



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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GOVERNOR QUINN ACTS ON BILLS THIS WEEK

HB 35 – State Employee Salary Database

Rep. Tryon (R – Crystal Lake)
Sen. Garrett (D – Highland)

OPPOSE

Creates a searchable database on state employee salaries. In addition, it would allow tracking of state expenditures and contracts.

**5/15/09 – Passed both chambers.
Signed by Governor. PA 96-0225**

HB 480 – Mileage Reimbursement Rate

Rep. Boland (D – Moline)
Sen. Demuzio (D – Carlinville)

SUPPORT

State travel mileage reimbursement shall be changed during the state's fiscal year as of the effective date of the federal regulations (now, increases don't take effect until the next July 1).

**5/15/09 – Passed both chambers.
Signed by Governor. PA 96-0240**

HB 571 – Federal Stimulus Tracking Report

Rep. Mulligan (R – Des Plaines)
Sen. Noland (D – Elgin)

MONITOR

Creates the Federal Stimulus Tracking Act. Requires the Office of the Governor, or a designated State agency, to track and report the State's spending of federal stimulus moneys. Requires that a final report be available online at the

conclusion of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act program or December 31, 2014, whichever occurs first.

**5/13/09 – Passed both chambers.
Signed by Governor. PA 96-0169**

HB 952 - Prevailing Wage

Rep. Beiser (D - Alton)/Sen. Haine (D - Alton)

SUPPORT

Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that the Act applies to the demolition of public works

**5/13/09 – Passed both chambers.
Signed by Governor. PA 96-0186**

HB 1175 - Fire Sprinklerfitter Licensing

Rep. Burke (D - Chicago)
Sen. Frerichs (D – Champaign)

SUPPORT

In a provision concerning inspections of existing fire sprinkler systems and control equipment, provides that a copy of the inspection report must be forwarded to the local fire department or fire protection district in which the sprinkler system is located.

**5/14/09 – Passed both chambers.
Signed by Governor. PA 96-0256**

SB 1353 – Retired Firefighter Training

Sen. Viverito (D – Burbank)
Rep. Moffit (R – Galesburg)

Monitor

Provides that persons who are retired from active fire service duties and are officially affiliated with fire service training, mutual aid, incident command, fire ground operations, or staff support for "public" fire service organizations may receive training certification.

**5/13/09 – Passed both chambers.
Signed by Governor. PA 96-0215**

SB 1743 – Unemployment Insurance

Sen. John Jones (R – Mt. Vernon)
Rep. Reis (R – Olney)

OPPOSE

Amends the Unemployment Insurance Act. Prevents workers with certain visas admitted to the United States to perform agricultural labor from receiving unemployment insurance in Illinois.

**5/15/09 – Passed both chambers.
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(8/11/09)**

SB 1753 – American Flags

Sen. Dillard (R – Westmont)
Rep. McAsey (D – Crest Hill)

SUPPORT

Amends the Flag Display Act. Provides that no State institution or agency may purchase any American flags except those manufactured in the United States of America. Effective immediately.

**5/15/09 – Passed both chambers.
Signed by Governor. PA 96-0344**

Obama Proposes New Federal Agency to Protect Consumers' Financial Rights

President Obama has introduced legislation to create a federal agency dedicated solely to protecting workers from unfair, deceptive and irresponsible financial companies and products. The AFL-CIO and the Illinois State Labor Federation fully support the bill and will be promoting the idea to our state's Congressmen and women over the next few weeks.

Today, there is not one single federal agency responsible for regulating financial services companies, like mortgage brokers, credit card companies, or car loan businesses. Had a financial oversight agency existed over the last ten years, we might not be faced with the financial crisis we are in today, where consumers are at the mercy of huge lending companies and are experiencing record numbers of foreclosures, bankruptcies and exploding interest rates.

The President has proposed the creation of the Consumer Financial Protection Agency (Act H.R. 3126). The bill is sponsored by Congressman Barney Frank, chairman of the House Committee on Financial Services. At the present time the bill is still before that House committee awaiting a vote when members return from recess. Illinois Representatives Bean (D-8th CD), Foster (D-14th CD), Gutierrez (D-4th CD), Biggert (R-13th CD) and Manzullo (R-16th CD) sit on the committee.

As expected, Wall Street and the banking industry are vehemently opposing the bill.

