

Teamsters Joint Council 25 Political Department Update



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LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Throughout the 2008 spring legislative session, the Joint Council 25 Political Department has been actively lobbying the General Assembly. Below are current legislative issues where action has recently been taken:

HB 773 (Prev. Wage Expansion)

SUPPORT

Expands prevailing wage law to cover Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts.
Passed the House 64-49-0. Passed Senate Labor Committee 6-3-0. Senate 2nd Reading.

HB 1702 (Alt. Pension Formula)

SUPPORT

House Bill 1702 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 (Const. Safety Act)

SUPPORT

Creates the Construction Safety Act of 2008 which promotes construction safety and provides remedies for injured construction workers in order to obtain fair compensation. House Bill 2094 re-creates the repealed Structural Work Act (Scaffold Act) which protected workers exposed to the hazards of construction in Illinois for 88 years.
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. This bill needs the Governor's signature to become law.
Passed House 108-7-0. Passed Senate 56-0-0. Sent to Governor.

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 House Appropriations Committee 12-0-0. House 2nd Reading.

For questions or comments regarding any legislative issue please contact the Joint Council 25 Political Department at 312.421.2600.

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