

Dozens of new laws take effect with the New Year.

Those laws are listed here by bill number along with a short description intended to encapsulate what the new law does.

	Description
Agriculture & Natural Resources	
HB 5079	Requires individuals who want trapping licenses to obtain certificates of competence (exempts current/recent license holders)
HB 5080	Changes permit rules for commercial waterfowl hunters, adds waterfowl outfitters to the guidelines for turkey and deer outfitters
HB 5082	Increases the maximum size of casting nets; allows commercial fisherman to use these nets to collect Asian Carp and bait fish
HB 5085	Allows universities and the Dept. of Agriculture to research industrial hemp
SB 0902	Bans the sale, transfer, possession, etc. of certain reptiles and amphibians taken from the wild; creates a permit process for owning other reptiles and amphibians
SB 2662	Allows farm mutual insurance companies to invest in additional types of bonds; makes other technical changes
SB 3333	Allows the Department of Natural Resources to add additional species to Illinois' list of recognized aquatic life by rule
Business & Economic Development	
HB 4535	Allows nonresidents who earn advanced degrees in architecture to waive English language tests
HB 4687	Reduces the fee for shipping medical nuclear isotopes less than 100 miles entirely within Illinois
HB 4707	Allows CPAs from other states to account in Illinois for up to 6 months while DFPR processes their applications
HB 4790	Makes various minor changes relating to hair care licenses and certifications
HB 5685	Finishes the process of repealing the Savings and Loan Act by moving all of its pieces to other areas of statute
SB 0499	Changes the Tri-City Regional Port District to the America's Central Port District and expands its jurisdiction
SB 0728	Establishes that multiple offenses for sales of alcohol to a minor only accrue during the five year period after the initial offense
SB 1778	Creates regulations for resale dealers, similar to pawnshop brokers; excludes areas with populations over a million
SB 1999	Allows day care/child care licensing applicants to meet the requirement of proving they have graduated high school by proving they have graduated college
SB 2922	Prohibits public insurance adjusters from accepting payment over 10% of the insurance settlement for catastrophic events; allows exemptions
SB 2952	Amends Self-Storage Facility Act, allows notifications to be sent via email
SB 3044	Removes a provision requiring that real estate broker license requirements include real-time discussion between the instructor and students
SB 3103	Expands the definition of beer to include all beverages brewed or fermented from malt products, specifically hard ciders
SB 3290	Exempts off-road riding facilities from liability for noise emissions
SB 3324	Makes a variety of changes to the law regulating purchasing industrial insurance from unauthorized insurers
SB 3506	Allows the use of "urgent care" in the name of urgent care centers, bringing Illinois in line with the other 49 states

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Civil Law	
HB 5512	Changes specific time requirements under civil procedure for disability rules; in no case can a period of limitation be stayed more than 10 years
HB 5686	Changes probate rules for minors with short-term guardians
HB 5950	Strengthens state laws requiring convicted offenders to provide restitution to their victims
SB 1098	Allows people to indefinitely sue corporations after they dissolve but takes away that right if they reform; adds that officers can not be held liable for the dissolution if the entity is reinstated
SB 2002	Protects fiduciaries who are directed to take part in certain legal proceedings regarding trusts from liability
SB 2221	Changes the statute of limitations for construction workers to bring a lawsuit against employers
SB 2656	Clears up issues relating to the transfer of real residential property after someone's death
SB 2829	If the court reverses the decision of a municipal code hearings officer they can award the plaintiff all reasonable costs associated with the action
SB 2984	Clarifies how trusts are converted into total return trusts
SB 2985	Requires the assets of dead people with small estates to be used to pay debts before being distributed to heirs
SB 3231	Creates a more precise procedure for awarding maintenance after the dissolution of a marriage
Consumers	
HB 5575	Raises the amount of money insurance arbitrators can award following accidents involving uninsured and under-insured drivers
SB 0232	Clarifies that IDFPR can take disciplinary action when someone violates the terms of his or her license
SB 0643	Increases penalties for unlicensed genetic counseling and makes changes to the licensure process
SB 0646	Sets requirements for domestic societies that provide insurance
SB 2597	Adds damage to doors or windows to the report homeowners must provide to potential buyers
SB 2608	Allows insurers to produce "certificates of insurance" to demonstrate a customer has property or casualty insurance
SB 2811	Changes the term "hearing-impaired" to "deaf or hard of hearing" throughout law; updates the training requirements for hearing aid makers
SB 2999	Requires roofers to submit proof that they pay unemployment insurance to IDES
SB 3157	Aligns Illinois' milk safety laws with federal standards
SB 3504	Makes a variety of consumer-friendly changes to mine subsidence insurance rules

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Criminal Law	
HB 0671	Makes an exemption under the prohibition on selling or purchasing a minors information; applies if the information is being used in a criminal or civil investigation or is otherwise lawful
HB 0802	Changes how criminal eyewitness lineups are conducted to increase reliability and ensure uniformity
HB 2378	Allows criminal records to be sealed for additional minor crimes
HB 3744	Court may order person charged with certain violent offenses to undergo risk assessment evaluation to determine if GPS surveillance is needed
HB 4082	Grants state's attorneys the discretion to determine whether to file charges for delinquency when minors violate probation
HB 4093	Increases the penalty for manufacturing meth near a school
HB 4236	Prohibits charged and convicted stalkers from receiving DHS drug and alcohol addiction treatment
HB 4266	Strengthens laws that protect the privacy of crime victims
HB 4269	Makes booby trapping your residence a crime and increases penalties if the residence is used for drug manufacture or distribution
HB 4594	Allows judges to issue search warrants via video conference
HB 4653	Increases the penalties for domestic battery if the person has prior convictions
HB 4745	Establishes that parents cannot let minors use their campers, watercraft, private planes or other property to drink alcohol
HB 4781	Creates age and education requirements for Dept. of Juvenile Justice rehabilitation staff
HB 5290	Makes it a crime to solicit naked pictures of a child from the child's parents as a means of seducing the child or the parent into performing a sex act
HB 5526	Prohibits children from owning kratom plants, which are a mild pain reliever with side effects similar to opium
HB 5815	Allows courts to seal orders of supervision and convictions on municipal ordinances
HB 5922	Enhances penalties for trespassing on mass transit property rights of way with the intent to delay service
SB 0978	Requires ISP to annually expunge certain non-delinquent minors' arrest records when they turn 18; other expungement changes
SB 2650	Establishes that if defendants' convictions are reversed by findings of factual innocence they will not be required to pay any related fees or fines and will be refunded any fees or fines they have already paid
SB 2695	Makes it a crime for a law enforcement official to use or communicate information they learned at work to hinder a criminal case, excludes informants
SB 2709	Establishes that donating blood to a blood bank cannot count toward community service requirements for a juvenile probation sentence
SB 2937	Prohibits police from using privately owned drones for surveillance without a court order
SB 3074	Allows courts to extend probation periods
SB 3275	Outlaws the psychedelic drugs 25C-NBOMe and 25B-NBOMe
SB 3405	Criminalizes frivolous patent litigation
SB 3434	Allows law enforcement to seize watercraft used in the commission of repeated crimes involving DUIs

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Education	
HB 1152	Creates the Chicago Educational Governance Task Force to examine and recommend the best structure for governing CPS schools
HB 2513	Requires all new school construction to include storm shelters
HB 3948	Changes Grow Your Own Teacher candidate requirements
HB 4207	Cyberbullying expansion, extends schools' disciplinary authority for cyberbullying to computers accessed away from school if the activity hinders a student's ability to learn
HB 4336	Changes the name of General Educational Development (GED) tests to high school equivalency tests
SB 0587	Cuts a round of teacher technical skills renewal testing for teachers who have already passed the basic skills test
SB 3113	Allows new consolidated school districts to continue collecting taxes to pay for bonds connected to one of the original districts
SB 3274	Allows PE and health teachers to conform to the same qualifications as academic teachers
Environment & Energy	
HB 4505	Sets new rules for cooking oil and grease disposal
HB 4606	Extends an EPA exemption to non-Cook County landfills accepting construction and demolition waste, which will allow for increased recycling possibilities
SB 3049	Adds the gray wolf, American black bear and cougar to list of protected species under the Wildlife Code; allows you to kill one if you or your property are imminently threatened or apply for a permit if the animal becomes a nuisance
Ethics	
HB 4208	Expands county ethics laws to include people appointed by members of county boards
HB 4216	Makes it a crime to intentionally and unlawfully hide or destroy public records
HB 5853	Requires ITAP to provide basic contact information for all state agencies
SB 1941	Creates methods to authenticate that legal documents published online are accurate
SB 3552	Gives collar county boards the authority to create additional ethics standards and fire appointed officials for breaking these standards
Family	
HB 4495	Temporarily allows 16-year-olds to be placed in DCFS custody for delinquency (currently the age threshold is 15)
HB 4636	Clarifies and modernizes several terms used in the Child Care and Adoption Act to address civil unions and expand the definition of "relative" to include great-grandparents, step-grandparents and cousins
HB 4773	Creates a DCFS Statewide Youth Advisory Board to advise the agency on foster services
HB 5949	Changes various provisions affecting adults who were adopted
HB 5990	Expands child advocacy centers' authority over child sexual abuse victims to include victims of maltreatment
SB 1051	Tightens probate law concerning guardians of adults with disabilities
SB 2909	Requires DCFS to track and monitor families with safety plans; plans must be written, signed by parents/guardians and provide other data
SB 3009	Requires DCFS to provide the General Assembly with a progress report every year
SB 3283	Allows DCFS to place children with "fictive kin" (who are not require to become foster parents); fictive kin are people with close ties to the child or family but are not related by blood or marriage

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Health	
HB 1584	Requires nursing home chains to submit annual reports
HB 3765	Requires information provided by the Department of Public Health regarding breast cancer to explain the complications created by dense breast tissue
HB 4033	Clarifies that Community Care and Community-Integrated Living Arrangements employees don't have to wear ID badges; creating a more "home-like" setting
HB 4035	Allows the Department of Public Health to track pediatric cancer cases for statistical purposes
HB 4523	Expands the list of health care professionals who can staff ambulance operations in rural areas
HB 4694	Allows therapists to disclose records and communications relating to a developmentally disabled deceased person if a coroner is investigating the death
HB 5410	Cleans up the language of Illinois law relating to lead poisoning
HB 5742	Creates the Acute Stroke-Ready Hospital designation
HB 5868	Requires alternative nicotine products (e-cigarettes) to be sold behind the counter
HB 5925	Allows health information exchanges to transmit data about HIV and genetics; prohibits life insurance companies from using genetic information without the customer's consent
SB 0647	Regulates how telehealth plans are to be covered by insurance plans
SB 2636	Adds a form of epilepsy to the list of conditions that can be treated using medical marijuana; allows minors to be included for epilepsy seizure treatments; allows DPH to create rules for minors to use non-smokeable medical marijuana to treat other diseases with parental permission
SB 2998	Changes procedures for maintaining and renewing an advanced practice nurse license
SB 3077	Makes a small change relating to physician assistants' request for blood sample analysis in blood banks
SB 3115	Allows physical therapists to use testimonials in advertising
SB 3228	Updates power of attorney forms
SB 3406	Provides additional possible valid qualifications to be licensed as a clinical psychologist
SB 3440	Allows the Center for Rural Health to charge a fee to international medical graduates who participate in their programs
SB 3465	Allows IDPH to set the definition of an ambulatory surgical treatment center but requires this definition to address certain Medicare requirements
SB 3532	Clarifies the conditions under which a person who has been prescribed psychotropic medication or electrotherapy can seek a second opinion; codifies current practice
SB 3554	Adds a non-voting member to the Illinois Purchased Care Review Board; this member must be an administrator of a private, nonpublic, special-ed school

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Higher Education	
HB 4340	Changes the title of the head of the Illinois Community College Board from "president" to "executive director"
HB 4652	Increases the number of fee waivers that DCFS can award to its wards who attend college from 48 to 53
SB 2765	Makes EIU tuition discount limitation pilot program sunset after the 2018-19 school year; renames it the Tuition Affordability Discount Program
SB 3441	Sets standards for distance learning courses offered by accredited universities to protect consumers and make credit transfers easier
Housing	
HB 4123	Requires mobile home park owners to disclose more information to their tenants
HB 4782	Allows condominium boards to lease seized condominiums without additional judicial approval
HB 4783	Protects the right of condo boards to represent the condominium complex in legal proceedings; voids arbitration and mediation clauses in condo policies unless the board votes to keep them in place
HB 4784	Allows communications between condo boards and condo owners via email and text message
HB 5322	Allows condo boards to conduct business using email
SB 0498	Clarifies that the same rules apply to all regional development authorities
SB 3057	Allows common interest community associations to develop their own rules regarding leasing situations; requires homeowners to provide copies of their leases to their local associations unless the association adopts its own rules
SB 3286	Provides that an employee of gated communities or closed condos must allow process servers to enter the facilities
Human Services	
HB 2544	Provides that every accountable care organization must establish an advisory board to consider guidelines for clinical laboratory testing
SB 3332	Clarifies the legal circumstances that face sexually violent people who escape secure residential facilities
SB 3421	Allows IDFPD to grant continuing education credit for child abuse mandated reporters who update their training
SB 3558	Exempts under-aged prostitutes from solicitation prosecution; creates new fines for human trafficking and keeping a place of prostitution; creates a fund to support victim recovery services
Labor	
HB 0008	Protects pregnant women from employment discrimination
HB 4157	Establishes that unpaid interns have the same sexual harassment protections as regular employees
HB 5563	Allows Dept. of Labor to refer equal pay violations to the Dept. on Human Rights
HB 5622	Establishes requirements for the use of payroll cards by employers; requires other payment options; employees must consent to be paid by this method; other protections for employees
HB 5701	Prohibits employers with more than 15 employees from inquiring about job applicants' criminal history until after they have been deemed qualified for the job or selected for an interview; excludes EMS and security-related employers
SB 1103	Creates a state-level OSHA

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Local Government	
HB 2317	Clarifies that property tax bills can only be sent via email at the taxpayer's request
HB 4113	Allows sheriffs to enter into agreements with local governments to develop job training programs to rehabilitate houses; allows rehabilitated houses to be used for transitional housing for the mentally ill, the homeless and low-income families
HB 4418	Establishes that a city or village that operates a fire department cannot halt operations or maintenance unless approved by referendum
HB 4743	Gives counties (in addition to municipalities) the authority to establish a procedure for releasing impounded vehicles
HB 5503	Requires county auditors to deliver copies of audit results to county board members and post them on county websites
HB 5623	Establishes that local units of governments or school districts with more than 1 million people must maintain websites and email addresses where the public can communicate with elected officials
HB 5709	Establishes that municipal and county employees with a certain amount of training do not have to have licenses to perform property valuation waivers worth less than \$10,000
HB 5812	Allows county and municipal officers to hold positions with a not-for-profits but sets limitations on participation
HB 5856	Allows fire protection district voters to vote to dissolve and consolidate their fire protection districts
HB 5889	Allows Will County board to enact judicial fees by ordinance to build a new judicial facility
SB 2975	Provides that the Byron Forest Preserve District may not incur indebtedness in excess of .6% of the assessed value of taxable property in the district
SB 3056	Increases transparency at the RTA by enacting a number of ethical safeguards and requiring the agency to create a transparency website
SB 3071	Allows libraries to reject the lowest bid for some contracts and choose a higher cost vendor
SB 3314	Allows municipal clerk training to be extended to deputies; removes 8 ex-officio members of a clerk training committee
SB 3322	Clarifies the type of actuary intergovernmental insurance pools must use
SB 3411	Establishes that counties and municipalities cannot require a law enforcement officer to issue a specific number of citations in a designated period of time and that the number of citations cannot be held against the officer for evaluation purposes
SB 3427	Establishes competitive bidding requirements for Fire Protection Districts expenditures worth more than \$20,000
Pensions	
HB 5592	Changes the timing of an annuity decision for IMRF employees
Public Safety	
HB 4417	Allows probation officers to carry firearms in accordance with their jobs after taking the same training as peace officers
HB 5689	Requires e-cigarette liquids to be sold in child-resistant packaging
SB 2731	Requires boat drivers who are towing people to display orange flags

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Revenue & Taxes	
HB 3885	Creates a \$7,500 fine for divulging confidential tax return information; allows the Dept. of Revenue to give certain financial information to cities in addition to counties and townships
HB 5564	Allows income taxpayers to elect to apply all or a portion of the refund to the next year's tax liability
SB 0352	Establishes that a retailer who offers promotional codes in Illinois is presumed to be doing business in the state for use-tax purposes
SB 2854	Extends the statute of limitations to claim a property tax refund in Cook County from 5 years to 20 years
SB 3448	Lowers the amount of warning the Department of Revenue must provide to retail businesses that their certification will not be renewed due to delinquent taxes
Seniors	
SB 0798	Expands the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program to cover over-60 seniors without disabilities and under-60 adults with disabilities; makes other changes
SB 1048	Presumes that gifts to caregivers of more than \$20,000 are invalid unless certain conditions are met
State Government	
HB 4083	Requires the Department of Juvenile Justice to adopt mental health care standards and inspect each facility at least once per year
HB 4235	Allows attorneys licensed in other states to appear before hearings officers, judges, officers or bodies of state government, the ICC and independent tax tribunals and other bodies approved by the Supreme Court
HB 4422	Expands the definition of disability to include impairment relating to cancer; allows the secretary of state to revoke driver's licenses for military offenses that are similar to civilian offenses that result in license revocation
HB 5491	Makes the procurement code more consistent and streamlined
SB 0121	Expands the African American Family Commissions objectives based off of previous findings and makes changes to ensure the African-American Family Commission is structured the same way as a similar Latino commission
SB 0125	Allows the secretary of the Senate to loan or donate property associated with Obama to his presidential library or a museum
SB 0229	Requires the governor's office to track and report demographic data on gubernatorial appointees
SB 0641	Changes elevator inspection licensing duties from the fire marshall to a 3rd party private agency, as long as they are properly licensed
SB 2947	Changes the method in which the secretary of IDFPR is notified that a title insurance agent applicant has a felony record involving theft or dishonesty
SB 3125	Changes the name of a law and board relating to carnival safety
SB 3302	Establishes that individuals seeking a religious exemption for submitting a photograph required for certain licenses must submit an approved copy of the IRS Form 4029 and in some cases fingerprints

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Transportation	
HB 3685	Allows bus drivers for religious organizations, senior citizen transportation and for-profit ride sharing to reapply for driver's licenses if there was a less than 30-day lapse
HB 4561	Provides that all drivers education instructors go through a criminal background check and the applicant must pay for the background check
HB 5326	Makes permanent vehicle registration plates for official vehicles available for a one-time fee of \$8 for counties, townships and municipalities
HB 5468	Establishes that medical certificates for tinted windows only need to be renewed every 4 years rather than annually
HB 5895	Creates nighttime driving permit for people with impaired vision who meet certain criteria
HB 5897	Requires night-driving, vision-impaired drivers licenses to be renewed every four years instead of every year; requires license holders to send in a vision report annually
SB 0927	Allows toll highway maintenance vehicles to use flashing emergency lights
SB 0930	Clarifies that the maximum speed for large vehicles in Cook and the collar counties is 60 mph on Interstate highways and 55 mph on other roads
SB 2015	Clarifies that all interstate and tollway speed limits are 70 mph unless there is a speed restriction in state law
SB 2583	Prohibits requiring people to surrender their driver's licenses for petty traffic violations like speeding tickets
SB 2620	Creates a weight-limit exemption for vehicles executing emergency repairs in Cook and some of the collar counties
SB 2802	Allows people to drive without valid registration stickers as long as they have a receipt proving that they have paid for a sticker but have not received it yet
SB 3130	Regulates the use of autocycles - vehicles that have three wheels, but seating like a car rather than a motorcycle or bicycle
SB 3402	Exempts vehicles from other states from Illinois' dealer plate requirements if they are simply being transported for repair
SB 3433	Creates a boating safety certificate; anyone born during or after 1991 cannot operate a boat over 10 horsepower without a certificate; anyone between the ages of 10-12 must be supervised by an adult who has a certificate and those between 12 and 18 must have a certificate or have supervision of a certified adult
SB 3574	Increases weight limitations by 2,000 lbs. for vehicles that use natural gas or propane for fuel, except when on an interstate highway
Veterans	
HB 4277	Allows disabled veterans, as well as blind and disabled residents of Illinois, to fish with commercial fishing devices without having a sport fishing license
HB 4491	Allows eligible veterans to receive one Purple Heart license plate for free
HB 5475	Allows the SOS to issue Gold Star license plates to the surviving daughter or son of a Gold Star recipient
SB 3225	Allows the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Boards to develop a training program in veterans' awareness to identify issues relating to veterans and develop appropriate responses