

Lake County Municipal League

Legislative Update

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Greetings:

The General Assembly returned to Springfield last week and the House overrode the Governor's Reduction Veto of HB 3866 by a 103-4-4 vote. If the override passes the Senate, the bill would restore most of the spending from the State's FY 2008 budget axed by the Governor. The bill faces an uncertain outcome in the Senate.

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Senate Bill 1553

Upcoming Forum

Streamlined Sales Tax
Legislation Forum

Tuesday, October 23, 10:00
am at Vernon Hills Village
Hall, 290 Evergreen Drive.

Physician Agreement on Disability Cases

The Governor vetoed SB 1553 and the IML as well as the Lake County Municipal League urge support of the amendatory veto of SB 1553.

This bill would provide that the three physicians' opinions required for a determination of disability need not agree as to the nature, extent or even the existence of a disability. The aim of this bill is to remove any meaningful role for a physician in determining whether or not a firefighter was actually disabled and deserving of a disability pension.

Note: Of the 17 different public pension systems in Illinois, 16 require at least one physician to attest to the existence of a disability. This includes the General Assembly Retirement System which requires two physicians to find that a disability exists.

Action: Encourage your legislators not to override the Governor's Amendatory Veto of SB 1553.

House Bill 511

Release of Settlement Information

HB 511 changes the Freedom of Information Act to include the financial portion of settlement agreements entered into on behalf of public bodies to be a matter of public record.

Action: LCML believes this bill would lead to more costly settlement agreements. Once settlement figures become public information, they become the baseline for future settlements.
Municipal officials should continue to oppose HB 511.

House Bill 962

Municipal Office vacancies

HB 962 describes the events upon which a municipal elective office becomes vacant and how the vacancy may be filled. It provides for the election of an acting mayor or acting president. Provides for the appointment of an alderman or trustee to fill the vacancy. Provides that a vacant position with an unexpired term must be filled by an election.

Note: The Governor vetoed HB 962.

Action: The House voted to 111-1-1 to override the Governor's veto. This bill has not been posted on the Senate calendar.

Lake County Municipal League will continue to keep members up to date on the Veto Session in Springfield.

Sincerely,

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