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# Update

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**Teamsters Joint Council 25 took positions on 20 bills during the 2017 Spring Session of Illinois' 100th General Assembly. Positions are organized by the trades and industries the bills may affect.**

## Illinois Teamsters Win Vehicle Code Amendment Push for School Bus Workers

A vital amendment to existing Illinois legislation was signed into law on August 18 to strengthen work hour protections for Teamster school bus drivers.

Senate Bill 2028 required all large commuter vehicle drivers to have a current PT license in order to utilize their vehicles for private charter transportation.

School buses in Illinois have been used as private charters without a PT license for 25 years. The Secretary of State only recently began enforcing the law, which suddenly prevented school buses from transporting private passengers, cutting work hours for drivers.

Teamsters Local 777, concerned about the welfare of Teamster school bus drivers as well as surrounding schools' resources, actively worked with First Student, Cook-Illinois Corporation and the Teamsters Joint Council 25 Political Department

to draft legislation that allowed Illinois school bus companies to run private charter transportation.

Upon passage of the amendment, school bus companies can now do so as long as they comply with minimum licensing and insurance requirements and remove the school bus sign during this type of transportation so that it is not visible to motorists on the road.

"This is a big victory for Teamster bus drivers because they won't lose hours at work," said James T. Glimco, Trustee of Joint Council 25 and President of Local 777. "We thank the Joint Council 25 Political Department for its assistance with this important legislation."

Senate Bill 2028 passed out of the Senate in April by a vote of 51-1 and passed out of the House in May by 111-0. The governor signed the bill into law on August 18.

## PHARMACY

### PHARMACY WORK STANDARDS HOUSE BILL 2392

REPRESENTATIVE MARY E. FLOWERS (D)  
**STATUS:** Assigned to Rules Committee  
**JOINT COUNCIL 25:** SUPPORTS this bill

This bill was initiated by Local 727. The bill creates work standards for pharmacists including meal and rest breaks and additional standards that protect pharmacist and patient safety.

### PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT RENEWAL HOUSE BILL 3462

REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL J. ZALEWSKI (D)  
**STATUS:** Sent to the Governor  
**JOINT COUNCIL 25:** SUPPORTS this bill

This bill renews the Pharmacy Practice Act and creates a task force that includes an organization representing unionized pharmacists to recommend pharmacist work standards. The bill was negotiated based on provisions in HB 2392.

## BEVERAGE

### ENERGY DRINK BAN HOUSE BILL 2861

REPRESENTATIVE LUIS ARROYO (D)  
**STATUS:** Assigned to Rules Committee  
**JOINT COUNCIL 25:** OPPOSES this bill

Bans the sale of energy drinks to certain

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individuals in Illinois. The bill would impact many Teamster drivers in Illinois who deliver these products.

## **PENNY-PER-OUNCE BEVERAGE TAX HOUSE BILL 2914**

**REPRESENTATIVE ROBYN GABEL (D)**

**STATUS:** Assigned to Rules Committee

**JOINT COUNCIL 25: OPPOSES this bill**

Places a penny-per-ounce tax on drinks with more than 5 grams of sugar. This bill also applies to diet drinks, and other low-sugar drinks. Teamster jobs in the beverage industry have already been impacted negatively because of taxes on sugary drinks.

## **BEVERAGE CONTAINER DEPOSIT**

**HOUSE BILL 3389**

**REPRESENTATIVE JEHAN GORDON-BOOTH (D)**

**STATUS:** Assigned to Rules Committee

**JOINT COUNCIL 25: OPPOSES this bill**

Imposes a 5-cent deposit on all beverage containers sold in Illinois. This tax on beverages will present a significant burden to our Teamsters members who deliver for the beverage industry.

## **FUNERAL**

**HOUSE BILL 3486**

**REPRESENTATIVE DAN BRADY (R)**

**STATUS:** Assigned to Rules Committee

**JOINT COUNCIL 25: SUPPORTS this bill**

This bill requires the sale of all funeral services in Illinois to be handled by an Illinois licensed funeral director.

## **MANUFACTURING**

### **COAL TAR SEALANT BAN**

**HOUSE BILL 2958**

**REPRESENTATIVE LAURA FINE (D)**

**STATUS:** Assigned to Rules Committee

**JOINT COUNCIL 25: OPPOSES this bill**

Bans the sale or use of coal tar pavement sealant on driveways, parking lots, playgrounds, sidewalks, bike trails or roadways. This product is manufactured by Teamster members and this bill will negatively impact their jobs.

## **GAMING**

### **GAMING EXPANSION**

**SENATE BILL 7**

**SENATOR TERRY LINK (D)**

**STATUS:** Assigned to Rules Committee

**JOINT COUNCIL 25: SUPPORTS this bill**

This bill authorizes the building of six new casinos throughout Illinois and also permits the installation of slots at racetracks. The bill will help retain and create jobs in Illinois' racing industry.

### **GAMING EXPANSION WITH TABLE GAMES**

**HOUSE BILL 4002**

**REPRESENTATIVE CHAD HAYS (R)**

**STATUS:** Assigned to Rules Committee

**JOINT COUNCIL 25: SUPPORTS this bill**

Authorizes the building of new casinos throughout Illinois and permits the installation and use of slots and table games and Illinois racetracks.

## **PUBLIC SECTOR**

### **CHICAGO MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE**

**PENSION FUND**

**SENATE BILL 14**

**SENATOR JOHN J. CULLERTON (D)**

**STATUS:** Passed House 63-45-2

**JOINT COUNCIL 25: MONITORING this bill**

City taxpayers would contribute toward the pension plan through a city and water tax increase. The bill also make changes to pension benefits for employees hired after 2011. The bill seeks a 90% funding level over a 40-year period.

### **COOK COUNTY**

**SENATE BILL 695**

**SENATOR BILL CUNNINGHAM (D)**

**STATUS:** Assigned to Rules Committee

**JOINT COUNCIL 25: MONITORING this bill**

Amends provisions concerning the Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board regarding functions and operations including powers and responsibilities.

## **FILM TAX CREDIT**

### **ILLINOIS FILM TAX CREDIT EXTENSION**

**SENATE BILL 1253**

**SENATOR CHRIS NYBO (R)**

**STATUS:** Assigned to Senate Assignments Committee

**JOINT COUNCIL 25: SUPPORTS this bill**

The bill extends the sunset date of the Illinois Film Tax Credit to 2027.

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## ILLINOIS FILM TAX CREDIT EXTENSION HOUSE BILL 2642

REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM DAVIS (D)

**STATUS:** Assigned to Rules Committee

**JOINT COUNCIL 25:** SUPPORTS this bill

The bill extends the sunset date of the Illinois Film Tax Credit to 2027.

## SCHOOL BUS

### SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

SENATE BILL 2028

SENATOR THOMAS CULLERTON (D)

**STATUS:** Assigned to Rules Committee

**JOINT COUNCIL 25:** SUPPORTS this bill

The bill clarifies statutory and administrative provisions for transportation by school bus for non-education, non-student related transportation. The bill is an effort between Local 777 and First Student.

## WASTE

### MAHOMET AQUIFER TASK FORCE

SENATE BILL 611

SENATOR SCOTT M. BENNETT (D)

**STATUS:** Signed by the Governor

**JOINT COUNCIL 25:** SUPPORTS this bill

Adds a seat for a labor organization representing members who work in the solid waste division. Teamsters Joint Council 25 is currently working with Teamsters Local 627 on the Mahomet Aquifer Task Force initiative.

## CONSTRUCTION

### STATEWIDE RESPONSIBLE BIDDER

HOUSE BILL 2493

REPRESENTATIVE JAY HOFFMAN (D)

**STATUS:** Assigned to Rules Committee

**JOINT COUNCIL 25:** SUPPORTS this bill

The Statewide Responsible Bidder bill would require all local bodies and contracts to be in compliance with all applicable Illinois laws to conduct business in the state, which will include wage laws.

### PREVAILING WAGE-AREA WIDE LABOR AGREEMENTS

HOUSE BILL 2495

REPRESENTATIVE JAY HOFFMAN (D)

**STATUS:** Assigned to Rules Committee

**JOINT COUNCIL 25:** SUPPORTS this bill

Allows all local Illinois bodies to determine the proper prevailing wage rate by using wages in collective bargaining agreements in their representative area.

### PREVAILING WAGE POSTING REQUIREMENTS

HOUSE BILL 3120

REPRESENTATIVE TOM DEMMER (R)

**STATUS:** Signed by the Governor

**JOINT COUNCIL 25:** NEUTRAL

Allows all local Illinois bodies to waive the newspaper posting of prevailing wage rates. Instead, these regions would instead post wage rates on the local body's website.

## SICK LEAVE

### MINIMUM SICK DAYS

HOUSE BILL 2771

REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTIAN L. MITCHELL (D)

**STATUS:** Awaiting Final Passage in the House

**JOINT COUNCIL 25:** SUPPORTS this bill

This bill provides a minimum of five sick days to employees in Illinois. Collective bargaining agreements and the construction industry are both exempted from this bill.

### MINIMUM SICK DAYS

SENATE BILL 1296

SENATOR TOI W. HUTCHINSON (D)

**STATUS:** Assigned to Senate Assignments Committee

**JOINT COUNCIL 25:** SUPPORTS this bill

Provides a minimum of five sick days to employees in Illinois. Collective bargaining agreements and the construction industry are both exempted from this bill.

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