HB4186 ESTATE TAX-REPEAL – Sponsored by Representative Dwight Kay: Amends the Illinois Estate and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Act. Provides that no tax shall be imposed under the Act for persons dying on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act or for transfers made on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Effective immediately.

- Support
- Referred to Rules Committee

HB4222 PROP TX-BARN ASSESSMENT – Sponsored by Representative Rich Brauer: Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, beginning with the 2014 taxable year, all barns that were first placed in service more than 75 years before the first day of the taxable year and are located in areas zoned for agriculture shall have an assessed value of zero. Effective immediately.

- Support
- Referred to Rules Committee

HB4497 DHS-LINK CARD-PHOTO ID – Sponsored by Representative John Cavaletto: Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that on and after January 1, 2015, electronic benefits transfer ("LINK") cards used to obtain SNAP benefits or cash shall contain the name and photo of the primary cardholder and, at the option of the primary cardholder, the names of secondary holders who are authorized to use the card. Establishes that an individual may only use the LINK card if the photo on the card matches the user or he or she presents a current and valid photo identification that confirms he or she is a secondary user listed on the card. Provides that on the effective date of the amendatory Act the Department of Human Services shall begin the process of transitioning to the use of LINK cards which contain the name and photo of the primary cardholder and list the names of all authorized users of the card. Requires the transition to be completed no later than January 1, 2015. Effective immediately.

- No position
- Referred to Rules Committee

HB4502 DNR CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS – Sponsored by Representative Jil Tracy: Amends the Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources shall (1) for levee improvements provide notice of submissions, a detailed timeline, specific requirements, and any internal review procedures to the submitter within 90 days; (2) for rural construction along navigable
waterways permit a water surface profile increase of 0.5 feet; (3) for urban construction permit a water surface profile increase of 0.1 feet; and (4) require a mitigation analysis only if water surface profile increases exceed an induced head study. Effective immediately.

- Analyzing, no position yet
- Assigned to the Agriculture & Conservation Committee

HB4510 FARM MUTUAL INS-INVESTMENTS – Sponsored by Representative Frank Mautino: Amends the Farm Mutual Insurance Company Act of 1986. Makes changes with regard to the types of financial instruments that the funds of a company operating under or regulated by the provisions of the Act may be invested in without the prior approval of the Director of Insurance.

- No position
- Referred to Rules Committee

HB4634 IFA-AGRICULTURAL LOANS – Sponsored by Representative Brandon Phelps: Amends the Illinois Finance Authority Act. Provides that the Illinois Finance Authority (instead of the State Treasurer) shall be custodian of the Illinois Agricultural Loan Guarantee Fund and the Illinois Farmer and Agribusiness Loan Guarantee Fund. Provides that all moneys in those Funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer to the Illinois Finance Authority no later than June 30, 2014, and, on and after that date, all future moneys deposited into the Illinois Agricultural Loan Guarantee Fund shall be paid by the State Treasurer to the Illinois Finance Authority as a continuing appropriation. Effective immediately.

- Analyzing, no position yet
- Referred to Rules Committee

HB4661 ILLINOIS PESTICIDE ACT – Sponsored by Representative Patrick Verschoore: Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act. Removes provisions creating the Agrichemical Facility Response Action Program Board. Transfers certain duties of the Board to the Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture or his or her authorized representative. Effective immediately.

- Neutral
- Referred to Rules Committee

HB4663 ANIMAL GASTROENTERITIS ACT – Sponsored by Representative Patrick Verschoore: Amends the Animal Gastroenteritis Act. Adds members to the Swine Disease Control Committee. Renames the
Cattle Disease Research Committee to the Cattle Disease Control Committee. Corrects references. Adds members to the Cattle Disease Control Committee. Provides that meetings shall only occur in the event of a disease outbreak or other significant disease situation. Provides that the meetings shall be scheduled at the call of the Director with the Swine Disease Control Committee and the Cattle Disease Committee to address disease prevention, management, and control in the case of a disease outbreak. Provides that members of the Committees shall receive no compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. Repeals a provision that authorized the Department of Agriculture to coordinate research concerning the cause, transmission, treatment, and control of transmissible gastroenteritis and other diseases of swine and livestock. Effective immediately.

- Neutral
- Referred to Rules Committee

HB4762 NOXIOUS WEED LAW – Sponsored by Representative Jerry Costello Jr: Amends the Illinois Noxious Weed Law. Provides that the governing body of each county may (previously was "shall") carry out the duties and responsibilities vested in it under the Act with respect to land under its jurisdiction in accordance with rules prescribed by the Department of Agriculture. Provides that those duties may (previously was "shall") include the establishment, under the general direction of the governing body of each county, of a coordinated program for control and eradication of noxious weeds within the county. Effective immediately.

- Neutral
- Referred to Rules Committee

HB5354 FOOD HANDLING-HOME KITCHEN – Sponsored By Representative Charles Meier: Amends the Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act. Defines "home kitchen operation" and provides that neither the Department of Public Health nor the health department of a unit of local government may regulate the service of food by a home kitchen operation. Effective immediately.

- Support
- Referred to Rules Committee

HB5419 IFA-AG GUARANTEE-RAISE LIMIT – Sponsored by Representative C.D. Davidsmeyer: Amends the Illinois Finance Authority Act. In Sections concerning State guarantees for loans to farmers, provides that the total amount of the guarantees shall not exceed $2,000,000 per farmer (instead of $500,000). Provides that guarantees may be made if the farmer’s net worth does not exceed $2,000,000 (instead of
$500,000). In a Section concerning guarantees for existing debt, provides that the Illinois Agricultural Loan Guarantee Fund shall guarantee receipt of payment of 90% (instead of 85%) of the principal and interest owed on the State Guarantee Loan by the farmer to the guarantee holder. Effective immediately.

- **Oppose**
- **Referred to Rules Committee**

**HB5442 ESTATE TAX-REPEAL - Sponsored by Representative Michael Unes:** Amends the Illinois Estate and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Act. Provides that no tax shall be imposed under the Act for persons dying on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act or for transfers made on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Effective immediately.

- **Support**
- **Referred to Rules Committee**

**HB5445 PROP TX-LAND BANK - Sponsored by Representative Kelly Burke:** Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that certain property owned by a county, municipality, taxing district, unit of local government, or by one or more municipalities pursuant to an ordinance or intergovernmental agreement, that is held for land bank purposes is exempt from taxation under the Code. Provides that the property remains exempt even if the property is leased to another entity whose property is not exempt.

- **Analyzing, no position yet**
- **Referred to Rules Committee**

**HB5455 VEH CD-COVERED FARM VEHICLES - Sponsored by Representative Brandon Phelps:** Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Defines "covered farm vehicles" under the Illinois Motor Carrier Safety Law. Provides that when trailers registered as farm trailers are hauled by a motor vehicle of the second division that is 12,000 pounds or less that is not registered as a farm truck, that truck is subject to privileges and limitations on use as though it were registered as a farm truck. Effective immediately.

- **Support**
- **Referred to Rules Committee**
HB5464 PESTICIDE DEALER LICENSE APP - Sponsored by Representative Wayne Rosenthal: Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act. Provides that an applicant under the Act who has been certified shall be required to apply for a license or pesticide dealer registration on or before October 31 of each year. Provides that failure to apply for a license or pesticide dealer registration on or before October 31 of each year shall void the certification. Effective immediately.

- Neutral
- Assigned to Agriculture & Conservation Committee

HB5489 FOOD HANDLING-TEA SAMPLES - Sponsored by Representative Patti Bellock: Amends the Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act. In the provision exempting certain cottage food operations from Department of Public Health, Department of Agriculture, and local government health department regulations, includes teas brewed in a home kitchen by a cottage food operation for the purpose of giving away free samples. Effective immediately.

- Support
- Referred to Rules Committee

HB5626 PUB AID-SNAP-PROHIBITED FOODS – Sponsored by Representative John Cavaletto: Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that the Secretary of Human Services shall seek a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture to allow the State to specify certain foods that may and may not be purchased in Illinois with the benefits funded by the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP; formerly known as the Food Stamps program), including a general ban on the use of SNAP benefits to purchase foods of minimal nutritional value such as carbonated soft drinks, snack cakes, candies, chewing gum, flavored ice bars, and fried, high-fat chips.

- Support
- Referred to Rules Committee

HB5637 LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT - Sponsored by Representative Naomi Jakobsson: Amends the Livestock Management Facilities Act. Changes the definition of "new facility" to include an existing facility that expands or modifies its operations to increase the animal unit capacity. Provides that, within 10 calendar days after notification by the Department to the owner or operator that the registration and notice of intent to construct are complete, the owner or operator of the proposed facility shall mail by certified mail, return receipt requested, a copy of the complete notice of intent to construct form to the owners of property located within the setback areas. Makes changes to provisions concerning public hearings and final determinations. Provides that livestock management facilities or livestock waste
handling facilities constructed after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly shall not have man-made conduits from surface waters to those livestock management facilities or livestock waste handling facilities. Provides that a livestock management facility's waste management plan shall be submitted to the Department and the Department shall make the plan available to the public. Adds information that a waste management plan must include. Provides for civil actions under specified provisions of the Act. Effective immediately.

- Support
- Referred to Rules Committee

**HB5657 FARMERS MKT LOCAL REG LIMITS - Sponsored by Representative Mike Tryon:** Amends the Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act. Provides that regulation of farmers' markets by local authorities may be no more stringent than the regulation established by the Department of Public Health. Establishes a framework for the regulation of food samples. Imposes requirements for disclosure of product origin with respect to specialty crops and raw agricultural commodities. Authorizes a State-certified local public health department to impose a fee in connection with the registration of a cottage food operation. Effective immediately.

- Support, IL Stewardship Alliance priority initiative
- Referred to Rules Committee

**HB5690 SWEETENED BEVERAGE TAX - Sponsored by Representative Robyn Gabel:** Creates the Sugar-Sweetened Beverages, Syrups, and Powder Tax Law. Imposes a tax on distributors of bottled sugar-sweetened beverages, syrups, or powders. Provides that the tax is imposed at the rate of $0.01 per ounce of bottled sugar-sweetened beverages sold or offered for sale to a retailer for sale in the State to a consumer. Provides that the distributor shall add the amount of the tax to the price of sugar-sweetened beverages sold to a retailer, and the retailer shall pass the amount of the tax through to the consumer. Requires those distributors to obtain permits. Contains provisions concerning the distribution of the proceeds. Effective January 1, 2015.

- Analyzing, no position yet, portion of tax revenue -> local food
- Referred to Rules Committee

**HB5704 MIGRANT LABOR CAMPS - Sponsored by Representative Cynthia Soto:** Amends the Illinois Migrant Labor Camp Law. Provides that a license to operate a migrant labor camp shall expire on December 31 of the year in which the license was issued regardless of the date on which the application for a license was submitted. Requires the Department of Public Health to inspect the migrant labor
camp site and the facilities described in an application for a license to operate a migrant labor camp at
the Department's earliest opportunity. Provides that an application for a license or for a renewal of a
license shall be filed at least 5 business days (instead of 60 days) prior to the date on which the migrant
labor camp is to start operation. Provides that the camp shall be ready for inspection at least 3 business
days (instead of 30 days) prior to the date on which the migrant labor camp is to start operation.
Provides for penalties and fines based on the severity of a violation of the Act or the rules adopted
under the Act. Provides procedures concerning the imposition of penalties. Effective immediately.

- Analyzing, no position yet
- Referred to Rules Committee

HBS843 PUB AID-SNAP-FARMERS MARKETS – Sponsored by Representative Mike Tryon: Amends the
Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that subject to federal approval, recipients of benefits provided under
the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) shall receive an extra $0.25 in benefits
for every $1 spent on fruits and vegetables sold at a farmers' market. Provides that this increase in
benefits shall not exceed $25 per month and that the Department of Human Services shall seek any
necessary waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture in order to implement this
provision.

- Support the concept but needs changes
- Referred to Rules Committee

HBS906 INC TX-YOUNG FARMERS - Sponsored by Representative Charles Meier: Amends the Illinois
Income Tax Act. Provides that each taxpayer who qualifies as a young farmer is allowed a credit of
$1,000 for the taxable year in which the taxpayer first purchases real property that will be used for
agricultural production. Provides that the term "young farmer" means an individual who is 35 years of
age or younger and who derives a minimum of 50% of his or her income from farming. Effective
immediately.

- Analyzing, no position yet (Support?)
- Referred to Rules Committee

HBS907 IFA-FARMING MICROLOANS - Sponsored by Representative John Anthony: Amends the Illinois
Finance Authority Act. Provides that the Authority is authorized to issue State guarantees to lenders for
loans to small family farm operations, operators of community-supported agriculture, and beginning
farmers. Provides that those guarantees (i) shall not exceed $35,000 per qualified applicant, (ii) shall be
set up on a payment schedule not to exceed 7 years, except that annual operating loans must be repaid
within 12 months after the agricultural commodities are sold, and (iii) shall be subject to annual review and renewal by the lender and the Authority. Provides that the Illinois Agricultural Loan Guarantee Fund and the Illinois Farmer and Agribusiness Loan Guarantee Fund may be used to secure those guarantees.

- Support
- Referred to Rules Committee

HB5908 INC TX-IL PRODUCTS LABEL - Sponsored by Representative Donald Moffitt: Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that, beginning with taxable years ending on or after December 31, 2014 and ending with taxable years ending on or before December 31, 2018, an amount equal to 5% of the first $1,000,000 of retail sales by the taxpayer during the taxable year of Illinois agricultural products certified by the Illinois Department of Agriculture under the “Illinois Product” label program.

- Support
- Referred to Rules Committee

HB5909 INC TX-GREENHOUSE DEDUCTION - Sponsored by Representative Norine Hammond: Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that, beginning with taxable years ending on or after December 31, 2014 and ending with taxable years ending on or before December 31, 2019, an amount equal to 50% of the amount of expenses incurred by the taxpayer during a taxable year for the construction of a greenhouse or rehabilitation of a current facility to be used for greenhouse purposes may be deducted from the taxpayer’s adjusted gross income. Provides that the taxpayer may elect to deduct 25% of the amount of these expenses in the taxable year in which they were incurred and to deduct the remaining 25% of the amount of these expenses in the next taxable year.

- Support
- Referred to Rules Committee

*Senate Legislation Introduced in 2014*

SB2836 $IFA-ASH BORER – Sponsored by Senator Michael Hastings: Appropriates $20,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Finance Authority for the purpose of establishing an account that will be locally held by the Illinois Finance Authority and used to administer the Emerald Ash Borer Revolving Loan Program. Effective July 1, 2014.

- Analyzing, no position yet
- Referred to Assignments
SB2837 ESTATE TAX-EXCLUSION AMOUNT – Sponsored by Senator Jason Barickman: Amends the Illinois Estate and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Act. Provides that, for persons dying on or after January 1, 2015, the exclusion amount shall be the applicable exclusion amount provided in the Internal Revenue Code, including the adjustment for inflation and any applicable deceased spousal unused exclusion amount.

- Analyzing, no position yet
- Referred to Assignments

SB3157 MILK PRODUCTS ACT-ENFORCEMENT - Sponsored by Senator David Koehler: Amends the Grade A Pasteurized Milk and Milk Products Act. Deletes definitions for "dairy farm" and "milk product". Deletes provisions that (1) establish testing protocols and (2) set forth a violation of the Act. Provides instead that the Department or a unit of local government electing to administer and enforce the Act has the responsibility to prevent the distribution of adulterated milk and milk products and to inform the public of adulterated milk and milk products already in commerce. Provides that in response to a confirmed foodborne outbreak or when a high risk of infection exists, the enforcing agency shall require pathogen testing to be performed on the implicated milk and milk products. Specifies that sample collection, examination standards, and enforcement with regard to the testing shall be conducted in accordance with the rules adopted under the Act and the Grade A Pasteurized Milk Ordinance.

- Analyzing, no position yet
- Referred to Public Health Committee

SB3263 WIND ENERGY FACILITY CONSTRUCT - Sponsored by Senator John Sullivan: Creates the Wind Energy Facilities Construction and Deconstruction Act. Requires a commercial wind energy operator of a commercial wind energy facility located on land owned by another to enter into an agricultural impact mitigation agreement with the Department of Agriculture. Provides that the commercial wind energy operator is responsible for deconstruction of a commercial wind energy facility. Requires the filing of a deconstruction plan detailing the cost of deconstruction per turbine. Provides that the plan must be prepared by an independent third party. Requires the Department of Agriculture to require reclamation bonds for deconstruction. Contains provisions concerning public informational meetings, final determinations related to approval of siting, and deconstruction activities. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Wind Energy Administration Fund as a special fund in the State treasure. Amends the Counties Code. Deletes language allowing a county to establish standards for wind farms and electric-generating wind devices. Effective immediately.
SB3337 ANIMALS-ADEQUATE SHELTER – Sponsored by Senator David Koehler: Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act. Provides that each owner shall provide for each of his or her animals adequate shelter and adequate space. Defines "adequate shelter" and "adequate space".

- Support
- Referred to Assignments

SB3341 CONSERVATION DISTRICT-DEBT - Sponsored by Senator Pamela Althoff: Amends the Conservation District Act. Provides that a district may incur indebtedness for the purposes of paying any capital expenditure without first obtaining consent of the legal voters of the district. Sets forth a list of the types of bonds that do not limit a district from issuing non-referendum debt. Makes other changes.

- Oppose
- Referred to Assignments

SB3380 FARMERS MKT LOCAL REG LIMITS - Sponsored by Senator David Koehler: Amends the Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act. Provides that regulation of farmers' markets by local authorities may be no more stringent than the regulation established by the Department of Public Health. Establishes a framework for the regulation of food samples. Imposes requirements for disclosure of product origin with respect to specialty crops and raw agricultural commodities. Authorizes a State-certified local public health department to impose a fee in connection with the registration of a cottage food operation. Effective immediately.

- Support
- Referred to Assignments

SB3398 VEH CD-COVERED FARM VEHICLES - Sponsored by Senator Toi Hutchinson: Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Defines "covered farm vehicles" under the Illinois Motor Carrier Safety Law. Provides that when trailers registered as farm trailers are hauled by a motor vehicle of the second division that is 12,000 pounds or less that is not registered as a farm truck, that truck is subject to privileges and limitations on use as though it were registered as a farm truck. Effective immediately.

- Support
• Referred to Assignments

**SB3438 CO-OPERATIVE ACT SHARE LIMIT - Sponsored by Senator Don Harmon:** Amends the Co-operative Act. Increases from 5 to 10 the number of shares for which a person may subscribe or control. Increases from $100 to $1,000 the maximum subscription price per share. Increase from $500 to $10,000 the maximum value of stock issued to any one shareholder. Effective immediately.

• Support
• Referred to Assignments

**SB3551 MIGRANT LABOR CAMPS - Sponsored by Senator Iris Martinez:** Amends the Illinois Migrant Labor Camp Law. Provides that a license to operate a migrant labor camp shall expire on December 31 of the year in which the license was issued regardless of the date on which the application for a license was submitted. Requires the Department of Public Health to inspect the migrant labor camp site and the facilities described in an application for a license to operate a migrant labor camp at the Department's earliest opportunity. Provides that an application for a license or for a renewal of a license shall be filed at least 5 business days (instead of 60 days) prior to the date on which the migrant labor camp is to start operation. Provides that the camp shall be ready for inspection at least 3 business days (instead of 30 days) prior to the date on which the migrant labor camp is to start operation. Provides for penalties and fines based on the severity of a violation of the Act or the rules adopted under the Act. Provides procedures concerning the imposition of penalties. Effective immediately.

• Analyzing, no position yet
• Referred to Assignments

**SB3565 PESTICIDE EXEMPTION - Sponsored by Senator Don Harmon:** Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act. Provides that the regulation of pesticides by any political subdivision of this State, including home rule units, is specifically prohibited except for counties with a population over 2,000,000 and municipalities entirely within Cook County with a population over 50,000.

• Analyzing, no position yet
• Referred to Assignments

*Legislation Introduced in 2013*
HB29 DHS-WIC FOOD VOUCHERS – Sponsored by Representative Flowers: Amends the Department of Human Services Act. In regard to the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), requires the Department of Human Services to adopt a rule that expressly permits all WIC participants, regardless of their postal zip code, to redeem their WIC food vouchers at any grocery or retail food establishment authorized to accept WIC food vouchers or at any WIC Food Center.

- Neutral
- Lost 35-79-1
- To view the status and read the full text of the bill: [Link](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=29&GAID=12&GA=98&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=68255&SessionID=85)

HB 77 School Food Prohibition Against Using Trans-fats – Sponsored by Representative La Shawn Ford (Senator Lightford): Provides that each school board must not make available food containing industrially produced trans fat or use food containing industrially produced trans fat in the preparation of a food item served to students from any source, including, but not limited to, school stores, school vending machines, school cafeterias, school food service establishments, and fundraising activities on school premises, whether or not school sponsored. Provides that the prohibition applies to all food and beverages sold on school grounds during the regular and extended school day, but does not apply to food provided through a United States Department of Agriculture meal program. Requires the State Board of Education to establish a procedure for monitoring compliance by school boards, and allows the State Board to establish appropriate penalties based on failure to comply.

- Neutral
- Passed the House 61-56, Senate – Referred to Assignments
- To view the status and read the full text of the bill: [Link](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=77&GAID=12&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=68427&SessionID=85&GA=98)

HB 133 Food Stamp Cards and Photo ID – Sponsored by Representative Cavaletto: Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that on and after January 1, 2014, electronic benefits transfer cards (“LINK”) used to obtain food stamp benefits or cash shall contain the name and photo of the primary cardholder and, at the option of the primary cardholder, the names of secondary holders who are authorized to use the card. Establishes that an individual may only use the LINK card if the photo on the card matches the user or he or she presents a current and valid photo identification that confirms he or she is a secondary user listed on the card. Provides that on the effective date of the amendatory Act the Department of Human Services shall begin the process of transitioning to the use of LINK cards which contain the name and photo of the primary cardholder and list the names of all authorized users of the card. Requires the transition to be completed no later than January 1, 2014. Effective immediately.

- Neutral
- Re-referred to Rules Committee
HB 177 Food Stamps and Child Obesity – Sponsored by Representative Bill Mitchell: Provides that in an effort to control the epidemic of childhood obesity, the Secretary of Human Services may seek a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture to allow the State to specify certain foods that may and may not be purchased in Illinois with the benefits funded by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly the Food Stamps Program). Requires the Secretary to consult with members of the General Assembly in developing the waiver and to obtain approval from the General Assembly before implementing the waiver.

HB 1037 The Farmland Preservation Act – Sponsored by Representative Tryon: Provides that Boone, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, or Will county may levy an annual tax for farmland preservation easement and green redevelopment purposes. Provides that the tax may not exceed 0.05% of the equalized assessed value of taxable property in the county. Provides that the tax must be approved by referendum. Provides that the tax may be discontinued by referendum. Provides that a referendum to levy or discontinue the tax may be initiated by a petition signed by a number of electors equal to at least 0.5% of the total number of votes cast in the county during the last preceding gubernatorial election. Provides that the proceeds of the tax shall be paid into two separate funds, the county farmland preservation easement fund and the green redevelopment fund. Sets forth the ways in which the proceeds of the funds shall be used.

HB 1070 Anaerobic Biogas Digester System Co-ops – Sponsored by Representative Jerry Costello (Senator Dave Koehler): Allows cooperatives that own and operate agriculture-based biogas (anaerobic digester) systems to organize as a non-profit. Activities of the cooperatives may include the marketing and sale of biogas system products including but not limited to methane gas, electricity, and compost.
HB 1272 Eat Local Buy Illinois Day – Sponsored by Representative Sam Yingling (Senator Koehler): Designates the first Saturday of each month Eat Local, Buy Illinois Products Day. Directs the Department of Agriculture's Illinois Product Logo Program to assist in increasing awareness and sales of Illinois food and agribusiness products. Effective immediately.

HB 1339 Link Card Restricted Use – Sponsored by Representative Sosnowski: Amends the Administration Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that subject to federal approval, on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act, the LINK card issued by the Department of Human Services for the purpose of enabling cardholders to obtain SNAP (formerly food stamps) or cash benefits shall only be used for in-state transactions. Provides that the Department shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement this provision.

HB 1546 Food Sanitation Managers & Handlers Certification Changes – Sponsored by Representative Kelly Burke: Provides that beginning July 1, 2014, any individual seeking a food service sanitation manager certificate or a food service sanitation manager instructor certificate must complete a minimum of 8 hours of Department of Public Health-approved training, inclusive of the examination, and receive a score of at least 75% on the examination. Provides that for purposes of certification and recertification for food service sanitation manager certification, the Department shall accept only Department-approved training and exams accredited under standards developed and adopted by the Conference for Food Protection or its successor. Provides that the Department shall award an Illinois certificate to anyone presenting a valid certificate issued by another state, so long as the holder of the certificate provides proof of having passed an examination accredited under standards developed and adopted by the Conference for Food Protection or its successor. Sets forth provisions concerning reciprocity. Provides that all food handlers, other than someone holding a food service sanitation manager certificate, must receive training in basic safe food handling principles within 30 days after employment. Sets forth the subject matter that is to be covered in training and the requirements...
concerning departmental approval. Provides that food handler training is considered to be an exclusive function of the State, and local programs are prohibited. Preempts home rule.

- **Support**
- **Re-referred to Rules Committee**

**HB 2335 Urban Agriculture Composting Reforms – Sponsored by Representative Robyn Gabel:** Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Specifies that the one-eighth mile setback that certain composting facilities must comply with to be excluded from the definition of the term "pollution control facility" applies only in counties with less than 3,000,000 inhabitants. Provides that a solid waste permit is not required for a garden compost operation. Provides that a solid-waste permit is not required for a landscape waste composting facility at a site having 10 or more occupied non-farm residences within 1/2 mile of its boundaries if (i) the facility constitutes no more than 2% of the site's total acreage, (ii) no tipping fee is imposed at the facility, (iii) the finished compost is applied at agronomic rates on-site and is not offered for sale or sold, (iv) the owner or operator of the facility completes any training that the Agency may require, and (v) the owner or operator registers the site with the Agency. Specifies that certain performance standards for composting facilities do not apply to garden compost operations. Defines "garden compost operation". Effective immediately.

- **Support**
- **Public Act.....98-0238**

**HB 2407 DHS-Link Card Waiver-Fresh Foods – Sponsored by Representative Evans Jr.:** Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that in an effort to ensure that recipients of benefits provided under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly the Food Stamp Program) have access to fresh, nutritious foods, the Secretary of the Department of Human Services shall seek a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture to allow the State to require all retail food stores, as a condition of eligibility to accept and redeem SNAP benefits held on a LINK card, to offer for sale on a continual basis fresh, nutritious foods.

- **Neutral**
- **Re-referred to Rules Committee**
HB 2594 Farm Lease Termination – Sponsored by Representative Meier: Amends the Code of Civil Procedure. Provides that a written notice to terminate a year-to-year lease of farm land, unless there is a written agreement to the contrary, shall be given by September 15 of the then current year (instead of in writing by not less than 4 months prior to the end of the year of letting).

- Support
- Re-referred to Rules Committee
- To view the status and read the full text of the bill:

HB 2651 Property Tax and Cropped Soil – Sponsored by Representative Mautino: Amends the Property Tax Code. In a Section requiring the Department to certify to each chief county assessment officer the equalized assessed value per acre of farmland for each soil productivity index, provides that any increase or decrease in the equalized assessed value per acre by soil productivity index shall not exceed 10% from the immediate preceding year's soil productivity index certified assessed value of the median cropped soil. Effective immediately.

- No position
- Re-referred to Rules Committee
- To view the status and read the full text of the bill:

HB 2668 Industrial Hemp Act – Sponsored by Representative Dunkin: Creates the Industrial Hemp Act. Provides that any person desiring to grow, process, cultivate, harvest, process, possess, sell, or purchase industrial hemp or industrial hemp related products must be licensed by the Department of Agriculture. Provides that the application for a license shall include the name and address of the applicant and the legal description of the land area to be used to grow or process industrial hemp and that the license shall be valid for a period of one year. Requires an applicant to complete a statewide and nationwide criminal background check. Provides that no person with a prior felony conviction within 10 years of applying for a license shall be eligible for licensure. Preempts home rule.

- Support
- Re-referred to Rules Committee
- To view the status and read the full text of the bill:
HB 2709 Wheat Dev Act Committee Member – Sponsored by Representative Rosenthal (Senator John Sullivan): Amends the Wheat Development Act. Provides that the Director of the Department of Agriculture shall appoint a temporary wheat development program committee whose members are nominated by an association representing wheat producers. Provides that the total assessment levied on the commodity of any affected producer may (rather than shall) be up to 1.5 cents per bushel of wheat produced and sold by the producer as established by the temporary program committee. Provides that a refund owed to the producer shall be payable only if the application has been made to the board within 90 days (instead of 60 days). Effective immediately.

- Neutral
- Public Act......98-0343
- To view the status and read the full text of the bill: http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=2709&GAID=12&GA=98&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=74521&SessionID=85

HB 2783 Egg Products Violations – Sponsored by Representative Sacia: Amends the Illinois Egg and Egg Products Act. Provides that the Department of Agriculture shall issue a license to any person upon receipt and approval of a proper application and the required nonrefundable fee (instead of the required fee). Provides that after finding that a violation has occurred, the Director of Agriculture may impose specified administrative monetary penalties against any person who sells or wholesales eggs to any person or business not licensed by the Department of Agriculture who buys, sells, trades, or traffics in eggs in this State. Provides that any person knowingly violating the Act or any rule or order of the Department issued pursuant to the Act shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor and that each day of violation constitutes a separate offense. Provides that in the event the person violating the Act or any rule or order issued pursuant to the Act is a corporation or partnership, any officer, director, manager, or managerial agent of the corporation or partnership who violates the Act or causes the corporation or partnership to violate the Act is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor. Sets forth provisions concerning the failure to pay any fine or fee and the termination of an application. Effective immediately.

- Neutral
- Public Act......98-0345
- To view the status and read the full text of the bill: http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=2783&GAID=12&GA=98&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=74612&SessionID=85

HB 2826 IFA Ag Guarantee Limit Increase – Sponsored by Representative Davidsmeyer: Amends the Illinois Finance Authority Act. In Sections concerning State guarantees for loans to farmers, provides that the total amount of the guarantees shall not exceed $2,000,000 per farmer (instead of $500,000). Provides that guarantees may be made if the farmer’s net worth does not exceed $2,000,000 (instead of $500,000). In a Section concerning guarantees for existing debt, provides that the Illinois Agricultural Loan Guarantee Fund shall guarantee receipt of payment of 90% (instead of 85%) of the principal and
interest owed on the State Guarantee Loan by the farmer to the guarantee holder. Effective immediately.

- **Opposed**
- **Re-referred to Rules Committee**
- To view the status and read the full text of the bill:  

HB 2883 Property Tax Assessment-Old Barns – Sponsored by Representative Brauer: Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, beginning with the 2013 taxable year, all barns that were first placed in service more than 75 years before the first day of the taxable year and are located in areas zoned for agriculture shall have an assessed value of zero. Effective immediately.

- **Support**
- **Re-referred to Rules Committee**
- To view the status and read the full text of the bill:  

HB 2991 Lion Meat Act – Sponsored by Representative Lang: Creates the Lion Meat Act. Provides that it is unlawful for any person to slaughter a lion or for any person to possess, breed, import or export from this State, buy, or sell lions for the purpose of slaughter. Provides that it is unlawful to commercialize lion meat. Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to adopt and enforce any rules necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act. Provides that whoever violates any provision of the Act shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. Effective immediately.

- **Neutral**
- **Re-referred to Rules Committee**
- To view the status and read the full text of the bill:  

HB 3085 Genetically Engineered Food Labeling—Sponsored by Representative Hernandez: Creates the Mandatory Labeling of Genetically Modified Foods Act. Requires genetically engineered raw agricultural commodities and processed foods offered for retail sale to bear certain labels. Creates exemptions for certain classes of products. Grants the Illinois Department of Agriculture the authority to adopt rules necessary to implement the Act. Requires the Department to annually publish a list of raw agricultural commodities commonly cultivated in a genetically engineered form. Provides for enforcement of the Act

- **Support**
- **Re-referred to Rules Committee**
- To view the status and read the full text of the bill:  

**HB 3276 Synthetic Meat Labeling – Sponsored by Representative Turner:** Amends the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Provides that no person shall sell, deliver, offer for sale, hold for sale, or give away any synthetic meat unless the package, container, or wrapping bears, in font of uniform size and prominence, the words "synthetic meat" so as to be readable and understood by the general public. Defines "synthetic meat" as animal flesh that is produced from progenitor cells in a bioreactor.

- **Neutral**
- **Re-referred to Rules Committee**
- To view the status and read the full text of the bill:  

**HB 3315 Tax Credit for Curbside Composting Service – Sponsored by Representative Tryon:** Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, each taxpayer is entitled to a credit in an amount equal to 50% of the costs incurred by the taxpayer during the taxable year under a contract with a commercial composting facility for the purpose of collecting the taxpayer’s compostable garbage, landscape waste, and unused food, separate from the traditional garbage, for transportation to the facility for composting. Provides that the credit may not exceed $2,000 per taxpayer in any taxable year. Provides that the credit is exempt from the Act’s automatic sunset provision. Effective immediately.

- **Neutral**
- **Re-referred to Rules Committee**
- To view the status and read the full text of the bill:  

**HB 3319 Rural On-farm Composting Reforms – Sponsored by Representative Brad Halbrook (Senator David Koehler):** Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Authorizes a person who is operating an on-farm landscape composting facility to accept food scrap, crop residue, livestock waste, agricultural landscape waste, uncontaminated wood waste, yard waste, and landscape waste for composting and
still maintain the on-farm composting permitting exemption so long as the other applicable requirements are satisfied. Prohibits a person from claiming the on-farm composting exemption from solid-waste permitting if he or she charges a tipping fee.

- **Support**
- **Public Act…… 98-0484**
- To view the status and read the full text of the bill:  

**HB 3329 Agriculture Income Tax Credit – Sponsored by Representative Rosenthal:** Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates an agriculture credit in an amount equal to 1.5% (for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014 and prior to January 1, 2016) or 2.25% (for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016) of the taxpayer's eligible qualified production activities income for the taxable year.

- **Neutral**
- **Re-referred to Rules Committee**
- To view the status and read the full text of the bill:  

**HB 3332 Young Farmers Income Tax Credit – Sponsored by Representative Meier:** Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that each taxpayer who qualifies as a young farmer is allowed a credit of $1,000 for the taxable year in which the taxpayer first purchases real property that will be used for agricultural production. Provides that the term "young farmer" means an individual who is 35 years of age or younger and who derives a minimum of 50% of his or her income from farming. Effective immediately.

- **Support**
- **Re-referred to Rules Committee**
- To view the status and read the full text of the bill:  

**HB 3335 Greenhouse Income Tax Credit – Sponsored by Representative Cavaletto:** Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that, beginning with taxable years ending on or after December 31, 2013 and ending with taxable years ending on or before December 31, 2018, an amount equal to 50% of the amount of expenses incurred by the taxpayer during a taxable year for the construction of a greenhouse or rehabilitation of a current facility to be used for greenhouse purposes may be deducted from the taxpayer's adjusted gross income. Provides that the taxpayer may elect to deduct 25% of the amount of
these expenses in the taxable year in which they were incurred and to deduct the remaining 25% of the amount of these expenses in the next taxable year.

- **Support**
- **Re-referred to Rules Committee**
- To view the status and read the full text of the bill:

**HB 3344 Soldiers to Farmers – Sponsored by Representative Cavaletto:** Creates the Soldiers to Farmers Program Act. Provides that the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall implement and administer the Soldiers to Farmers Program to provide financial and instructional assistance to Illinois veterans interested in starting a career in the farming and agriculture industries. Provides that from appropriations made for the purposes of the Act, the Department shall award a $10,000 stipend to program participants to go towards the purchase of land or farming equipment. Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, and the Motor Fuel Tax Law by providing up to a 5-year exemption to program participants for tangible personal property used in a farming or agricultural business operated by the veteran that is not otherwise exempt and claims for undyed diesel fuel used in a farming or agricultural business operated by the veteran for which claims may not otherwise be made.

- **Support**
- **Re-referred to Rules Committee**
- To view the status and read the full text of the bill:

**SB 1470 Meat and Poultry Inspection Changes – Sponsored by Senator John Sullivan (Representative Michael Madigan):** Provides that any establishment subject to inspection under the Act that believes, or has reason to believe, that an adulterated or misbranded meat or meat food product received by or originating from the establishment has entered into commerce shall promptly notify the Director of Agriculture. Provides that the Director shall require that each Type I establishment subject to inspection under this Act to meet minimum recall and documentation procedures.

- **Neutral**
- **Public Act........98-0611**
- To view the status and read the full text of the bill:

**SB 1531 Food Stamps Photo ID – Sponsored by Representative Rose:** Identical to HB133
SB 1532 False Animal Complaints – Sponsored by Senator Chapin Rose (Representative Bill Mitchell): If the Department of Agriculture determines that a complaint made under the Act against a person or entity is false or unfounded and made with the intent to harass the person or entity, the Department may waive any confidentiality of the complainant and refer the matter to the State's Attorney for consideration of criminal charges against the complainant.

• Neutral
• Passed the Senate 52-0, Re-referred to Rules Committee (House)
• To view the status and read the full text of the bill:

SB 1588 Food Sanitation Managers & Handlers Certification Changes – Sponsored by Senator John Mulroe: Identical to HB1546 see above.

• Support
• Re-referred to assignments
• To view the status and read the full text of the bill:

SB 1666 Genetically Engineered Food Labeling – Sponsored by Senator David Koehler: Creates the Genetically Engineered Food Labeling Act. Sets forth the General Assembly's findings and the purpose of the Act. Provides that beginning on the effective date of the Act, any food offered for retail sale in this State is misbranded if it is entirely or partially produced with genetic engineering and that fact is not disclosed in a certain manner. Provides that the Act shall not be construed to require either the listing or identification of any ingredient or ingredients that were genetically engineered, nor that the term "genetically engineered" be placed immediately preceding any common name or primary product descriptor of a food. Provides that until the effective date of the Act, any processed food that would be subject to the provision concerning the labeling of genetically engineered foods solely because it includes one or more materials produced by genetic engineering is not misbranded provided that the engineered materials in the aggregate do not account for more than a certain amount of the total weight of the processed food. Sets forth provisions concerning applicability and the right of action for violations, damages, and attorneys' fees. Provides that the Department of Public Health shall adopt rules necessary to implement the Act. Contains a severability provision.
• Support
• Re-referred to Assignments
• To view the status and read the full text of the bill: