



ILLINOIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2018 Legislative Initiatives

Economic Development and Infrastructure

- Create a tax exemption for the construction of a new or existing data centers (HB 5229 – Zalewski)
- Introduce a transportation infrastructure funding and financing plan (HB 5468 – McDermed)

Employment Law

- Combat the opioid abuse epidemic (HB 5354 – Unes)
- Support a compromise on amending the Equal Pay Act by adopting Massachusetts law (SB 2333 – Connelly)
- Support legislation to streamline employers' use of biometric technology for internal employment purposes SB 3053 – Cunningham, HB 3053 – Thapedi)
- Keep real workers' compensation reform on the front burner

Energy

- Revise the state's hydraulic fracking statute (HB 5748 – Costello)

Healthcare

- Support legislation to ensure Medicaid hospital assessments will continue to bring in federal dollars

Taxes

- Streamline the Enterprise Zone selection process (SB 2840 – Althoff)
- Reinstate and extend the sunset date of the expanded temporary storage (HB 5570 – K. Wheeler)

- Amend the Illinois False Claims Act to correct abuses allowed under current law (SB 2605 – Althoff/HB 5004 – K. Wheeler)
- Expand the jurisdiction of the Independent Tax Tribunal (HB 5243 – Zalewski)
- Level the playing field for Illinois cigar retailers by capping the tax on cigars at \$0.50/cigar (SB 3400 – Althoff)
- Create a bonus investment credit for small businesses (SB 3111 – Holmes/HB 5002 – K. Wheeler)
- Amend the Uniform Penalty and Interest Act to automatically rescind underpayment penalties (SB 2604 – Althoff/HB 5045 – Batinick)
- Enhance the R&D credit calculation (SB 3227 – Weaver)
- Expand the Manufacturing Machinery and Equipment exemption (HB 5001 – K Wheeler)
- Revise unclaimed property statute to modify certain anti-business provisions (SB 2901 – Althoff)
- Provide a fix for temporary storage to allow products to return to Illinois for storage, repair and refurbishment (SB 3505 – Tracy/HB 5504 – McCombie)
- Amend the “throwback rule” in the Illinois Income Tax Act (SB 3121 – Nybo)

Technology and Innovation

- Provide audio and video transparency on the legislature (HB 5903 – B Wheeler)
- Resolution supporting the state’s technology sector

Trade

- Introduce a joint-resolution in support of the North American Free Trade Agreement