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## **APSA of Illinois Legislative Update**

**February 3, 2017**

**IL - HB821 REVENUE-ELECTRONIC FILING**

Last Action: Referred to Rules Committee (January 31, 2017)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Barbara Flynn Currie \(D\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, the Prepaid Wireless 9-1-1 Surcharge Act, the Public Utilities Act, and the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that certain tax returns filed under those Acts must be filed electronically. Provides that vendor discounts under those Acts are allowed only for returns that are filed electronically. Provides that the electronic return requirement does not apply to the Automobile Renting Occupation and Use Tax Act. Effective immediately.

**IL - HB1813 DCEO-SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM**

Last Action: Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Keith R. Wheeler (February 2, 2017)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Keith R. Wheeler \(R\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Department shall establish a Networking for Success Program. Provides that the program shall assist small to mid-sized businesses in strategic market research, geographic information systems, web design and search engine optimization, and social media marketing. Effective immediately.

**IL - HB2351 WAGE LIEN ACT**

Last Action: Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie (February 2, 2017)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Barbara Flynn Currie \(D\)](#)

Summary: Creates the Wage Lien Act. Provides that a lien exists on an employer's property for the amount of unpaid wages owed to an employee. Defines terms and includes provisions concerning creation of the lien; exemptions; notice; limitations; recording of the lien; enforcement; other claims on the employer's property; successor obligations; and construction.

**IL - SB2 MINIMUM WAGE-WITHHOLDING**

Last Action: Sponsor Removed Sen. Omar Aquino (January 24, 2017)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Kimberly A. Lightford \(D\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Minimum Wage Law. Increases the minimum wage from \$8.25 to \$9.00 beginning July 1, 2017 and increases it by \$0.50 each July 1 until July 1, 2021, at which point the minimum wage will be \$11.00. Preempts home rule powers, except that the limitation on home rule powers does not apply to specified ordinances adopted by the City Council of City of Chicago or the Cook County Board of Commissioners. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a credit against the withholding tax liability of employers with fewer than 50 employees, calculated based on the increase in the minimum wage. Effective immediately, but this Act does not take effect at all unless Senate Bills 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 of the 100th General Assembly become law.

Amendments: **Senate Amendment 2 guts the entire bill, which means the bill still needs more work**

### [IL - SB12 WORKERS' COMP-VARIOUS](#)

Last Action: Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 Referred to Assignments (January 25, 2017)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Christine Radogno \(R\)](#)

Summary: [Senate Amendment 002](#): Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Exempts from public inspection certain information collected by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission from self-insureds and papers, documents, reports, or evidence relevant to a workers' compensation fraud investigation conducted by the Department of Insurance. Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Makes changes concerning: the maximum compensation rate for a period of temporary total incapacity; compensation awards for injuries to the shoulder and hip; the maximum allowable payment for certain service categories; the assignment and reassignment of arbitrators to hearing sites; the creation of an evidence based drug formulary; annual reports on the state of self-insurance for workers' compensation in Illinois; and other matters. Effective immediately, but this Act does not take effect at all unless Senate Bills 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 13 of the 100th General Assembly become law.

### [IL - SB675 VEH CD-PARTS DEF-LIC FRAUD NR](#)

Last Action: Assigned to Transportation (February 1, 2017)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Steve Stadelman \(D\)](#)

Summary: Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Adds to the definition of "essential parts" a bed, front bumper, rear bumper, and, for motorcycles, fairings, fuel tanks, and forks. Removes other items from the definition. Provides that the Secretary of State may cancel any license or permit upon determining that the holder has assisted an out-of-state resident in acquiring an Illinois driver's license or identification card by providing or allowing the out-of-state resident to use his or her Illinois address of residence and is complicit in distributing and forwarding the Illinois driver's license or identification card to the out-of-state resident. Provides that any person, firm, association, partnership, or corporation that operates a driver training school without a license issued by the Secretary of State shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class 4 felony for a second and subsequent offense. Effective immediately.