

MUNICIPAL UPDATE

3/3/07

The following are bills of interest to municipal government:

House Bill 1500 Brosnahan

Telecom Comm

Oppose

Creates state-wide franchising of video services. Eliminates municipal franchising authority and preempts home rule.

House Bill 511 Joyce

State Gov Comm

Oppose

Amends the Freedom of Information Act to make settlement agreements part of the public record.

Senate Bill 689 Viverito

Local Gov Comm

Support

Allows municipalities to borrow money from any bank or financial institution for a period of ten years, current law is one year.

Senate Bill 383 Garrett

2nd Reading Senate

Support

Permits municipalities to enact design review ordinances.

Senate Bill 500 Cullerton

Executive Comm

House Bill 246 Yarbrough

2nd Reading House

Creates the Smoke Free Illinois Act to prohibit smoking in public places. Allows home rules units to further regulate in a manner no less restrictive than the State.

House Bill 256 Fortner

Revenue Comm

Support

Amends the TIF Act by defining “transit oriented developments” and by adding the costs associated with TOD’s to the definition of redevelopment project costs.

House Bill 2 Bassi

Pensions Comm

Makes changes necessary to implement the new Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, including the development of a regional comprehensive plan every 4 years.

House Bill 552 Froehlich

2nd Reading House

Support

Allows any municipality to establish an administrative adjudication procedure for impounded vehicles.

Senate Bill 750 Meeks
House Bill 750 Miller

Executive Comm
Approp Comm

Education funding reform. Raises the individual income tax from 3 to 5 percent and the corporate income tax from 4.8 to 8 percent. The plan also calls for an expansion of the state sales tax to include consumer services and for \$2.7 billion in property tax relief.

House Bill 928 Hoffman
Senate Bill 516

2nd Reading House
Senate Labor Comm

Oppose

Amends the Worker's Compensation Act to provide that nearly every medical condition of a firefighter, emt or paramedic is presumed to arise out of their employment.

Senate Bill 1617 Schoenberg
Support

2nd Reading Senate

Creates a revolving loan fund for local governments to utilize for reforestation costs following an outbreak of Emerald Ash Borer.

Senate Bill 1475 Lightford
Support

Senate Labor Comm

Provides a definition of "catastrophic injury" in the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act that protects both the injured employee and fiscal interests of the municipality.

Senate Bill 210 Dahl
Oppose

Senate Insurance Comm

Provides that intergovernmental insurance pools are subject to regulation by the Illinois Division of Insurance.

House Bill 988 Phelps
Oppose

House Local Gov Comm

Prohibits a municipality from using a temporary substitute firefighter if that person has not qualified for regular employment with that municipality.

House Bill 704 Phelps
Oppose

2nd Reading House

Preempts home rule to invalidate local ordinances that regulate firearms for hunting under the Wildlife Code.