

**2017**  
**Top Ten New Laws**

# Top 10 New Illinois Laws for 2017

Illinois Senate Democratic Caucus



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**Hundreds of new laws  
will take effect in Illinois  
on January 1.**



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**Learn about these interesting new laws and be prepared for changes you may find useful.**





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**These new and revised laws address safety, ethics, employment wages and benefits, and criminal justice reform.**



# 1

## The Tampon Tax

Senate Bill 2746 updates Illinois' tax codes to ensure essential women's health products such as tampons, pads and menstrual cups aren't charged the same sales tax as shampoo.



*Sponsor: Sen. Melinda Bush*





# 2

## Police Dog Retirement

[Senate Bill 3129](#) gives police officers first preference to adopt their police dogs to ensure retiring police dogs can remain part of the officer's family.



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# 3

## Ending Domestic Violence

[House Bill 4264](#) trains cosmetologists, estheticians, nail technicians and hair braiders to look for signs of domestic violence by requiring them to take a one-hour continuing education class about domestic violence and sexual assault.



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# 4

## Birth-Control Coverage

[House Bill 5576](#) creates a seamless process to all women to access birth control without additional costs by requiring Illinois insurance companies to provide coverage for almost all FDA-approved contraceptive options. Insurance companies are required to cover up to 12 months of contraceptives at a time.



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# 5

## Worker protection

Senate Bill 3163 bans any company from asking a worker paid less than \$13.50 an hour to sign a non-compete agreement.



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# 6

## Ending Pension Abuse

[House Bill 4259](#) makes lobbying groups ineligible to receive taxpayer-funded pensions to end the abuse of vital state dollars.



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Sen. Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant*





# 7

## Patients' Rights

[Senate Bill 1564](#) is an update to Illinois' Health Care Right of Conscience law, which forbids medical providers to refuse certain medical treatments based on religious objections. Under the new law Medical patients – and women in particular – will be better informed about their medical care.



*Sponsor: Sen. Daniel Biss*



# 8

## Sick Time Flexibility

### House Bill 6162

requires employers to give their workers greater flexibility in using their sick time. A company providing sick leave to employees must allow them to use up to half of their allotted time to attend to the medical needs of family members.



*Sponsor: Sen. Jacqueline Y. Collins*





# 9

## Removing Lead Toxins

### Senate Bill 2300

prohibits the sale or release of properties with high lead levels until the problem is mitigated and the property is considered safe. Older homes are more likely to contain lead and children are more susceptible to poisoning.



*Sponsor: Sen. Donne Trotter*



# 10

## Cash Bail

### Senate Bill 2907

requires law enforcement officials to accept cash to post bail. Due to a credit card machine malfunction, a county kept a man over a weekend for a minor offense.



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