

JC25 Legislative Tracking



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HB 773 (Prev. Wage Expansion)

SUPPORT

Expands prevailing wage law to cover Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts.

Passed the House 64-49-0. Senate 2nd Reading.

HB 1105 (Prev. Wage Expansion)

SUPPORT

Expands Prevailing Wage to include the hauling of aggregate and excavated materials on public works sites.

Passed the House 64-48-1. Deadline for action in Senate expired.

HB 1508 (Unemployment Insurance)

SUPPORT

Provides for unemployment benefit eligibility for holidays (e.g. school bus drivers).

Passed the House Labor Committee 12-2-0. Remains in House Rules Committee.

HB 1702 (Alternative Pension Formula)

SUPPORT

Authorizes toll highway maintenance mechanics to be eligible for the alternative pension formula due to the dangerous nature of their work.

Passed the House 116-0-0. Passed Senate Pensions Committee 8-0-0. Senate 3rd Reading

HB 2094 (Construction Safety Act)

SUPPORT

Creates the Construction Safety Act of

2008 which establishes safety standards for construction work sites and provisions for seeking relief from injuries. This Act re-establishes what was formally known as the Structural Work Act which was repealed.

House 2nd Reading.

HB 2482 (Film Tax Credit)

SUPPORT

Creates the Film Production Services Tax Credit of 2008 which renews the annual tax credits for the encouragement of film production in Illinois.

Passed the House 108-7-0. Passed the Senate 56-0-0. Sent to Governor.

HB 2673 (Straight-party voting)

MONITORING

Amends the Election Code to establish straight-party voting for future elections.

Passed the House Elections & Reform Committee 5-4-0. House Second Reading.

HB 4194 (Gaming Expansion)

SUPPORT

Expands casino gaming in Illinois by creating a Chicago casino, additional riverboat license and the addition of slots at existing racetracks.

Referred to House Rules Committee.

HB 4205 (Mass Transit Employees)

OPPOSE

Creates the Mass Transit District Labor Relations Act to prohibit any strike by a mass transit employee.

Failed to pass House Labor Committee 4-12-0.

HB 4403 (Voting)

MONITORING

Requires the Secretary of State to issue a voter identification card for voter who do not have an acceptable form of identification. Requires voters to present a photo identification card in order to vote in an election.

Passed the House Elections & Reform Committee 5-4-0. House 2nd Reading.

HB 4566 (Funeral Director/Embalmer Licensing)

OPPOSE

Authorizes temporary licensure for funeral directing and embalming to individuals holding similar licenses in other jurisdictions due to a natural disaster or catastrophic event.

Referred to House Rules Committee.

HB 4608 (Substance Abuse on Public Works)

OPPOSE

Requires all employers, including those with collective bargaining agreements, to adhere to a 9-panel drug test and specifies drugs to be tested.

Failed in House Labor Committee 9-11-0

HB 4724 (Public Service Accountability)

SUPPORT

Creates the Public Service Accountability Act that sets forth guidelines and safeguards in the event public services are privately contracted out within any state executive agency.

Passed the House 109-6-0, Referred to Senate Rules

HB 5071 (Funeral Director/Embalmer Suspensions)

NEUTRAL

Allows for an immediate summary suspension of a funeral director or embalming license upon finding by the Department of Financial & Professional

Regulation that there is an imminent threat to the public.

Passed House Healthcare Committee 11-0-0. House 2nd Reading

HB 5161 (Department of Labor Rulings)

OPPOSE

Allows for private letter rulings by the Department of Labor concerning the application of a statute or rule upon request by an employer.

House Rules Committee.

HB 5323 (Prevailing Wage)

SUPPORT

Clarifies that prevailing wage law is applicable to demolition work on public works projects.

Passed the House 91-23-0. Senate Rules Committee.

HB 5224 (Responsible Bidder)

OPPOSE

Would expand participation in apprenticeship programs to include training by an organization approved by the National Center for Construction and Education Research (now only programs certified by USDOL).

Failed to pass House Labor 9-11-0, Remains in Labor.

HB 6339 (IDOT Funding)

SUPPORT

Provides a \$20 million supplemental appropriation to the Illinois Department of Transportation for purposes relating to vehicle and other expenses needed to function for the remaining fiscal year.

Passed the House Appropriations Committee 12-0-0. Moves to House Floor.

SB 1529 (Prevailing Wage)

SUPPORT

Expands Prevailing Wage to include the hauling of aggregate and excavated materials on public works sites.

House Rules Committee.

SB 1857 (McCormick Place Expansion)

SUPPORT

Expands the McCormick Place Expansion Project Fund and increases certain bond authorization for the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority.

Passed the Senate 48-6-1. Referred to House Rules Committee.

SB 2288 (Income Tax)

MONITORING

Raises the personal income taxes from 3 percent to 5 percent and increases corporate income taxes from 4.8 percent to 8 percent. In exchange, property taxes would be cut by at least 20 percent in addition to tax credits for certain wage earners. Revenue generated from this proposal would go to education funding, capital in addition to other state expenses.

Passed Senate Education Committee 6-3-0. Senate 2nd Reading.

SB 2375 (Prevailing Wage)

SUPPORT

Includes contributions made by an employer for substance abuse programs in the definition of “general prevailing rate of hourly wages”.

Passed Senate Labor Committee 6-3-0. Senate 3rd Reading.

HJRCA0042 (Income Tax)

MONITORING

Proposes to amend the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution with regard to an increase in personal income taxes for wage earners of \$250,000 or more to be taxed at a rate of 6 percent.

Lost in the House 52-60-0

HJRCA0044 (Legislative Re-Districting)

MONITORING

Proposes to amend the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution with regard to legislative redistricting and composition. The proposal would allow each chamber to adopt its own redistricting resolution. The proposal also requires that districts account for minority voting strengths and political boundaries, allows representative districts to be in more than one legislative district as well as a creating a Redistricting Commission.

Passed the House 98-10-1. Referred to Senate Rules Committee.

SJRCA0089 (Income Tax)

MONITORING

Proposes to amend the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution to allow for a graduated income tax rate instead of the current flat tax rate.

Referred to Senate Rules Committee

