

# LCML Legislative Alert

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## Greetings!

These are the bills we are following for the week of May 28. ***Status changes shown in italics.***

Please call or email your legislator to express your support or opposition to these bills. Let your voice be heard in Springfield.

## Bills for the week of May 28

### **House Bill 1500 Now SB678 Brosnahan**

**Passed Both Houses**

**Neutral**

*Compromise bill creating Cable and Video Customer Protection Law. All incumbent cable operators and existing franchises are affected. Includes protections for municipal franchise agreements.*

### **Senate Bill 1 E. Jones**

**3rd Reading Senate**

Governor's proposed Gross Receipts Tax. Provides funding for education and property tax relief. Removes the corporate income tax and replaces it with a Gross Receipts tax on business.

### **Senate Bill 1429 Cullerton**

**3rd Reading Senate**

**Oppose**

Adds Illinois as a participant to the multi-state Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement. Changes the taxation on sales from "point of sale" under current law to "destination sourcing".

### **Senate Bill 1553 Frerichs**

**Passed Both Houses**

**Oppose**

Eliminates the need for a fire pension board to rely on an objective medical opinion prior to determining that a fire fighter is disabled. The union controlled board could now award a duty disability contrary to a doctors opinion.

### **House Bill 511 Joyce**

**Senate Rules**

**Oppose**

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

**Senate Bill 689 Viverito****3rd Reading House****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 382 Garrett****Passed Both Houses****Support**

Permits municipalities to enact design review ordinances.

**Senate Bill 500 Cullerton****Passed Both Houses**

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 Now SB 1201 Bassi****Passed Both Houses****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****Senate Rules Comm****Support**

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

**Senate Bill 750 Meeks****Executive Committee****House Bill 750 Miller****2nd Reading House**

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****Passed Both Houses****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****Senate Concurrence****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****3rd 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.

**Senate Bill 210 Dahl**

**2nd 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 Now SB 834 Phelps**

**Passed Both Houses**

**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**

**2nd Reading House**

**Oppose**

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

**Senate Bill 1252 Clayborne**

**3rd 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**

**Senate Rules Comm**

**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**

**Passed Both Houses**

**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 Both Houses**

**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.

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Please contact your legislators to express your opinions on these and other bills in Springfield. Click on the link above to go to the webpage.

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