

What's new in 2020?



New year, new laws.
Will any of them affect you?

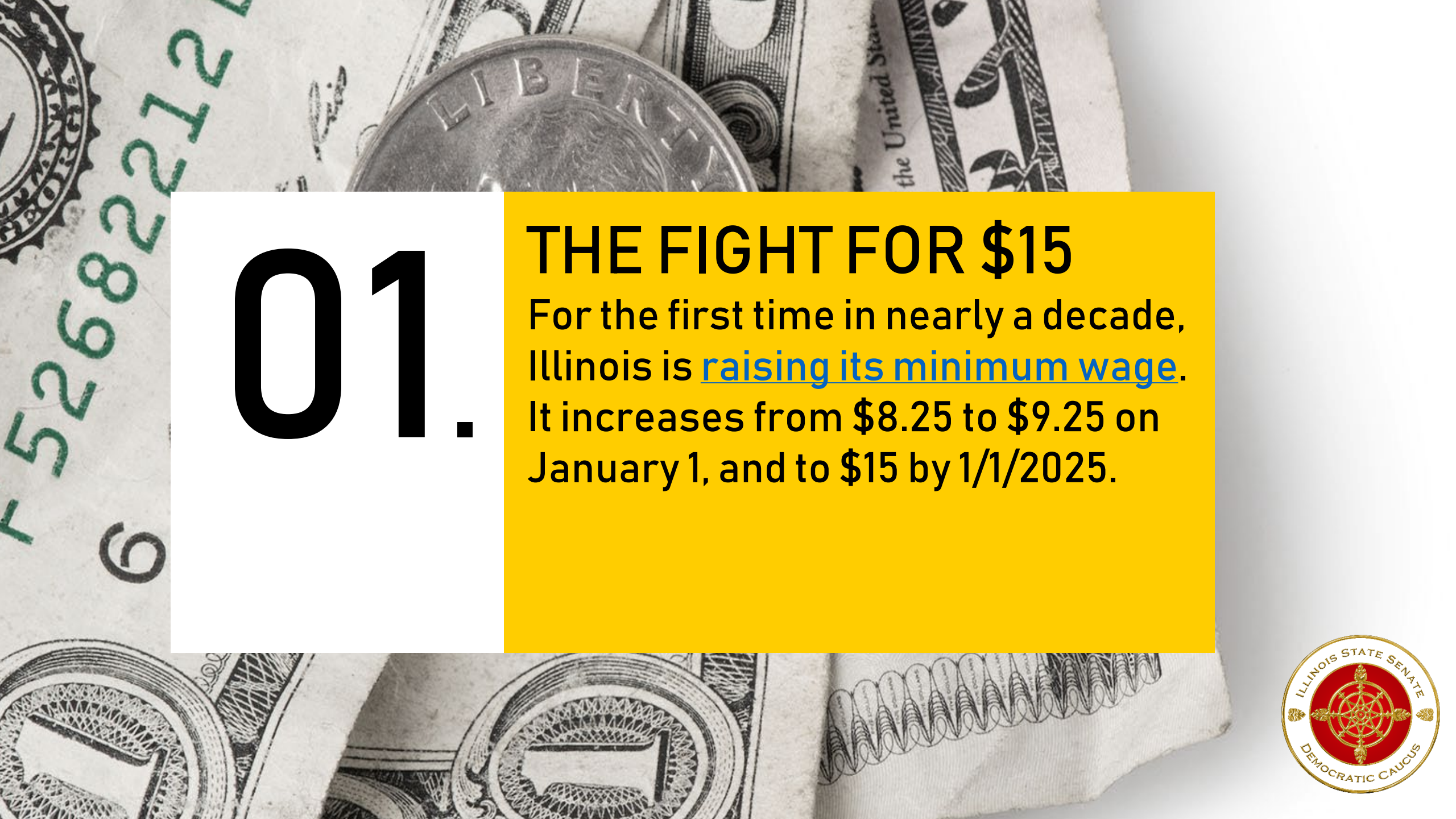


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Here are some highlights of the 255 new laws that take effect January 1.





01.

THE FIGHT FOR \$15

For the first time in nearly a decade, Illinois is [raising its minimum wage](#). It increases from \$8.25 to \$9.25 on January 1, and to \$15 by 1/1/2025.





02.

KEEPING UP WITH CANNABIS

Hundreds of thousands of Illinoisans already use [cannabis](#); January 1, adults will be able to buy it legally from a well-regulated market.



03.

GRATUITY NOT INCLUDED

You leave a tip for a great server – not their boss. Starting 1/1/2020, [the law](#) says tips must go to the employee – not the employer.



04.

DEFENDING DNA

Your genes are your business. Companies like ancestry.com and 23andMe won't be able to share your [ancestry test results](#) with health or life insurance companies without consent.



05.

SAFETY FIRST

Starting 1/1/2020, you'll
pay more for
reckless driving:



- **Road Work Ahead**

Make sure to [drive carefully in construction zones](#) – the maximum penalty for hitting a construction worker increases to \$25,000.



- **Children at Play**

The [fine for illegally passing a school bus](#) doubles on January 1.





- **Slow Down. Move Over.**

Slow down, change lanes and proceed with caution when approaching vehicles on the side of the highway. Drivers who violate [Scott's Law](#) may be fined up to \$10,000.



06.

DROP IT AND DRIVE

The next episode can wait.
Illinoisans will no longer be able to [watch streaming video while driving.](#)



07.

PET PROJECT

Rest easier when you board your pets. Dog and cat kennels must be [equipped with a fire sprinkler](#) or alarm system if the kennel is not staffed at all times.

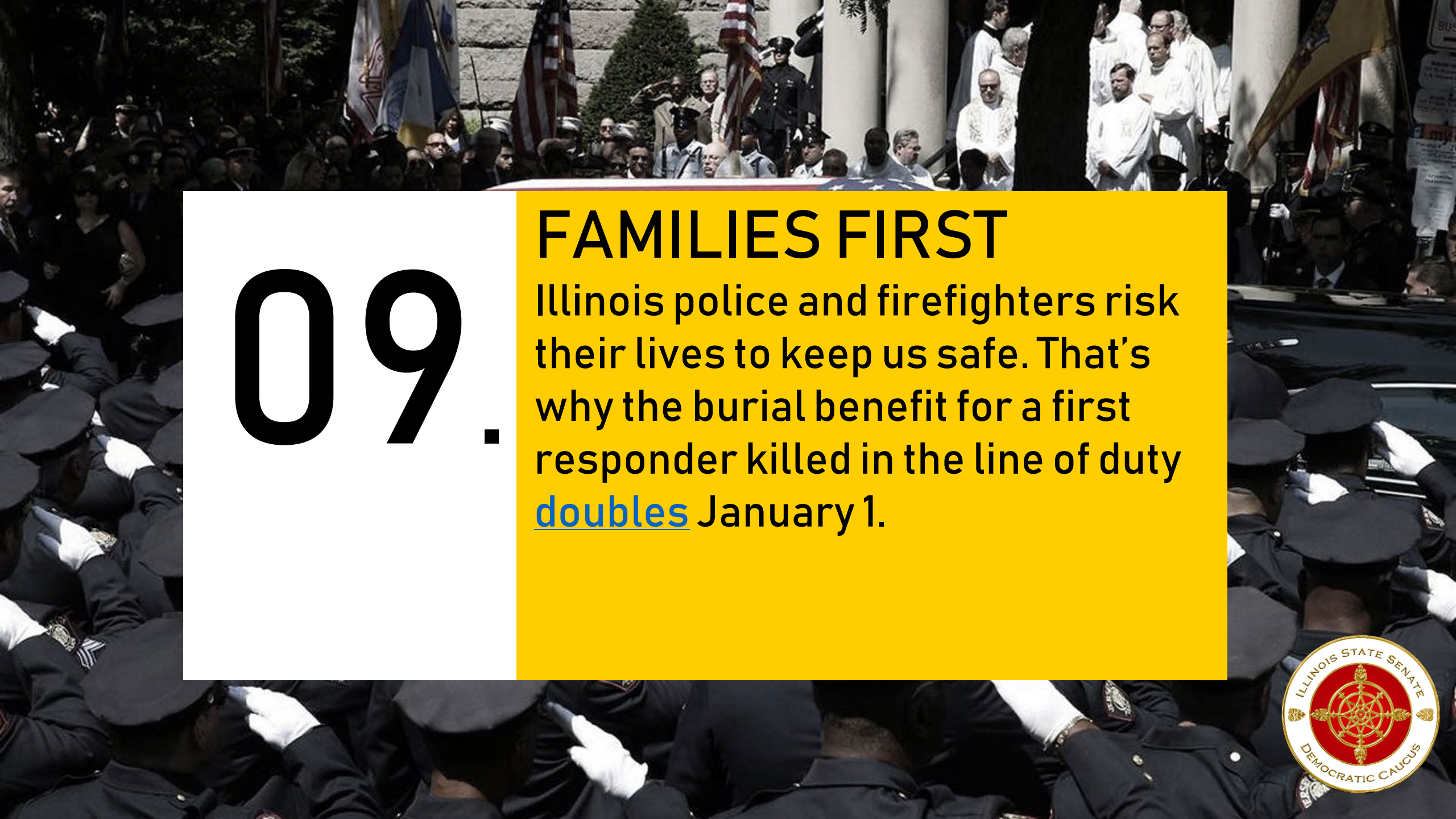


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YOU'RE IN!

Starting in 2020, Illinois high schoolers in the top 10% of their class are guaranteed acceptance into NIU, EIU, SIU and WIU.





09.

FAMILIES FIRST

Illinois police and firefighters risk their lives to keep us safe. That's why the burial benefit for a first responder killed in the line of duty [doubles](#) January 1.



10.

HELPING HEROES

Police will have access to better [mental health resources](#) in 2020 with training focused on wellness and suicide prevention.





11.

WE HAVE YOU COVERED

Your next doctor's visit won't break the bank. In 2020, insurers must cover [EpiPens](#), [skin cancer screenings](#) and [diagnostic mammograms](#).




A photograph of a public restroom. In the foreground, there is a white sink on a light-colored countertop. To the left, a white paper towel dispenser is mounted on the wall. The wall behind the sink has a decorative pattern of horizontal stone tiles in various shades of brown and grey. To the right, a white toilet is partially visible. The overall lighting is bright and even.

12.

**WASH YOUR HANDS
AND MAKE SURE TO
FLUSH**

**Illinois is adding new
rules for public
restrooms in the state.**



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- **Any Loo will Do**
Expect a shorter line to the ladies' room on January 1.
All single-occupancy restrooms must be [open to everyone.](#)



- **Time for a Change**
Dads, grab the diaper bag: all restrooms in public buildings will have baby changing facilities.



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Get more details on these and other new 2020 laws [here](#).

