

## **MUNICIPAL UPDATE**

**3/26/07**

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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading House**

**Oppose**

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

**Senate Bill 689 Viverito**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Senate**

**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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Senate**

**Support**

Permits municipalities to enact design review ordinances.

**Senate Bill 500 Cullerton**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Senate**

**House Bill 246 Yarbrough**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading House**

**Support**

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 1134 Bassi**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading House**

**Support**

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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading House**

**Support**

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

**Senate Bill 750 Meeks**

**Executive Comm**

**House Bill 750 Miller**

**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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading House**

**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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Senate**

**Support**

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

**Senate Bill 1475 Lightford**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Senate**

**Support**

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. Amended into a shell bill.

**Senate Bill 210 Dahl**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Senate**

**Oppose**

Provides that intergovernmental insurance pools are subject to regulation by the Illinois Division of Insurance. Amended into a shell bill.

**House Bill 988 Phelps**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading House**

**Oppose**

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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading House**

**Oppose**

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

**Senate Bill 1512 Clayborne**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Senate**

**Support**

Creates a total exemption under PTELL for all costs incurred as a result of required funding levels for IMRF and Police and Fire pension funds.

**House Bill 3593 Mathias**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading House**

**Support**

Authorizes municipalities to enact a local retail theft ordinance for crimes under \$150. Would apply to first time offenders and would be adjudicated in the same manner as other local ordinances.

**House Bill 1542 Dugan**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading House**

**Oppose**

Makes procedures for the removal or discharge of police officers and firefighters a mandatory subject of collective bargaining within all non-home rule municipalities.

**House Bill 3394 Chapa LaVia**

**Passed House**

**Support**

Creates the Smart Cities Grant Program and the Green Cities Grant Program to be administered by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunities. Subject to appropriation.