



ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND LAND USE POLICY COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION 2024

This document includes ISACo tracked Environment, Energy and Land Use bills that were signed into law by Governor Pritzker.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

HB 1837 (P.A. 103-0794) - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT EXEMPTION

Amends the Environmental Protection Act. In provisions prohibiting the burning of landscape waste, exempts a person engaged in the business of tree removal, at the person's registered place of business, provided that the burning activity (i) is located in a county with a population of 50,000 or less, (ii) is more than 1,000 feet from the nearest residence, (iii) is not located in an area with a PM2.5 design value greater than 9 micrograms per cubic meter, (iv) is not located in an area of environmental justice concern, as determined by the Agency's EJ Start tool, and (v) is conducted in accordance with all federal, State, and local laws and ordinances. **(No Position)**

SB 0691 (P.A. 103-0750) - REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS REAL PROPERTY

Amends the Counties Code. In provisions about the powers of a joint regional planning commission as it relates to real property, makes the provisions applicable to regional planning commissions. Removes language restricting the provisions to a joint regional planning commission that consists of 3 or fewer counties that border the Illinois River, where at least one of those counties has a population of 180,000 or more. **(No Position)**

SB 0692 (P.A. 103-0882) - INTERJURISDICTIONAL INDUSTRIAL ZONING IMPACTS TASK FORCE

Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Creates the Task Force on Interjurisdictional Industrial Zoning Impacts to study State and local zoning laws and policies related to large industrial developments. Sets forth the membership of the Task Force. Effective immediately. **(Support)**

SB 2798 (P.A. 103-0625) - LAND TRANSFER-MONROE, KANE COUNTY

Authorizes the People of the State of Illinois to release specified property located in Monroe County from all dedication and easement rights and interest acquired for highway purposes for the sum of \$2,700.

Authorizes the People of the State of Illinois to release or restore any rights of easements of access, crossing, light, air, and view from, to, and over specified property in Kane County for \$152,835. Effective immediately. **(No Position)**

SB 0839 (P.A. 103-0887) - PAINT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM PLAN

Amends the Paint Stewardship Act. In a provision regarding a paint stewardship program plan, provides that not later than 90 days (rather than 60 days) after submission of a plan, the Environmental Protection Agency shall approve or disapprove the plan, with certain requirements. Provides that the plan shall be submitted not later than July 1, 2025 (rather than 12 months after the effective date of the Paint Stewardship Act). Provides that by July 1, 2028 (rather than July 1, 2026), and each July 1 thereafter, a manufacturer shall submit a report to the Agency that details the implementation of the manufacturer's program during the prior calendar year. Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Excludes paint and paint-related waste, as well as certain paint and paint-related waste that are hazardous waste, from the definition of "special waste". Provides that paint and paint-related waste that are hazardous waste are designated as universal waste subject to the streamlined hazardous waste rules. Provides that the Environmental Protection Agency shall propose and the Pollution Control Board shall adopt rules to designate and provide for the management of paint and paint waste as universal waste. Provides that if the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency adopts streamlined hazardous waste regulations pertaining to the management of hazardous waste paint or paint-related waste, the Board shall adopt an equivalent rule within 180 days. Provides, until the Board adopts certain rules, requirements that apply to small quantity handlers of universal waste managing hazardous waste paint and paint-related waste as a universal waste, including to prevent releases of universal waste to the environment, with specific requirements. Requires labeling or marking of universal waste paint and paint-related waste containers. Provides that a small quantity handler of universal waste may accumulate universal waste paint and paint-related waste for no longer than one year from the date the universal waste is generated, unless such activity is solely for the purpose of accumulating quantities to facilitate proper recovery, treatment, or disposal, with certain requirements. Provides that a small quantity handler of universal waste shall provide information to employees that describes proper handling and emergency procedures appropriate to universal waste paint and paint-related waste, with certain requirements. Provides requirements for a small quantity handler of universal waste regarding response to releases. Prohibits off-site shipments of universal waste paint and paint-related waste for a small quantity handler of universal waste with certain requirements and exceptions. Requires, until the Board adopts certain rules, that paints and paint-related wastes that are exempt household wastes or very small quantity generator wastes remain exempt from the hazardous waste rules but may be managed as universal wastes. Requires, until the Board adopts certain rules, that universal waste transporters that transport paints or paint-related wastes that are universal wastes are subject to the existing Board rules for universal waste transporters. Requires, until the Board adopts certain rules, that universal waste destination facilities that manage paints or paint-related wastes that are universal wastes are subject to the existing Board rules for universal waste destination facilities. Defines terms. **(No Position)**

SB 2743 (P.A. 103-0917) - WATER PLAN TASK FORCE ACT

Creates the Water Plan Task Force Act. Establishes the State Water Plan Task Force. Provides that the Task Force shall be chaired by the Director of the Office of Water Resources of the Department of Natural Resources and composed of the directors, or their designee, from various other State entities. Requires the Task Force to identify critical water issues, to develop and implement recommendations that address the critical water issues, and to reevaluate critical water issues and needs. Requires the Task Force to publish a State Water Plan not less than every 10 years. Provides that the Task Force shall develop and maintain a publicly available website or portal that summarizes projects of the Task Force. Requires the Task Force to meet not less than once per quarter each calendar year. Enumerates the authority granted to the Task Force. **(No Position)**

SB 2781 (P.A. 103-0923) - FORESTS-WETLANDS-PRAIRIES

Creates the Forests, Wetlands, and Prairies Act. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources shall prepare and maintain a comprehensive Forests, Wetlands, and Prairies Grant plan for the preservation and enhancement of forests, prairies, and wetlands in Illinois. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to the comprehensive plan and subject to appropriation, shall establish and administer a Forests, Wetlands, and Prairies Grant Program to restore degraded forest lands and native prairies, and to promote the growth of native vegetation that remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and help to mitigate the impact of climate change. Provides that units of local government are eligible to submit a grant proposal in a format and at a time prescribed by the Department of Natural Resources. Provides that grants may be used by units of local government to fund: (1) local projects restoring or expanding forests, wetlands, prairies, or other natural landscapes demonstrated to absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere; (2) education and marketing regarding local projects or steps community members may take to promote the growth of native vegetation that removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere; and (3) any other purpose approved by the Department of Natural Resources that advances the State goal that there be no overall net loss of the State's existing forest, prairie, or wetland acres or their functional value due to State-supported activities. Amends the Department of Natural Resources Act and the State Finance Act to make conforming changes. **(Support)**

SB 2876 (P.A. 103-0927) - SOLID WASTE-EVENT FACILITIES

Creates the Large Event Facilities Act. In provisions regarding requirements for an owner or operator of an event facility that has a maximum capacity of at least 3,500 persons, requires the owner or operator to provide for the composting of organic waste, collected separately from recyclable materials, in counties with composting facilities (rather than the composting of organic waste, collected separately from recyclable materials). In the same provisions, provides that the recyclable materials may be transferred to a recycling center in the same manner in which they were collected within the event facility. Provides that an owner or operator of an event facility is in compliance with these provisions if the owner or operator offers the disposal of recyclable materials and organic waste in separate containers clearly labeled and distributed throughout the event facility. Provides that an owner or operator of an event facility that commits a violation of this Act is guilty of a business offense and shall be fined not less than \$750 and not more than \$1,500 for the first offense. Provides that an owner or operator of an event facility that

commits a second or subsequent violation of this Act is guilty of a business offense and shall be fined not less than \$1,500 and not more than \$2,500 for each subsequent offense. Provides that a State's Attorney or municipal attorney may prosecute an owner or operator of an event facility who violates this Act.

(Oppose)

SB 3091 (P.A. 103-0773) - IDNR-LAND TRANSFER-WILL CO

Authorizes the Director of Natural Resources to convey the described parcel in Will County to the Forest Preserve District of Will County. Effective immediately. **(No Position)**

SB 3566 (P.A. 103-1017) - EPA-VEHICLE WASHING

Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that, beginning on January 1, 2025, landfills in counties with a population over 250,000 (rather than landfills in counties with a population over 275,000) shall provide and operate facilities to clean the wheels and undercarriages of vehicles departing the landfill. **(No Position)**

SB 3716 (P.A. 103-1038) - LAKE MICH MONITORING-REPORTING

Amends the Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act. Removes a provision requiring the Environmental Protection Agency to work with the City of Chicago and affected units of government for specified concerns. Removes a provision that require the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct water quality and lake bed surveys to evaluate the ecology and the quality of water in Lake Michigan. Removes a provision concerning reporting requirements. Provides that the Environmental Protection Agency shall regularly monitor water quality from nearshores, harbors, and public water supply intakes in Lake Michigan and provide an executive summary biennially on conditions of the water quality in Lake Michigan to the Governor and members of the General Assembly. **(No Position)**