



House Bill 454

Title of Issue: Increased Liability for Local Governments and Employees

ISACo Position: Oppose

To: House Judiciary – Civil Law Committee

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The Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) respectfully opposes HB 454.

The legislation would delete a provision that shields local governments and their employees from liability for an injury caused from diagnosing or failing to diagnose that someone is afflicted by a mental or physical illness or addiction or from failing to prescribe for a mental or physical illness or addiction.

ISACo opposes legislation that weakens the Local Government and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act and exposes local governments and their employees to litigation. This is particularly true when the actions or inactions of the local government or its employees are not willful and wanton. Lawsuits against local government entities are ultimately paid for by local taxpayers.

For this reason, ISACo opposes the legislation.