

LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Changes in Illinois Law Beginning
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Information Source

- Information contained herein was obtained by visiting the following sources:
- <http://illinoissenatedemocrats.com/images/PDFS/2015/2016-New-Illinois-Laws.pdf>
- <http://www.rebootillinois.com/2015/12/18/top-lists/emilyolsen/10-new-illinois-laws-in-2016/50316/>
- <http://senategop.state.il.us/Portals/0/New%20Laws.pdf>



Disclosure

- Please note several new laws were passed by the Illinois General Assembly.
- SB (Senate Bill) or HB (House Bill) numbers may be entered into the Illinois General Assembly website, www.ilga.gov, for a more detailed description of the law(s).



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Top Seventeen New Laws You Should Be Aware Of

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Driving Under the Influence – SB0627

- Requires certain individuals suspected of consuming alcohol to sign the written warning from law enforcement.
- Removes “hard time” provisions which currently prohibit driving relief for DUI offenders, and instead allow offenders to apply for a Monitoring Device Driving Permit or Restricted Driving Permit, with a Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device (BAIID).
- Requires any offender with two+ DUI or reckless homicide convictions to install a BAIID as a condition of a Restricted Driving Permit.
- Requires a BAIID, as a condition of a RDP, if the offender is convicted of DUI involving death great bodily harm or permanent disability or disfigurement to another.



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Synthetic Drug Classification

– SB1129

- Provides law enforcement a new tool in combating the possession, sale and distribution of synthetic drugs by banning the underlying chemical structure.



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Aggravated Speeding – HB1453

- Provides a defendant charged with speeding 26 MPH or more over the speed limit may be eligible for court supervision if the defendant was not previously convicted of or provided previous supervision for a similar offense.



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Underage Drinking – HB 821

- According to the Daily Illini editorial dated 9/8/15, “Governor Bruce Rauner signed House Bill 821 into law on Aug. 24, granting all underage drinkers in Illinois with a longstanding campus standard, 911 immunity. The new law states that any underage drinker who calls 911 for medical assistance, or otherwise, will not face a drinking citation or arrest.”



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Sale of Powdered Alcohol Illegal – SB 67

- Amends Liquor Control Act of 1934. Prohibits the sale, delivery or possession of any product containing powdered alcohol.



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Prohibits Sale/Distribution of Powdered Caffeine to Persons Under 18 YOA –

SB 9

- Creates the Powdered Caffeine Control and Education Act. Prohibits the sale, offering, giving away or providing free samples of powdered pure caffeine to any person under the age of 18.



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Silver Search Task Force –

SB 1846

- Requires Illinois State Police develop a program for locating missing persons older than 21 who are believed to have Alzheimer's or dementia; and to notify local law enforcement and the IDOT if a vehicle is involved.



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Pay if You Play with 911 – SB 1304

- Amends the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963. If you call 911 and it's a false or prank call, you could be held responsible for reimbursing the costs incurred by the responding agency.



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Humane Care for Animals – SB 125

- Provides that no owner of a dog or cat may expose the dog or cat in a manner that places the dog or cat in a life-threatening situation for a prolonged period of time in extreme heat or cold conditions. A violation is a Class A misdemeanor.



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Animal Cruelty Fines – [HB 3231](#)

- No person may knowingly beat, cruelly treat, torment, starve, overwork or otherwise abuse any companion animal in the presence of a minor. Any person convicted of this violation is subject to a fine of \$250 and ordered to perform 200 hours of public service.



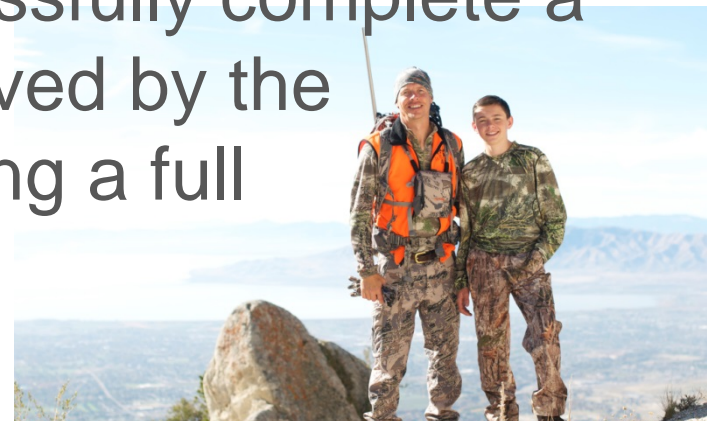
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Youth Hunting License Age – [HB3234](#)

- Amends Wildlife Code. Any resident youth age 18 and under (previously 16 and under) may apply to the Department for a Youth Hunting License. Provides that at age 18 (was 17) or when the youth chooses to hunt by him/her self, he/she is required to successfully complete a hunter safety course approved by the Department prior to obtaining a full hunting license.



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Human Trafficking Notices – [HB 2556](#)

- Creates Human Trafficking Resource Center Notice Act. Requires specified businesses and establishments shall post in a conspicuous place a notice informing the public of the availability of the National Human Trafficking Resource Center. Businesses failing to comply with the Act are liable for a civil penalty of \$500 for a first offense and \$1,000 for each subsequent offense.



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Human Trafficking Hotline –

SB 43

- The Department of Human Services shall cooperate with the Department of Transportation to promote public awareness regarding the national human trafficking hotline. This includes displaying public awareness signs in high risk areas such as truck stops, bus stations, train stations, airports and rest stops.



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Prostitution – SB 201

- If the defendant committed the offense of promoting juvenile prostitution, patronizing a prostitute, or patronizing a minor engaged in prostitution and at the time of the offense knew the prostitute or minor engaged in prostitution was in the custody or guardianship of DCFS, it is a factor to be considered for a more severe sentence or imprisonment.



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Scott's Law Changes – SB 1424

- Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. No person shall meet or overtake from either direction a stopped waste service vehicle at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour.
- HB 246 Designates December 23 of each year as “Scott’s Law Day” to honor public safety workers and remind motorists to be careful passing stopped emergency vehicles.



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Domestic Violence Sentencing Consideration – [SB 209](#)

- Adds a history of domestic violence to the list of factors judges may consider during sentencing. Creates a process for courts to review petitions for re-sentencing for certain offenses committed by a victim of domestic violence who was unable to present evidence of domestic violence at trial.



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