



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **IFCA Golf Outing**
July 24th
The Den, Bloomington
- **MAGIE Show**
August 20th & 21st
- **4R Field Day**
September 4th
Hammond, IL

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2025 SPRING SESSION WRAP-UP

Continuing Education Credits (CECs) on Pesticide Applicator Licenses Passes Both the Senate and House

On the last day of the spring session, the Illinois House passed SB783 (Rep Walsh) on a 116 to 0 vote. SB783 is an initiative of the Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association to amend current procedures for pesticide licensing for applicators. On May 31st, the Illinois Senate passed SB 783 (Sen Koelher) on a 50-4 vote. This now moves to Gov. JB Pritzker's desk.

At the present time, applicators are required to meet certification and licensing standards in order to legally handle and supervise the use of pesticides. In Illinois, the current process involves passing an Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) pesticide general standards competency exam. To maintain pesticide certification and licensing, applicators are required to retake the exam once every 3 years.

SB783 would adopt a continuing education credits (CECs) program, allowing holders of a current valid pesticide license to renew their license by seeking continual educational pesticide knowledge. SB 783 would require the IDOA to create a CEC program, providing an option where a licensed applicator completes a certain number of hours/credits per year for a 3-year re-certification/license period.

IFCA believes Illinois should utilize continuing education as an option to maintain an individual's pesticide license. Continual training provides current information sharing and increased knowledge and awareness pertaining to pesticide application. This program is consistent with what many other Midwestern states are successfully using in providing ongoing continuous education when handling and applying pesticides.

SB783 would slightly increase pesticide applicator licenses in order for the Illinois Department of Ag to implement the program.

As soon as Governor Pritzker signs SB783, IFCA will inform our membership. When the legislation is signed into law, IFCA, commodity groups, the University of Illinois College of ACES and the Illinois Department of Ag will begin having discussions on the rule making process. IFCA is aware that this might take some time to put in place. We will be informing our members of a timeline of when we believe continuous education credits will be rolled out into the future.

Illinois Lawmakers Pass \$55 Billion State Budget

On Saturday night, Illinois state lawmakers approved a \$55.2 billion state budget plan for the next fiscal year. The state budget plan unveiled Friday night by Democratic leadership would include new taxes on gambling as well as tobacco and vape products.

In order to make their proposed state budget work, Democrats finalized cuts and tax increases. The budget was ultimately passed with \$400 million in spending cuts and about double that in massive new taxes. Among them are increased taxes on tobacco products and a new per-wage tax on online sports betting. The budget includes an amnesty program to collect more money from delinquent tax filers. The measure also taxes large transnational corporations that store assets overseas. The budget proposal did not include any new sales, income, or service taxes.

The House passed the \$55 billion spending plan shortly after 10 p.m. Saturday, moving the measure over to the Senate. As Democrats rushed to pass the final 2026 budget deal the day after it was unveiled, Illinois Senate Republicans expressed their frustrations with the Democratic-led budget process.

The new budget spends a record-setting amount. Gov. J.B. Pritzker's original budget proposal from February included \$55.2 billion in spending – an increase of \$2 billion compared to last year's budget.

Gov. JB Pritzker said he would sign the legislation.

Here are just a few of the tax items in the budget:

Safe Harbor --- This will eliminate two safe harbor provisions for interest and royalty payments to a foreign parent company. According to tax experts, current law requires taxpayers to add back any interest expense or intangible expense paid to a foreign affiliate. There are four exemptions to the interest expense add back and three exemptions to the intangible expense addback. If a taxpayer meets an exemption, they are not required to add the amount back into their tax base. This bill eliminates two of the exemptions. The first exemption that would be eliminated is if a taxpayer can prove with clear and convincing evidence that the primary purpose of the transaction was not federal or state tax avoidance. The other exemption that is eliminated is if the amount paid is subject to tax in another jurisdiction.

Global Intangible Low-Taxed Income (GILTI). --- This tax change will increase a company's taxable income by reducing the dividend deduction provided to companies that own subsidiaries. Under current law, a 100% dividend deduction is available for companies owning 80% or more of a foreign subsidiary. This drops to 65% for ownership between 20-80%, and to 50% for less than 20%. All deductions would be capped at 50%, resulting in an estimated \$200 million tax increase.

Increased Civil Penalties for Violations of Environmental Protection Act. --- Also, included in the revenue portion of the budget are increased civil penalties for violations of the state's Environmental Protection Act which also indexes the penalties to inflation.

New Energy Policy Doesn't Pass Both Chambers

A new omnibus energy proposal will be held for further talks over the summer. The bill included battery storage provisions that will incur significant expenses as state utilities would be required to purchase battery storage.

The legislation estimate is for a 1 MW facility - the monthly costs are just over \$7,000 in 2026, increasing to over \$40,000 per month in 2036.

Due to MISO and PJM capacity auctions, electricity prices will rise significantly this summer. The legislature must address energy concerns as prices increase and provisions from the 2021 Climate and Equitable Jobs Act aim to shut down fossil fuel sources.

The proposal aimed to impose tariffs on large electricity consumers using 25 or more Megawatts. Illinois would be the only state with such a tariff.

The proposal also required new projects in the state, such as manufacturers and data centers using over 25 megawatts, to provide their own clean energy under the Bring Your Own Clean Energy program. This means large new energy users cannot use the state's current power sources.

Continual discussions on the energy ominous bill will be over the summer. A new bill might come during the fall video session.

RESTRICTED B CDL LICENSE BILL

SB849 – RESTRICTED B CDL LICENSE EXPANSION / Sen. Patrick Joyce

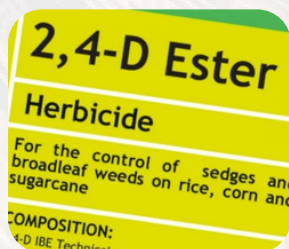
Amends the Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation Act. Expands the restricted B CDL from 180 to 210 in a 12-month period. **IFCA Supports SB849.** **SB849 passed out of the Senate and House and now moves to the Gov's desk for his signature.**

FERTILIZER LEGISLATION

HB2745 - NITROGEN REDUCTION INCENTIVE / Rep. Jay Hoffman

Creates the Nitrogen Reduction Program Act. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the Department of Agriculture shall, in consultation with the Department of Natural Resources and soil and water conservation districts in the State, develop a nitrogen reduction incentive program by January 1, 2026, for the purpose of addressing water quality issues. Provides that the program will include a per-acre payment rate of not less than \$5 per acre. Provides that crop management records collected from farmers shall be considered confidential. **IFCA is Opposed to HB2745.** **HB2745 did not move out of the House.**

PESTICIDE LEGISLATION



HB1645 - PESTICIDE-2,4-D BAN / Rep. Michelle Mussman

Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act. Bans the sale and use of ester formulations of 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid. **IFCA is Opposed to HB1645.** **HB1645 did not move out of the House.**

HB3803 - PESTICIDES-GLYPHOSATE BAN / Rep. Joyce Mason

Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act. Provides that no person shall distribute, sell, offer for sale, or use glyphosate or any products containing glyphosate within the State. Provides that the Department of Agriculture may adopt any rules it deems necessary to implement the provisions. **IFCA is Opposed to HB3803.** **HB3803 did not move out of the House.**



SB92/HB1156 - PRETREATED SEED BAN-ETHANOL / Sen. Karina Villa / Rep. Will Guzzardi

Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act. Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall produce ethanol using seeds that have been treated with a pesticide. [IFCA is Monitoring SB92/HB1156](#). **SB92 and HB1156 did not move out of the House or Senate.**

HB1596 - PESTICIDE-NOTICE-SCHOOLS / Rep. Laura Faver Dias

Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act. Requires certified pesticide applicators to give written or email notice 72 hours prior to application of pesticide to schools and parks within half of a mile from the site of application. Provides other notice requirements. [IFCA is Opposed to HB1596](#). **HB1596 passed out of the House Energy & Environment Committee.**
HB1596 did not move out of the House.

SB1574/HB3844 - PESTICIDES-OPERATOR REGULATION / Sen. Doris Turner/Sonya Harper

Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act. Replaces the definition of the term "licensed operator" with definitions of the terms "licensed large-scale operator" and "licensed small-scale operator". Provides that the Director of Agriculture shall issue separate certification tests for licensed large-scale operators and licensed small-scale operators based on the rules and regulations prescribed for each by the Department of Agriculture. Makes conforming changes in the Act.

[IFCA is Monitoring SB1574/HB3844](#). **HB3844 passed out of the House on a 71-38 vote. SB1574 did not move out of the Senate.**

FOREIGN LAND OWNERSHIP LEGISLATION

SB2365 - FOREIGN ADVERSARY DIVESTMENT / Sen. Jason Plummer

Creates the Foreign Adversary Divestment Act. Defines "foreign adversary" as the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolas Maduro, or the Syrian Arab Republic, or any other entity deemed to be a foreign adversary by the Governor in consultation with the Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security. Provides that all State-managed funds and local-managed funds are prohibited from holding investments in any foreign adversary, State-owned enterprise of a foreign adversary, company domiciled within a foreign adversary, or company owned or controlled by a foreign adversary, State-owned enterprise of a foreign adversary, company domiciled within a foreign adversary, or other entity within a foreign adversary. [IFCA is Monitoring SB2365](#). **SB2365 did not move out of the Senate.**

SB2372 - FARMLAND TRANSITION / Sen. Sally J. Turner

Creates the Farmland Transition Commission Act. Provides that the Department of Agriculture shall establish a Farmland Transition Commission to examine current barriers individuals ages 21 through 40 face when trying to purchase or access farmland, review current incentives and policies to encourage the transfer of farmland to current or prospective farmers between the ages of 21 through 40, and to make recommendations on possible incentives or policies to assist these individuals in purchasing or accessing farmland. Specifies membership of the Commission. Provides that Commission members shall serve without compensation. Provides that the Commission shall meet at least on a quarterly basis. Provides that the Commission shall file a report annually with the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1 of each year on its recommendations for possible incentives to assist young farmers between the ages of 21 and 40 in acquiring access to farmland in the State. Provides that the Department of Agriculture shall provide administrative and other support to the Commission as needed. Provides that the Commission is dissolved and this provision is repealed on December 31, 2031. [IFCA is Monitoring SB2372](#). **SB2372 passed out of the Senate and House and now moves to the Gov's desk for his signature.**

PFAS

HB1295 - PFAS-PRODUCT BAN / Rep. Michael J. Kelly

Amends the PFAS Reduction Act. Requires, on or before January 1, 2027, a manufacturer of a product sold, offered for sale, or distributed in the State that contains intentionally added PFAS to submit to the Environmental Protection Agency specified information. Provides that, if the Pollution Control Board has reason to believe that a product contains intentionally added PFAS and the product is being offered for sale in the State, the Board may direct the manufacturer of the product to provide the Board with testing results that demonstrate the amount of each of the PFAS in the product. Provides that, if testing demonstrates that the product does not contain intentionally added PFAS, the manufacturer must provide the Board with a certificate attesting that the product does not contain intentionally added PFAS. Restricts the sale of specified products beginning January 1, 2026 if the product contains intentionally added PFAS. Allows the Agency to establish a fee payable by a manufacturer to the Agency upon submission of the required information to cover the Agency's reasonable costs to implement the provisions. Allows the Agency to coordinate with the Board, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Public Health to enforce the provisions. Sets forth products that are exempt from the provisions. **IFCA is Opposed to HB1295. HB1295 did not move out of the House.**



SB167 - PFAS-CHILD PRODUCTS / Sen. Laura Fine

Amends the PFAS Reduction Act. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2026, a person may not sell, offer for sale, or distribute for sale in this State a juvenile product if the product or a product component contains intentionally added PFAS. **IFCA is Opposed to SB167. SB167 did not move out of the Senate.**

HB2516 - PFAS PRODUCT BAN / Rep. Abdelnasser Rashid

Amends the PFAS Reduction Act. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2026, a person may not sell, offer for sale, or distribute for sale in this State the following products if the product contains intentionally added PFAS: (1) cookware, (2) cosmetics, (3) dental floss, (4) juvenile products, (5) menstrual products, (6) intimate apparel, or (7) food packaging or food contact products. Defines terms. **IFCA is Opposed to HB2516. HB2516 passed out of the Senate and House and now moves to the Gov's desk for his signature.**

HB2954 - PFAS TRUST ACT / Rep. Abdelnasser Rashid

Creates the Taxpayer Relief from Ubiquitous Synthetic Toxics (TRUST) Act. Creates the PFAS Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Provides that the Fund shall include settlements from enforcement actions brought by the Attorney General, as well as other moneys. Provides for a PFAS Grant Program funded by the PFAS Fund to cover PFAS-related costs of eligible entities as determined by the Environmental Protection Agency. **IFCA is Opposed to HB2954. HB2954 did not move out of the House.**

HB2955 - EPA-PFAS WASTEWATER / Rep. Abdelnasser Rashid

Creates the PFAS Wastewater Citizen Protection Act. Creates the PFAS Wastewater Citizen Protection Committee for specific purposes. Provides that the Committee shall submit a PFAS Action Plan to the Governor's Office, the General Assembly, and the Environmental Protection Agency no later than one year after the effective date of the Act.

IFCA is Opposed to HB2955. HB2955 passed on the House floor on a 71-40 vote but did not move out of the Senate.

OTHER LEGISLATION IFCA WAS MONITORING



SB2486/HB3778 – CALIFORNIA EMISSIONS MANDATE

The bill provides that starting next year, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency shall adopt rules to implement the motor vehicle emission standards of the State of California, including, but not limited to the (1) zero-emission vehicle program, (2) low-emission vehicle program, (3) advanced clean trucks program, and (4) heavy-duty low NOx omnibus program, and shall amend the rules within 6 months of any changes to maintain consistency with the California motor vehicle emission standards and federal clean air laws. **IFCA is Opposed to SB2486/HB3778. Neither SB2485 or HB3778 moved out of the House or Senate.**

SB125 - GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD / Sen. Laura M. Murphy

Creates the Genetically Engineered Food Labeling 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 specified manner. Provides that the Act shall not be construed to require the listing of specific ingredients as genetically engineered. Creates exemptions from the requirements of the Act. Creates a right of action for violations of the Act. Provides that the Department of Public Health shall adopt rules necessary to implement the Act. **IFCA is Opposed to SB125. SB125 did not move out of the Senate.**



HB1873 - PUBLIC ACCESS-NAVIGABLE WATERS / Rep. Janet Yang Rohr

Amends the Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act. Provides that the public right to access and use navigable waters includes all rights recognized by State or federal law. Provides that any segment of a lake, river, or stream that is capable of supporting use by commercial or recreational watercraft for a substantial part of the year, or that is actually so used, shall be deemed navigable, and shall be open to public access and use, unless the contrary is proven in litigation by a preponderance of the evidence. Provides that public uses in such waters shall include boating, tubing, fishing, swimming, and wading. Requires the Department of Natural Resources to protect such public uses against interference or encroachment as provided in the Act. Provides that nothing in the Act shall limit the right of any person to challenge the legality of alleged interference with the public right to access or use navigable waters in any appropriate civil or criminal litigation. **IFCA is Opposed to HB1873. HB1873 did not move out of the House.**

HB3596 - WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT / Rep. Anna Moeller

Creates the Wetlands Protection Act. Provides that no person may discharge dredged or fill material into a State jurisdictional wetland except with a permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources. Exempts certain activities from the requirements of the Act. Sets forth procedures for individual permit applications and other related procedural requirements. Provides that the Department shall not issue an individual permit unless the Environmental Protection Agency certifies to the Department that there will not be a violation of State water quality standards. Provides that the Department may issue an after-the-fact permit in certain emergency circumstances. Sets forth financial assurance requirements. **IFCA is Opposed to HB3596. HB3596 did not move out of the House.**

HB1847 - GARDENS-SEED SAVING / Rep. John M. Cabello

Amends the Garden Act. Provides that a person may save the seeds grown in a vegetable garden for personal consumption or non-commercial sharing. Provides that a unit of local government may not adopt a regulation or ordinance that precludes saving seeds grown in vegetable gardens. **IFCA is Opposed to HB1847. HB1847 did not move out of the House.**