to balance and he would instead propose reducing the personal income tax rate to 4.7% (currently 4.95%). The rate reduction would reduce GRF revenues by a corresponding \$900 million.

Bill Backlog: The governor’s FY19 budget proposal does not include a plan to reduce the current bill backlog, which as of today totals \$8.8 billion.

POLLING FOR THE GOVERNOR’S RACE

A recent statewide poll taken for Sen. Daniel Biss’ gubernatorial campaign showed Gov. Bruce Rauner is much less liked by Illinois voters than his fellow Republican President Donald Trump. The poll also found that the under-funded Democrat Biss actually does slightly better in a head-to-head match with Gov. Rauner than does the presumed front-runner billionaire JB Pritzker.

The Public Policy Polling survey does have one problematic issue, so let’s get to that right up front. Seventy-six percent of respondents were reached on landline phones (that’s too high for polls these days because so many people only use mobile phones) while 24 percent were “interviewed over the internet.” But this problem doesn’t totally disqualify it, so let’s go ahead and talk about it.

According to the poll, 37 percent of Illinois voters have a favorable opinion of President Trump and 58 percent gave him an unfavorable rating, while 5 percent were unsure. That seems about the expected number, considering national polls. The poll of 866 Illinois voters February 5-6 and has a margin of error of +/- 3.3 percent.

What is somewhat unexpected is only 26 percent of Illinoisans have a favorable impression of Gov. Rauner while a whopping 63 percent have an unfavorable view of the state leader.

According to the poll, just 33 percent of Illinoisans have a favorable view of Pritzker while a plurality of 42 percent have an unfavorable view of the man. A quarter of voters, were still unsure.

The Biss campaign didn't release its candidate's own favorable ratings or any data on the other top tier contender Chris Kennedy. But its poll found Biss leading Gov. Rauner 47-30 in a head-to-head matchup, with 23 percent saying they were unsure.

Pritzker also led Rauner, but by slightly less than Biss' 17-point margin. According to the poll, Pritzker is ahead of Rauner by 13 points, 48-35, with 17 percent unsure.

Pritzker's favorable rating among his fellow Democrats was a somewhat tepid 52 percent, while his unfavorable rating was 22 percent and 26 percent are undecided.

Back to Rauner. The poll found that Gov. Rauner's favorability rating among Republicans is much narrower than a poll released last month, which might be good news for his primary opponent, state Rep. Jeanne Ives.

A poll taken by We Ask America in mid-January had Rauner's favorables at 65 percent and his unfavorables at 25 percent. But the new PPP poll found that just 49 percent of Republicans now have a favorable view of Rauner vs. 43 percent with an unfavorable view. That's far less than President Trump's score of 73 percent favorable among Republican voters and a mere 19 percent unfavorable.

Among voters who said they voted for President Trump, the new PPP found that 92 percent still view him favorably, while just 4 percent have an unfavorable view of the president. Among those same Trump voters, however, 54 percent view Gov. Rauner favorably while 36 view Rauner unfavorably and 9 percent say they're unsure. That's obviously not a great sign.

LEGISLATIVE WATCH LIST

HB4062 **CONS FRAUD-SCHOOL DATA** (DELUCA A) Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Defines "online real estate database provider". Provides that if an online real estate database provider includes, in its information concerning residential real property located in the State of Illinois, certain information on the quality of schools in which the residential real property is located, the online real estate database provider must use the most recent information available prepared by the State Board of Education. Provides that a violation of those provisions is an unlawful practice within the meaning of the Act.

Current Status: 1/30/2018 - House Consumer Protection, (First Hearing)

Recent Status: 1/24/2018 - Assigned to House Consumer Protection
6/22/2017 - Added Chief Co-Sponsor Rep. William Davis

HB4202 **INC TX-RATES** (BENNETT T) Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, the rate of tax shall be 5% for corporations (currently, 7%). Makes conforming changes concerning distributions to the Local Government Distributive Fund. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 1/16/2018 - Referred to House Rules

Recent Status: 1/16/2018 - FIRST READING
12/20/2017 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Thomas M. Bennett

- HB4203** **MUNI CD-ANNEXATION LIMITATION** (ANDERSSON S) Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that an action contesting whether territory annexed by a municipality is contiguous shall be commenced no later than 10 years after the date the annexation ordinance is recorded. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 2/14/2018 - Assigned to House Judiciary - Civil
Recent Status: 1/16/2018 - Referred to House Rules
1/16/2018 - FIRST READING
- HB4268** **HOME REPAIR-CONSUMER NOTICES** (THAPEDI A) Amends the Home Repair and Remodeling Act. Provides that "residence" means a single-family home or dwelling or a multiple-family home or dwelling containing 6 or fewer apartments, condominiums, town houses, or dwelling units, used or intended to be used by the consumer as his or her dwelling place (instead of "by occupants as dwelling places"). In the home repair consumer rights pamphlet, replaces notice language concerning lien waivers with the following: "Illinois law requires that, before payment, your contractor give you a sworn statement which lists: (1) all the persons or companies your contractor hired to work on your home and their addresses; and (2) the amounts previously paid, the amounts about to be paid, and the total amount owed after the payment to these persons or companies. The sworn statement should be fully completed, signed, and notarized. When the contractor's sworn statement lists an amount due or to become due to a subcontractor, or when a subcontractor gives you notice of an amount due to the subcontractor, you must retain sufficient funds to pay that subcontractor. Subcontractors give the contractors lien waivers when they are paid. Ask your contractor for copies of these lien waivers. If your contractor tells you he or she needs a payment from you in order to pay subcontractors, you have the right to pay the subcontractors directly."
Current Status: 2/13/2018 - House Real & Personal Property Law Subcommittee, (First Hearing)
Recent Status: 2/13/2018 - House Judiciary - Civil, (First Hearing)2/7/2018 - House Real & Personal Property Law Subcommittee, (First Hearing)
- HB4293** **INC TX-INVESTMENT SERVICES** (WELCH E) Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Imposes a privilege tax on partnerships and S corporations engaged in the business of conducting investment management services. Provides that the tax shall be imposed at the rate of 20% of the fees calculated by reference to the performance of the investment portfolio funds and not from the investment itself. Defines "investment management services".
Current Status: 2/14/2018 - To Growth, Reform & Fairness Subcommittee
Recent Status: 2/14/2018 - House Revenue & Finance, (First Hearing)2/5/2018 - Assigned to House Revenue & Finance
- HB4306** **CONCEAL CARRY-BUSINESS LICENSE** (REICK S) Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Provides that a municipality, including a home rule unit, may not revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew a business license or otherwise interfere with a business license issued by the municipality to a business owner, including the holder of a retail liquor license issued under the Liquor Control Act of 1934, because the business owner lawfully permits a concealed carry licensee to carry firearms into his or her business establishment. Effective immediately.
Current Status: 1/26/2018 - Referred to House Rules

Recent Status: 1/26/2018 - FIRST READING
1/23/2018 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Steven Reick

HB4363 CONTRACTOR EXPENDITURE REPORTS (JIMENEZ WOJCICKI S) Amends the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act. Provides that any contractor awarded a contract under the Act shall be required to make periodic reports to the contracting State agency on all expenditures made to achieve compliance with the provisions of the Act. Provides for the required contents of the report. Provides remedies for a contractor's non-compliance with the commitment to businesses owned by minorities, women, or persons with disabilities under the Act. Provides additional terms by which a contracting State agency may terminate a contract under the Act. Allows a contracting State agency to have access to a contractor's books and records for compliance purposes.

Current Status: 2/14/2018 - Assigned to House State Government Administration

Recent Status: 1/30/2018 - Referred to House Rules
1/30/2018 - FIRST READING

HB4378 MUNI-HOME RULE TAX LIMITATION (CABELLO J) Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that on and after the effective date of this amendatory Act, a home rule unit may not impose any tax increase or levy any new or additional tax without prior referendum approval. Limits home rule powers.

Current Status: 1/30/2018 - Referred to House Rules

Recent Status: 1/30/2018 - FIRST READING
1/30/2018 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. John M. Cabello

HB4390 CRIM CD-CRIMINAL BUILDING MGMT (WILLIS K) Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Defines "commercial property", "dangerous condition", "first responder", "management or operational control", "person", and "serious bodily injury". Provides that first responder endangerment is committed when a person knowingly creates a dangerous situation and intentionally conceals the dangerous condition in a commercial property under his or her management or control and the dangerous condition is the primary cause of death or serious bodily injury of a first responder during the course of his or her official duties. Provides that first responder endangerment is a Class 4 felony.

Current Status: 2/14/2018 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Elizabeth Hernandez

Recent Status: 2/14/2018 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Daniel Swanson
2/14/2018 - Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Juliana Stratton

HB4421 E-VERIFY REQUIRE EMPLOYER (REIS D) Amends the Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act. Requires every employer, after hiring an employee, to verify the employment eligibility of the employee through the E-Verify program. Provides that, in addition to any other requirement for an employer to receive a grant, loan, or performance-based incentive from any government entity, the employer shall register with and participate in the E-Verify program. Provides that before receiving the economic development incentive, the employer shall provide proof to the government entity that the employer is registered with and is participating in the E-Verify program. Provides that the State, its political subdivisions, and units of local government, including home rule units, shall require each employer to use an Employment Eligibility Verification System as a condition of receiving a government contract or a business license. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 1/31/2018 - Referred to House Rules

Recent Status: 1/31/2018 - FIRST READING
1/31/2018 - Chief Co-Sponsor Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer

HB4431 FIRE DIST-EQUIP REIMBURSEMENT (HOFFMAN J) Amends the Fire Protection District Act. In provisions regarding fixing, charging, and collecting fees for services rendered by a fire district against persons, businesses, and other entities who are not residents of the fire protection district, provides that additional charges may be levied to reimburse the district for equipment and apparatus utilized in response to the call for assistance where it can be demonstrated by the district that the additional equipment or apparatus was needed in the circumstances presented, but the rate per vehicle shall not exceed \$100 per hour. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 1/31/2018 - Referred to House Rules

Recent Status: 1/31/2018 - FIRST READING

1/31/2018 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Jay Hoffman

HB4490 MUNICIPAL REVENUE REFERENDUM (CABELLO J) Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that, on and after the effective date of this amendatory Act, home rule municipalities and non-home rule municipalities may not impose any tax increase or levy any new or additional tax without prior referendum approval. Limits home rule powers. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 2/7/2018 - Added Chief Co-Sponsor Rep. Allen Skillicorn

Recent Status: 2/2/2018 - Referred to House Rules

2/2/2018 - FIRST READING

HB4538 PROP TX-NATURAL DISASTER (HAYS C) Amends the Property Tax Code. In a Section granting a natural disaster homestead exemption, removes language providing that the square footage of the rebuilt residential structure may not be more than 110% of the square footage of the original residential structure as it existed immediately prior to the natural disaster. Removes provisions providing that the taxpayer's initial application for a natural disaster homestead exemption must be made no later than the first taxable year after the residential structure is rebuilt. Provides that, if the square footage of the rebuilt structure exceeds 110% of the square footage of the original residential structure as it existed immediately prior to the natural disaster, then the amount of the natural disaster homestead exemption is the equalized assessed value per square foot of the rebuilt structure multiplied by 110% of the square footage of the original residential structure as it existed immediately prior to the natural disaster minus the base amount. Provides that the amendatory Act is retroactive to the 2012 taxable year. Sets forth provisions concerning the valuation of farm improvements that have been rebuilt following a natural disaster. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 2/14/2018 - Assigned to House Revenue & Finance

Recent Status: 2/5/2018 - Referred to House Rules

2/5/2018 - FIRST READING

HB4564 MUNI CD-FREE SNOW REMOVAL (JONES T) Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that a municipality shall provide free snow removal at the residence of a person with a disability, senior, or veteran when one inch or more of snow accumulates on the ground. Provides that a person with a disability, senior, or veteran may receive free snow removal under these provisions only after he or she registers with the municipality providing the following information to the municipality: identification; proof of current residence; and, if applicable, signing a statement affirming that he or she is a person with a disability or a veteran. Defines terms. Limits home rule powers. Effective July 1, 2019.

Current Status: 2/6/2018 - Referred to House Rules

Recent Status: 2/6/2018 - FIRST READING
2/6/2018 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Thaddeus Jones

HB4569 ABOVEGROUND FUEL STORAGE (PARKHURST L) Amends the Gasoline Storage Act. Provides that each facility used for: (i) agricultural purposes at an agriculture site; (ii) refueling construction equipment at a construction site; or (iii) parking, operating, or maintaining a commercial vehicle fleet may store up to 12,000 gallons of any single type of fuel for dispensing in aboveground storage tanks that are constructed of steel, made vapor tight, and outside of buildings. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 2/12/2018 - Assigned to House Environment

Recent Status: 2/6/2018 - Referred to House Rules
2/6/2018 - FIRST READING

HB4774 LOCAL-LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BID (KIFOWIT S) Amends the Counties Code. In provisions regarding determination of the lowest responsible bidder in purchases by a county with fewer than 2,000,000 inhabitants for services, materials, and equipment, a local company that bids within 5% to 10% of the lowest bid, if that lowest bid is made by a non-local company, is the lowest responsible bidder. Provides that if more than one local company's bid is within 5% to 10% of the lowest bid made by a non-local company, the county board shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder among the local company bids. Defines "local company" as a company or business entity located within the contracting county or any contiguous county in the State that has the majority of its regular, full-time workforce located within the contracting county or contiguous county. Amends the Township Code. Makes similar changes in provisions concerning construction contracts and contracts for services, materials, equipment, or supplies. Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Makes similar changes in provisions concerning purchasing and public works contracts in municipalities of less than 500,000.

Current Status: 2/13/2018 - Referred to House Rules

Recent Status: 2/13/2018 - FIRST READING
2/13/2018 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Stephanie A. Kifowit

HB4775 INC TX-PROPERTY TAXES (ANDRADE, JR. J) Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a deduction in an amount equal to the difference between (i) the amount paid by the taxpayer in property taxes during the taxable year and (ii) \$10,000, but not to exceed \$5,000 per taxpayer in any taxable year. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 2/13/2018 - Referred to House Rules

Recent Status: 2/13/2018 - FIRST READING
2/13/2018 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Jaime M. Andrade, Jr.

HB4798 INCOME TAX-LLC (WELCH E) Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that a Personal Property Tax Replacement Income Tax in an additional amount equal to 7.5% of its net income shall be imposed on limited liability companies. Deletes language that exempts investment partnerships from a Personal Property Tax Replacement Income Tax.

Current Status: 2/14/2018 - Referred to House Rules

Recent Status: 2/14/2018 - FIRST READING
2/13/2018 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Emanuel Chris Welch

HB4804 PROP TX-SINGLE BIDDER (SOSNOWSKI J) Amends the Property Tax Code. Requires county collectors to adopt a single bidder rule sufficient to prohibit a tax purchaser from registering more than one related bidding entity. Provides that violation of a single bidder rule is a Class A misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class 4 felony for a second or

subsequent offense. Provides that a second or subsequent offense shall operate as a bar to any future participation in tax sales within Illinois. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 2/14/2018 - Referred to House Rules

Recent Status: 2/14/2018 - FIRST READING

2/13/2018 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Joe Sosnowski

HB4878 BIDS-OCCUPATION/USE EXEMPTION (SEVERIN D) Amends the Department of Revenue Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that if an in-State retailer or serviceman bids on a purchase order or contract to provide materials, equipment, or supplies to a municipality with a population under 1,000,000, and that purchase order or contract involves an amount in excess of \$25,000, then the municipality may apply to the Department of Revenue for a certificate of exemption from the taxes imposed under specified local provisions of the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act for the in-State retailer or serviceman, or a third-party supplier of the retailer or serviceman, with respect to the materials, equipment, or supplies covered by the bid if: at least one other bid is received from an out-of-State retailer or serviceman; the in-State retailer or serviceman demonstrates the necessity of the exemption in order to submit the lowest responsible bid, including substantive proof furnished by the retailer or serviceman to the municipality or the Department of Revenue; and the in-State retailer provides an itemized estimate of cost to the corporate authorities of the municipality. Defines terms. Makes confirming changes in the following Acts and Codes: the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, the Counties Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, the Salem Civic Center Law of 1997 of the Civic Center Code, the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Act, the Flood Prevention District Act, the Metro-East Park and Recreation District Act, the Local Mass Transit District Act, the Regional Transportation Authority Act, and the Water Commission Act of 1985. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 2/14/2018 - Referred to House Rules

Recent Status: 2/14/2018 - FIRST READING

2/14/2018 - Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Dave Severin

SB1435 INC TX-SOUNDPROOFING (MURPHY L) Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates an income tax credit in an amount equal to the amount paid by the taxpayer during the taxable year for the purpose of purchasing acoustical materials, other materials, labor, and professional services to soundproof a residential home located at an eligible address against aircraft noise generated by an airport governed by the provisions of the Permanent Noise Monitoring Act. Provides that the credit may not reduce the taxpayer's liability to less than zero; however, the credit may be carried forward. Provides that the credit is exempt from the Act's automatic sunset provisions. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 1/30/2018 - Senate Revenue, (First Hearing)

Recent Status: 1/26/2018 - Added as Chief Co-Sponsor Sen. Don Harmon

1/24/2018 - Re-assigned to Senate Revenue

SB1791 PROP TAX-VALUATION (STADELMAN S) Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that in all cases where a change in assessed valuation greater than \$300,000 is sought, the Property Tax Appeal Board shall make an independent determination of valuation. Provides criteria for determining which comparable properties are to be used, together with requirements and criteria for making the independent determination of valuation. Makes a conforming change. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 1/30/2018 - Senate Revenue, (First Hearing)

Recent Status: 1/24/2018 - Re-assigned to Senate Revenue
1/24/2018 - Referred to Senate Revenue

SB1792 PROP TX-COMPLAINT-DISCLOSURE (STADELMAN S) Amends the Property Tax Code. In provisions concerning hearings before the board of review or the Property Tax Appeal Board, provides that the complainant or appellant shall make timely disclosure to the assessor and the board or review or Property Tax Appeal Board, as applicable, of all relevant evidence or information known to the complainant or appellant, including, in cases where a change in assessed valuation over \$300,000 is sought, all appraisals prepared in anticipation of filing a complaint or appeal. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 1/30/2018 - Senate Revenue, (First Hearing)

Recent Status: 1/24/2018 - Re-assigned to Senate Revenue
1/24/2018 - Referred to Senate Revenue

SB1793 PROP TX-COMPARABLES (STADELMAN S) Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, with respect to non-residential property, neither the board of review nor the Property Tax Appeal Board may consider comparable real property sales made subject to a private restriction or covenant in connection with the sale or rental of the property if that private restriction or covenant substantially impairs the use of the comparable property as compared to the property subject to assessment, or if that private restriction or covenant materially increases the likelihood of vacancy or inactivity on the property. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 1/30/2018 - Senate Revenue, (First Hearing)

Recent Status: 1/24/2018 - Re-assigned to Senate Revenue
1/24/2018 - Referred to Senate Revenue

SB1794 PROP TX-APPRAISAL DATABASE (STADELMAN S) Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that the Department of Revenue, with the assistance of the Office of Appraisals, shall maintain a database of all appraisals introduced as evidence in hearings before the Property Tax Appeal Board or the board of review. Provides that the database must be searchable by certain specified parameters. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 1/30/2018 - Senate Revenue, (First Hearing)

Recent Status: 1/24/2018 - Re-assigned to Senate Revenue
1/24/2018 - Referred to Senate Revenue

SB2211 FIRE SPRINKLER - DATABASE (HARMON D) Amends the Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act. Provides that an individual who performs inspection and testing of fire sprinkler systems and control equipment must possess on his or her person a photo identification card issued by the State Fire Marshal as proof of compliance with the Act. Provides that the photo identification card shall be issued by the State Fire Marshal annually at a fee determined by the State Fire Marshal by rule. Provides that all inspections and testing of fire sprinkler systems and control equipment must be recorded on an inspection report issued by the State Fire Marshal and provides requirements for the inspection reports. Provides that all fire sprinkler systems must be affixed with a pre-printed label bearing specified information that shall be purchased by the licensed contractor from the State Fire Marshal. Provides that a copy of the inspection report must be forwarded to the State Fire Marshal within 24 hours after completion of the inspection. Provides that the fees for an inspection form and photo identification card shall be determined by the State Fire Marshal by rule. Provides that the State Fire Marshal has the power and duty to establish a database of all persons involved in the inspection or testing of existing fire sprinkler systems or control equipment.

Current Status: 2/15/2018 - Postponed - Licensed Activities and Pensions
Recent Status: 2/14/2018 - Senate Licensed Activities and Pensions, (First Hearing)2/7/2018 - Senate Licensed Activities and Pensions, (First Hearing)

SB2224 REPEAL/RESTORE VARIOUS-SB9 (MCCARTER K) If and only if Senate Bill 9 of the 100th General Assembly becomes law in the form in which it was amended by House Amendment No. 3, repeals the State Tax Lien Registration Act and the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act created by that bill. Repeals provisions of Senate Bill 9 of the 100th General Assembly that would have repealed the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act on January 1, 2018. Changes various Acts by restoring language deleted by Senate Bill 9 of the 100th General Assembly and deleting language added by Senate Bill 9 of the 100th General Assembly. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 1/30/2018 - Added as Chief Co-Sponsor Sen. Dan McConchie

Recent Status: 1/30/2018 - Senate Revenue, (First Hearing)1/24/2018 - Assigned to Senate Revenue

SB2242 EMPLOYEE SICK LEAVE BENEFITS (MULROE J) Amends the Employee Sick Leave Act. Permits an employee to use personal sick leave benefits for leave an employee is entitled to under the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act. Permits an employer to limit the use of personal sick leave benefits for leave an employee is entitled to under the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act. Provides that the Employee Sick Leave Act does not limit or extend the period of leave to which an employee is entitled under the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act, regardless of whether the employee receives sick leave compensation during that leave. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 1/24/2018 - Assigned to Senate Labor

Recent Status: 10/18/2017 - Referred to Senate Assignments
10/18/2017 - FIRST READING

SB2475 RIVER EDGE ZONE-QUALIFICATIONS (MCCONNAUGHAY K) Amends the River Edge Redevelopment Zone Act. Provides that, on and after the effective date, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity may certify as a River Edge Redevelopment Zone any area that meets the qualifications set forth in the Act.

Current Status: 1/30/2018 - Referred to Senate Assignments

Recent Status: 1/30/2018 - FIRST READING
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SB2502 USE/OCC TX-NOTIFICATIONS (BERTINO-TARRANT J) Amends the Use Tax Act and the Service Use Tax Act. Provides that retailers and servicemen that do not collect the taxes under those Acts shall make the following reports and notifications: (1) a notification with each purchase made to an Illinois purchaser that use tax is due on certain purchases at retail made from the retailer and that the State requires the purchaser to file a use tax return; and (2) an annual notification to each Illinois purchaser detailing the total amount paid by the purchaser for Illinois purchases at retail during the previous calendar year. Provides that, if a purchaser has otherwise failed to file a return with the Department of Revenue and remit the proper amount of tax due, and if the purchaser receives a notification from a retailer under the provisions of the amendatory Act, then that purchaser must file a return and pay the tax by April 15 of the year in which the notification is received. Effective immediately.

Current Status: 2/7/2018 - Assigned to Senate Revenue

Recent Status: 2/6/2018 - Referred to Senate Assignments
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SB2621 **MECHANICS LIENS-SUBCONTRACTORS** (MULROE J) Amends the Mechanics Lien Act. Deletes language providing that a subcontractor shall, within 90 days after the completion his or her obligations under the contract between the contractor and the subcontractor, or, if extra or additional work or material is delivered thereafter, within 90 days after the date of completion of such extra or additional work or final delivery of such extra or additional material, cause a written notice of his or her claim and the amount due. Provides instead that a subcontractor shall, within 90 days after the completion of the work or extra work or materials are furnished under the contractor's contract with the owner, cause a written notice of his or her claim and the amount due.

Current Status: 2/20/2018 - Senate Judiciary, (First Hearing)

Recent Status: 2/14/2018 - Assigned to Senate Judiciary
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