

## 2025 Legislative Accomplishments

I served as chief sponsor for the following legislation:

### **Hypodermic Needles - Sale (HB2589)**

This bill makes clear that when someone has a prescription for an injectable medication, pharmacists must allow the patient to purchase the needles required to access their medication.

### **Collection Agency Coerced Debt (HB3352)**

Addressing a particularly challenging form of abuse known as coercive control, this bill provides that a debtor is not liable for any coerced debt. Survivors can inform a collection agency of the nature of the debt and seek relief from collection actions.

### **Crime Victims Rights (HB3710)**

This bill provides that crime victims have the right to be treated with fairness and respect during the investigatory process, including the right to be free from deception and free from the knowing communication of false facts about evidence during interviews and conversations with law enforcement.

### **Crim Pro-Assessment Fees (SB108)**

This bill makes permanent the very successful program in the Cook County Court system that allows judges the discretion to waive assessments or fees against criminal defendants. This bill recognizes that fees and fines against indigent defendants can represent an impossible to overcome barrier to completing a sentence and successful reentry.

### **INS CD-Klinefelter Syndrome (SB175)**

This bill requires health insurance policies in Illinois to cover the costs of testing for Klinefelter Syndrome, a hormonal condition that can impact development and fertility.

### **ID Card - Homeless Affirmation (SB1173)**

This bill aims to remove barriers to accurate identity documents for unhouse people by prohibiting notaries from charging fees to notarize the Illinois Secretary of State Department of Drivers Services Homeless Status Certification Form.

### **Sexual Assault Treatment (SB1602)**

This bill provides a comprehensive package of improvements on guidance to health care providers to ensure policies center the needs of survivors in all decisions, including guidance for so-called transfer hospitals that comply with the law by partnering with a treatment hospital with the resources to handle the complex cases. This stems from a case where a survivor was told to travel 70 miles one way to receive care when there were indeed closer options.

**Personnel - No Bach Degree Req (SB1884)**

This bill gives the Department of Central Management Services discretion to consider work experience as equivalent to a college degree when appropriate in hiring.

**Mobile Mental Health Providers (SB2500)**

This bill follows up on discussions on implementation of the Community Emergency Services and Supports Act (CESSA), making adjustments to allow for practical implementation of mental health first response protocols in areas with diverse needs and resources across the state.

I also served as chief sponsor for the following resolutions:

**Celebrates - Trans Visibility (HR221)**

This resolution celebrates Transgender Day of Visibility on March 31st, 2025. This resolution commits to protecting, supporting, and affirming trans and non-binary siblings and neighbors each and every day of the year.

**Recognizes - Hon. Thomas Chiola (HR341)**

This resolution recognizes the Honorable Thomas R. Chiola on his extraordinary career and contributions to the State as the first openly gay elected official in Illinois.

**Illinois Bacon Day (SJR24)**

This joint resolution declares May 7th, 2025 as Illinois Bacon Day and invites all Illinoisans to thank a pig farmer by enjoying some delicious slices of bacon.