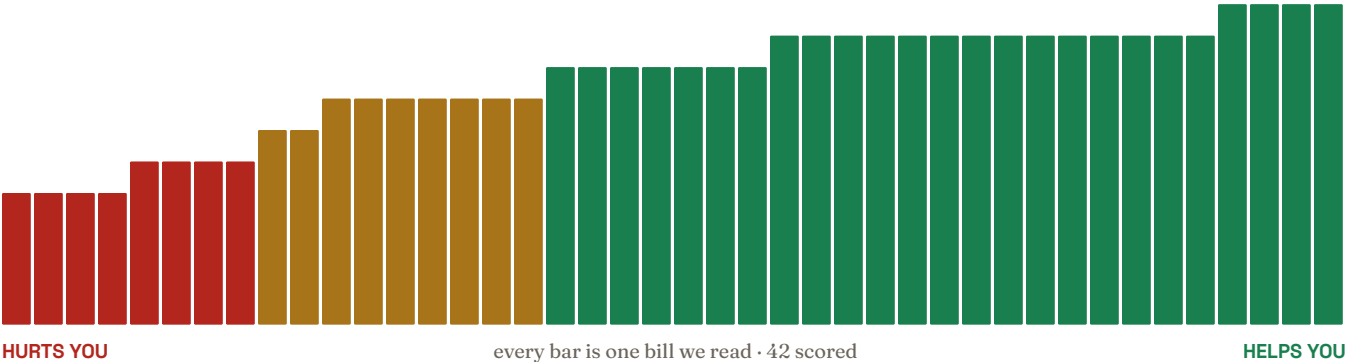




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Illinois Bill Book 2026

The Illinois bills that matter most, each scored 1–10 on one question: does it help everyday people, or the interests behind it?



Our take on the left. The bill on the right. Room for your notes.

Every spread is one bill, twice.

On the **left** is our take: the Billometer score, what the bill means for you, and the factor-by-factor reasoning behind that score. On the **right** is the bill on the record: its official title, its status, where to read the real text, and space for your own notes.

THE BILLOMETER

One number, 1 to 10, answering a single question: does this help everyday people or hurt them? 1–4 hurts, 5–6 is mixed, 7–10 helps. It is our editorial judgement — which is exactly why every page shows the reasoning behind it. If you disagree with a score, you can see precisely where you disagree.

HOW THESE BILLS WERE CHOSEN

Ranked, not cherry-picked. This edition prints the 10 lowest-scoring and 10 highest-scoring of the 42 Illinois bills we have fully analysed. A bill only qualifies if it passed our verification step, has a recorded official status, and has its reasoning attached. Thin entries are left out rather than padded. Note that only 143 bills in the entire country score 3 or below, so in most places the bottom of the list is not evil — it is merely mixed, and we label it that way.

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10 worst, 10 best

THE WORST — LOWEST SCORING

- 3/10** SB1696 **The Child Welfare Bill** — Child welfare agencies get two-year immunity from lawsuits
- 3/10** SB1796 **The Police Body Bill** — Illinois bill lets agencies charge for police body-camera footage
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THE BEST — HIGHEST SCORING

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- 9/10** SB2162 **The Stall Arbitration Bill** — Companies that stall arbitration fees will face you in court
- 9/10** HB3687 **The Local Voters Bill** — Lets local voters decide to cap their own rent
- 9/10** SB2884 **The Local Rent Bill** — Lifts the state ban on local rent control
- 8/10** SB1964 **The Fees & Landlords Bill** — Illinois bill bans hidden rental fees and limits what landlords can charge
- 8/10** HB1590 **The Dirty Pictures Bill** — Illinois bill lets you sue people who send unwanted dirty pictures
- 8/10** SB3363 **The Rental Fees Bill** — Illinois bill forces landlords to show all rental fees upfront
- 8/10** HB5785 **The Local Surplus Bill** — Local tax surplus limits force refunds to Illinois taxpayers
- 8/10** HB0062 **The Price Tags Bill** — Illinois bill forces clear price tags on all fees
- 8/10** HB1171 **The Drug Rebate Bill** — Drug rebate rule forces insurers to lower copays for patients

The Child Welfare Bill

Child welfare agencies get two-year immunity from lawsuits

IL SB1696 • Your Right to Sue

3/10 **OBLITERATE**
Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Families and kids in foster care would lose the ability to hold agencies accountable for mistakes, making it harder to get compensation for harm. The agencies would be protected, which could keep services running but reduces oversight.

WHY IT SCORES 3/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (hurts)** — immunity reduces ability to sue.
Limited immunity cuts agency accountability
- Rights & Protections (hurts)** — rightRemoved.
Civil liability shield limits people's rights
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — costShift.
Families may bear damages instead of agencies
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — task force oversight.
Task force must report to legislature

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Bipartisan sponsorship (2R / 8D)

IMMUNITY CHILD WELFARE AGENCIE

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-05

The bill would stop most civil lawsuits against child welfare agencies for two years unless they act with willful or wanton misconduct.

Child welfare agencies

Official text (IL SB1696) —

<https://www.ilga.gov/Legislation/BillStatus?DocNum=1696&GAID=18&DocTypeID=SB&SessionID=114&GA=104>

LegiScan — SB1696 — <https://legiscan.com/IL/bill/SB1696/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/il-sb1696-957205

The Police Body Bill

Illinois bill lets agencies charge for police body-camera footage

IL SB1796 • Criminal Justice

3/10 **OBLITERATE**
Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If passed, everyday people could face costly fees to see police body-camera videos, making it harder to check police actions. The bill still has a chance to change, so citizens should speak up now to protect affordable access.

WHY IT SCORES 3/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (hurts)** — Higher fees may discourage public scrutiny of police actions..
Fees create a barrier to accessing recordings that could expose misconduct.
- Rights & Protections (hurts)** — Adds cost to a right to obtain public records..
Limits free access to body-camera footage for most citizens.
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — Shifts cost from agencies to requesters..
Citizens must pay for staff time and redaction work.
- Process Transparency (helps)** — Requires fee estimates and cost accounting..
Agencies must disclose estimated fees and actual costs.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (2R / 11D)

BODY CAMERAS-FOIA REQUESTS

Engrossed · recorded 2026-05-21

The bill would let Illinois agencies charge \$40 an hour for searching and copying body-camera videos, unless the request is from a court, subject, witness, media, or nonprofit.

Government Power

Official text (IL SB1796) —

<https://www.ilga.gov/Legislation/BillStatus?DocNum=1796&GAID=18&DocTypeID=SB&SessionID=114&GA=104>

LegisScan – SB1796 – <https://legiscan.com/IL/bill/SB1796/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/il-sb1796-959390

The School Chaplains Bill

Illinois bill gives school chaplains limited lawsuit immunity

IL HB1113 • Immunity & Accountability

3/10 **OBLITERATE**
Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Citizens may lose the ability to sue a chaplain who hurts them, while the bill adds background checks to keep dangerous people out.

WHY IT SCORES 3/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (hurts)** — Reduces accountability.
Chaplain immunity removes most causes of action against them.
- Rights & Protections (hurts)** — Removes right to sue.
People cannot sue chaplains for most statements or actions.
- Who Bears the Cost (neutral)** — No cost shift identified.
Bill does not change who pays for services.
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — No transparency change noted.
Bill does not affect transparency of school decisions.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

SCH CD-CHAPLAINS

Introduced · recorded 2025-01-09

Schools could hire chaplains who cannot be sued for most actions, unless they act maliciously.

Chaplain services

Official text (IL HB1113) —

<https://www.ilga.gov/Legislation/BillStatus?DocNum=1113&GAID=18&DocTypeID=HB&SessionID=114&GA=104>

LegiScan – HB1113 – <https://legiscan.com/IL/bill/HB1113/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/il-hb1113-907151

The Land & Beyond Bill

Tribal police can act on tribe land and beyond

IL HB3232 • Immunity & Accountability

3/10 **OBLITERATE**
Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

People living near tribal lands could face law enforcement they never saw before, while any damages they suffer would be paid by the tribe's insurance, not the state, limiting their ability to hold the tribe accountable.

WHY IT SCORES 3/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (hurts)** — Limits ability to sue tribe beyond insurance limits.
Reduces accountability for tribal actions
- Rights & Protections (hurts)** — Restricts right to sue tribe for larger damages.
Weakens protections for victims
- Who Bears the Cost (helps)** — Shifts payment of damages to insurance carriers.
Taxpayers not on the hook
- Process Transparency (helps)** — Requires insurance carrier certification and map filing.
Adds oversight steps

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BORDERS

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-06

Tribal police could arrest you on tribal property or nearby areas, and the tribe would be protected by insurance instead of being sued.

Insurers

Official text (IL HB3232) —

<https://www.ilga.gov/Legislation/BillStatus?DocNum=3232&GAID=18&DocTypeID=HB&SessionID=114&GA=104>

LegiScan – HB3232 – <https://legiscan.com/IL/bill/HB3232/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/il-hb3232-960680

The Newborn Fees Bill

Newborn screening fees could rise by \$45 starting 2026

IL SB3741 • Healthcare & Insurance

4/10

OBLITERATE

Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Families may need to pay extra for newborn screenings. Now is the time to speak up about this new fee.

WHY IT SCORES 4/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Who Bears the Cost (hurts) — Families will pay more for newborn screenings..
The new fee shifts costs to families.

Rights & Protections (neutral) — No rights are removed, but costs increase..
The bill does not take away any protections.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Department of Public Health

Bearing the cost: Unknown

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 3D)

NEWBORN SCREENING ACT CHANGES

Introduced · recorded 2026-02-05

This bill would add a new fee for newborn screenings, which could cost families more money.

Everyday People

Official text (IL SB3741) —

<https://www.ilga.gov/Legislation/BillStatus?DocNum=3741&GAID=18&DocTypeID=SB&SessionID=114&GA=104>

LegiScan – SB3741 – <https://legiscan.com/IL/bill/SB3741/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/il-sb3741-109818

The Emergency Response Bill

Illinois bill bans drones from filming emergency response scenes

IL HB5275 • Criminal Justice

4/10

OBLITERATE

Hurts everyday people



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helps you - 10

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Banning weaponized drones makes perfect sense. But this bill goes much further by making it a crime to simply film an emergency scene from the sky. This could stop journalists and regular citizens from recording police or fire activities. Worse, it lets police take your drone, keep it for their own use, and avoid paying you if they break it.

WHY IT SCORES 4/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Rights & Protections (hurts) — Restricts the right to record.

Criminalizes the act of recording an emergency response scene from the air, which impacts...

Accountability (hurts) — Police immunity for property damage.

Grants civil immunity to law enforcement if they damage or lose a drone while enforcing...

Funding Tilt (hurts) — Asset forfeiture.

Allows the state to permanently keep seized drones and use them for their own law...

Process Transparency (helps) — Data deletion rules.

Requires police to delete seized drone data within 30 days unless there is reasonable...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Law enforcement (free drones)

Bearing the cost: Drone owners (lost property)

DRONE SAFETY & INTERFERENCE

Introduced · recorded 2026-02-05

This bill makes it a crime to use a drone to record emergency responders, lets police seize your drone, and protects officers if they break it.

Government Power

LegiScan – HB5275 – <https://legiscan.com/IL/bill/HB5275/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/il-hb5275-109521

The Electric Scooter Bill

Cities want immunity from your electric scooter crashes

IL HB4840 • Immunity & Accountability

4/10

OBLITERATE

Hurts everyday people



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helps you • 10

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would do some good things by making clear rules for electric bikes and scooters. It would mean you do not need a license for slow ones, and it would make riders buy insurance for the fast ones. But there is a catch hidden at the end. It would change the law so you cannot sue your local government if you get hurt on one of these devices, unless the city caused the harm on purpose. If a city ignores a giant pothole in...

WHY IT SCORES 4/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (hurts)** — Grants local governments immunity from lawsuits.
The bill shields local public entities and employees from liability for injuries related...
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Requires insurance for fast devices.
Requires riders of high-speed and moderate-speed devices to carry liability insurance...
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — Shifts injury costs to riders.
By blocking lawsuits against the city, injured riders would have to pay their own medical...
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — Standard legislative process.
The bill is moving through normal committee channels.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Unknown

Bearing the cost: Injured riders

VEH-PERSONAL MOBILITY DEVICES

Introduced · recorded 2026-02-03

This bill would create rules for electric scooters and bikes but also block you from suing the city if a dangerous road causes you to crash.

Government Power

LegiScan – HB4840 – <https://legiscan.com/IL/bill/HB4840/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/il-hb4840-104839

The Police Seize Bill

New rules let police seize drones and ban filming

IL SB3930 • Criminal Justice

4/10

OBLITERATE

Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Banning weapons on drones is a great idea. But this bill goes much further. It makes it a crime to use a drone to film police or emergency workers from the air. It also lets police take your drone and keep it for their own use if they think you broke the rules. If the police damage your drone while taking it, you cannot sue them to pay for the damage. While the bill does force police to delete innocent videos within 30 days...

WHY IT SCORES 4/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (hurts)** — Grants immunity to police.
The bill protects law enforcement from being sued if they damage or lose a drone while...
- Rights & Protections (hurts)** — Restricts filming and expands property seizure.
Criminalizes the recording of emergency responses from the air and allows police to seize...
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — Drone owners bear the loss.
Citizens lose their expensive equipment to forfeiture or uncompensated police damage.
- Process Transparency (helps)** — Includes data privacy rules.
Requires a court hearing before a drone is permanently kept and forces police to delete...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Law enforcement agencies

Bearing the cost: Drone owners

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / ID)

DRONE SAFETY & INTERFERENCE

Introduced · recorded 2026-02-06

This bill makes it a crime to fly drones near emergencies, lets police take your drone if they suspect a rule was broken, and protects officers who break it.

Government Power

Official text (IL SB3930) —

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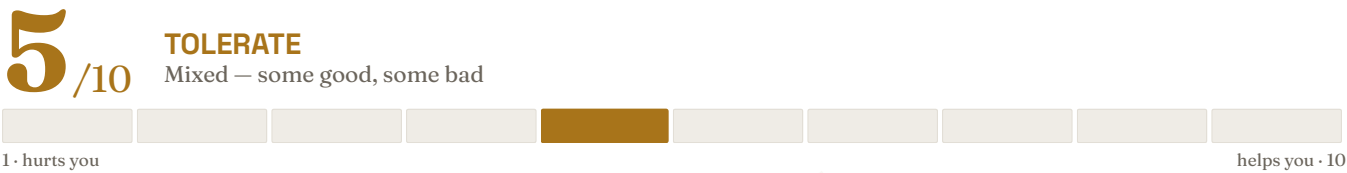
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Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/il-sb3930-111475

The Fund Hazardous Bill

Manufacturers must fund hazardous waste program, get antitrust immunity

IL HB1893 • Consumer Protection



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

The bill would make product makers pay for a new collection system for dangerous chemicals in homes. That could mean more dropoff sites and cleaner neighborhoods for everyday people. At the same time, the makers would be immune from competition lawsuits, which could let them avoid costs that might otherwise be passed to shoppers.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (hurts) — Immunity reduces ability to hold manufacturers accountable.
Manufacturers are shielded from antitrust lawsuits
- Rights & Protections** (hurts) — Protects manufacturers, not consumers.
No new consumer rights are added
- Who Bears the Cost** (helps) — Costs shift to manufacturers and stewardship org.
Annual \$200,000 fee paid by stewardship organization
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Requires registration and reporting.
Annual registration and reporting requirements

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Stewardship organization (industry)

Bearing the cost: Unknown

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 8D)

THE BILL ITSELF

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

IL HB1893

Introduced · recorded 2025-01-29

WHAT IT DOES

Manufacturers would have to set up a statewide program to collect hazardous household waste and would be shielded from antitrust lawsuits.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Manufacturers

READ IT YOURSELF

[Official text \(IL HB1893\)](#) —

<https://www.ilga.gov/Legislation/BillStatus?DocNum=1893&GAID=18&DocTypeID=HB&SessionID=114&GA=104>

[LegiScan — HB1893](#) — <https://legiscan.com/IL/bill/HB1893/2025>

[Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted](#) — www.obillerate.com/bill/il-hb1893-945712

YOUR NOTES

The Balance Requests Bill

Insurers may charge up to \$40 for balance requests

IL HB3754 • Money & Damages

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Consumers should watch this bill because it could add a new fee to simple balance requests, but it also forces insurers to give notice and a short negotiation window before turning debts over to collectors.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Requires insurer notice before collection.
Adds a written notice step to hold insurers accountable
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Gives consumers a negotiation window.
Provides 7day period to agree on payment or request more time
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — Allows fee on balance requests.
Consumers may have to pay up to \$40 for the information
- Process Transparency (helps)** — Mandates written communication.
Insurers must send a clear written notice with payment terms

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

INS CD-OUTSTANDING BALANCE

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-07

If you ask your health insurer for a balance, they can charge up to \$40 and must give you 7 days to agree on payment before sending debt to a collector

Insurers

Official text (IL HB3754) —

<https://www.ilga.gov/Legislation/BillStatus?DocNum=3754&GAID=18&DocTypeID=HB&SessionID=114&GA=104>

LegiScan – HB3754 – <https://legiscan.com/IL/bill/HB3754/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/il-hb3754-963076

The Condo Owners Bill

Illinois wants to help condo owners fight rogue HOA boards

IL HB4338 • Housing & Property

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If you live in a condo or a neighborhood with a homeowner association, you know how hard it is to fight a bad board or property manager. Lawsuits cost a fortune. This bill levels the playing field. It forces board members to take free training so they actually know the rules. Better yet, it lets a state watchdog investigate complaints, demand hidden documents, and offer mediation so you do not have to hire a lawyer to settle...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Holds property managers and boards accountable..
Creates a public database showing which property managers broke the rules and allows the...
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Protects owners' rights to see records..
Gives a state office the power to compel boards to hand over hidden documents and...
- Who Bears the Cost (helps)** — Saves homeowners money on legal fees..
Offers a free or low-cost mediation program to resolve disputes so owners do not have to...
- Process Transparency (helps)** — Exposes bad actors to the public..
Makes enforcement actions against property management companies public for anyone to look...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

- Pushing for it:** Condo and HOA owners
- Bearing the cost:** Property management companies

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / ID)

THE BILL ITSELF

CONDO-CI OMBUDSPERSON

IL HB4338

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-07

WHAT IT DOES

This bill gives condo owners a free way to resolve disputes with their boards and creates a public list of property managers who break the rules.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

[Official text \(IL HB4338\)](#) —

<https://www.ilga.gov/Legislation/BillStatus?DocNum=4338&GAID=18&DocTypeID=HB&SessionID=114&GA=104>

[LegiScan — HB4338](#) — <https://legiscan.com/IL/bill/HB4338/2025>

[Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted](#) — www.obillerate.com/bill/il-hb4338-068374

YOUR NOTES

The Stall Arbitration Bill

Companies that stall arbitration fees will face you in court

IL SB2162 • Your Right to Sue

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Many companies hide behind forced arbitration clauses to avoid lawsuits. They force you into a private system, and then they stall the process by refusing to pay the private judges. This bill flips the script. If a company drags its feet on paying the fees, they lose their special shield. You get your right to a real courtroom back, and the company gets hit with penalties. It is a massive win for ordinary people trying to...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Punishes companies that try to stall justice by withholding fees..
The drafting party is in material breach and waives the right to compel arbitration if...
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Restores your right to a jury trial if the company breaks the rules..
Allows the employee or consumer to withdraw the claim and proceed in a court of...
- Who Bears the Cost (helps)** — Shifts the financial burden of delays back onto the rule-breaking company..
Courts must impose sanctions and companies must pay reasonable attorney fees if they...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Consumers and workers

Bearing the cost: Companies that use forced arbitration

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

ARBITRATION-VARIOUS

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-07

If a company forces you into arbitration but fails to pay the fees on time, this bill lets you skip their private system and sue them in regular court.

Everyday People

Official text (IL SB2162) —

<https://www.ilga.gov/Legislation/BillStatus?DocNum=2162&GAID=18&DocTypeID=SB&SessionID=114&GA=104>

LegisScan – SB2162 – <https://legiscan.com/IL/bill/SB2162/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/il-sb2162-961894

The Local Voters Bill

Lets local voters decide to cap their own rent

IL HB3687 • Housing & Property

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Right now, Illinois has a strict rule that stops any city from limiting rent prices. This bill would finally change that. It gives power back to local renters and voters. If a town wants to stop massive rent hikes, they can hold a vote and pass their own limits. It also adds new rules to stop landlords from locking people out or punishing them unfairly. Small landlords who live in their own buildings get a pass, but big...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Expands renter rights.
Gives local voters the right to pass rent control and adds basic protections against...
- Accountability (helps)** — Checks landlord power.
Forces landlords to follow stricter rules on security deposits and move-in fees.
- Who Bears the Cost (helps)** — Shifts burden to property owners.
Allows local laws that would prevent landlords from passing unlimited cost increases onto...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

- Pushing for it:** Renters
- Bearing the cost:** Corporate landlords

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 11D)

LANDLORD/TENANT-VARIOUS

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-07

This bill lets cities and towns cap how much landlords can raise rent, as long as local voters agree to it.

Everyday People

Official text (IL HB3687) —

<https://www.ilga.gov/Legislation/BillStatus?DocNum=3687&GAID=18&DocTypeID=HB&SessionID=114&GA=104>

LegiScan – HB3687 – <https://legiscan.com/IL/bill/HB3687/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/il-hb3687-962149

The Local Rent Bill

Lifts the state ban on local rent control

IL SB2884 • Housing & Property

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Right now, Illinois towns are not allowed to limit how much a landlord can raise your rent. This bill changes that. It lets local voters pass rent control rules to keep housing affordable. It also adds new statewide protections for renters. These include rules for security deposits and stopping illegal lockouts. If you rent your home, this bill gives you and your neighbors the power to fight back against huge rent hikes.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Gives communities the right to enact rent control and adds tenant protections..
Amends the Rent Control Preemption Act to allow local rent control via referendum and...
- Accountability (helps)** — Holds landlords accountable for retaliatory conduct and illegal lockouts..
Includes specific provisions relating to retaliatory conduct and lockouts.
- Who Bears the Cost (helps)** — Aims to reduce the severe cost burden on low-income renters..
Legislative findings explicitly target the rent burden that forces households to spend...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Renters
Bearing the cost: Landlords

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 7D)

LANDLORD/TENANT-VARIOUS

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-16

This bill lets local voters choose to cap rent prices in their towns and creates new rules to protect renters from unfair fees and lockouts.

Everyday People

Official text (IL SB2884) —

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LegiScan – SB2884 – <https://legiscan.com/IL/bill/SB2884/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/il-sb2884-084040

The Fees & Landlords Bill

Illinois bill bans hidden rental fees and limits what landlords can charge

IL SB1964 • Housing & Property

8/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Renters in Illinois get hammered with hidden fees, for renewing a lease, for contacting the landlord, even for being evicted. This bill says: no more. Every cost must be on page one in plain language, and a bunch of sneaky charges are banned outright. Late fees cap at \$25 and only kick in after 7 days. Pet fees disappear. Renewal fees? Gone. The landlord can't force you to hire an agent either. Right now, this is in...

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Right to transparency and fair terms (helps)** — Tenants gain clear disclosure of all fees upfront and protection from surprise charges..
All fees must be explicitly on the first page of the lease with itemized descriptions...
- Limits on predatory charges (helps)** — Bans arbitrary and cumulative fees that trap tenants in debt cycles..
No administrative renewal fees, modification fees, contact fees, eviction penalties, or...
- Cost shift to landlords (helps)** — Landlords absorb costs they previously shifted to tenants; some may pass through higher rent..
Landlords lose revenue from prohibited fees. Security deposits and move fees are capped...
- Process and enforceability (helps)** — Bill creates clear standards and liability for violation, but enforcement relies on tenant lawsuits and landlord compliance..
Landlord is liable if landlord's agent or any agent publishing the listing violates fee...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

- Pushing for it:** Tenants (through fee elimination and caps)
- Bearing the cost:** Landlords and real estate agents (through prohibited and capped charges)

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

RES RENTAL FEE FAIRNESS ACT

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-06

This bill would stop landlords from charging surprise fees like admin charges, pet fees, and eviction penalties, and forces all costs onto the first page of a lease so tenants know exactly what they're paying upfront.

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Official text (IL SB1964) —

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LegiScan — SB1964 — <https://legiscan.com/IL/bill/SB1964/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/il-sb1964-960729

The Dirty Pictures Bill

Illinois bill lets you sue people who send unwanted dirty pictures

IL HB1590 • Privacy & Data

8/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Right now, if someone floods your phone with unwanted sexually explicit images, your options are limited. This bill gives you a real legal tool: you can sue them and win money. The catch? You have to prove the images would bother a reasonable person and that you didn't ask for them. That's a fair bar. The bill protects internet companies and legitimate services (like health apps) from getting sued just for hosting or moving...

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Right to sue for unwanted harassment (helps)** — Creates a new private right of action for victims.
Bill establishes that recipients of non-consensual explicit images can sue the sender in...
- Minimum damages floor protects low-income victims (helps)** — \$500 minimum covers cases where emotional harm is real but hard to measure in dollars.
Plaintiff can recover actual damages or \$500, whichever is greater, plus attorney's fees...
- Emotional distress standard is plaintiff-centered (helps)** — Reasonable person test accounts for plaintiff's circumstances and knowledge.
Court will apply the standard of a person in the plaintiff's shoes with the plaintiff's...
- Platform and provider immunity is clear (helps)** — ISPs, apps, and legitimate services are explicitly shielded from liability.
Exempts internet providers, mobile data providers, app operators, subscription services...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Victims of unsolicited explicit images (can recover actual damages or \$500, whichever is greater)
Bearing the cost: Individual senders who knowingly transmit non-consensual explicit images

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 2D)

LIABILITY-UNSOLICITED IMAGES

Engrossed · recorded 2026-04-09

If someone sends you explicit images without permission and it upsets you, you could take them to court and make them pay at least \$500 plus your lawyer fees.

Everyday People

Official text (IL HB1590) —

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Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/il-hb1590-936246

The Rental Fees Bill

Illinois bill forces landlords to show all rental fees upfront

IL SB3363 • Housing & Property

8/10 **LIBERATE**
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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Right now, landlords in Illinois can bury fees deep in leases or spring surprise charges after a tenant moves in, turning a \$1,200 rent into \$1,500 once you've already committed. This bill says: no more. Every recurring or one-time required fee has to be on the listing and front-and-center on page one of the lease. If it's not there, you don't owe it. The bill also bans landlords from forcing tenants to buy insurance for...

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Right to Sue (helps)** — Bill explicitly grants tenants the right to bring civil action and recover attorney's fees..
Sec. 45 allows 'any person alleging a violation' to sue for 'actual damages, injunctive...
- Cost Shift Away From Tenants (helps)** — Tenants are explicitly not liable for undisclosed fees; cost remains with landlord or is prohibited entirely..
Sec. 35(a) and (b) state if fees are not explicitly disclosed on the first page, 'the...
- Process Transparency (helps)** — Requires 'clear and conspicuous' disclosure of all recurring and one-time fees on listing and lease front page..
Sec. 35 mandates fees appear 'on the real estate listing or an accompanying link to a...
- Accountability (helps)** — Landlords face financial and legal consequences for hiding fees..
Tenants can recover actual damages and attorney's fees, creating a direct financial...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Tenants and renters (recover actual damages and attorney's fees in lawsuits)
Bearing the cost: Landlords who hide or charge undisclosed fees; those who require tenant-paid common-area insurance

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

RENTAL FEE TRANSPARENCY

Introduced · recorded 2026-02-04

Landlords would have to list every recurring fee (like pet or utility charges) on rental listings and lease pages so renters see the real total cost before signing, and tenants could sue if fees are hidden.

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Official text (IL SB3363) —

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The Local Surplus Bill

Local tax surplus limits force refunds to Illinois taxpayers

IL HB5785 • Money & Damages

8/10 **LIBERATE**
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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If passed, Illinois residents could see money they overpaid in taxes returned each quarter, reducing waste and keeping local governments from hoarding cash.

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Adds clear rule on surplus cash handling.
Districts must track cash limits and issue refunds
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Protects taxpayers' right to get excess money back.
Refunds are based on each taxpayer's share of the prior levy
- Who Bears the Cost (helps)** — Cost of excess cash stays with the taxing district.
Taxpayers receive refunds rather than bearing the loss
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — No major change to transparency.
Bill sets a limit but does not require new reporting

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

LOCAL GOV SURPLUS FUNDS ACT

Introduced · recorded 2026-05-20

The bill would stop local districts from keeping more than double last year's tax money and would give any extra cash back to taxpayers.

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Official text (IL HB5785) —

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The Price Tags Bill

Illinois bill forces clear price tags on all fees

IL HB0062 • Consumer Protection

8/10 **LIBERATE**
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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Consumers would stop being surprised by hidden charges, while businesses would have to be more honest and may face penalties if they hide fees, so the bill protects everyday shoppers now as it moves through committees.

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — adds penalties for hidden fees.
businesses can be sued for violating disclosure rules
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — gives shoppers clear price info.
requires total price display before purchase
- Who Bears the Cost (helps)** — cost falls on businesses.
businesses must change advertising and may pay fines
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — bill text is clear.
defines terms and disclosure methods

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

CONSUMER FRAUD-FEE DISCLOSURE

IL HB0062

Introduced · recorded 2025-01-09

WHAT IT DOES

The Junk Fee Ban Act would make stores and restaurants show the total price, including all fees, so shoppers know exactly what they will pay.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

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[Official text \(IL HB0062\)](#) —

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YOUR NOTES

The Drug Rebate Bill

Drug rebate rule forces insurers to lower copays for patients

IL HB1171 • Healthcare & Insurance

8/10

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Right now the bill is just a proposal, but if it passes you could see lower copays on your prescriptions. Insurers would have to use the rebates they get from drug makers to lower what you pay at the pharmacy. This could save families money and make medicines more affordable.

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (neutral) — No new oversight body, but insurers must follow rebate rule.
Insurers must apply rebates to cost sharing as required.

Rights & Protections (helps) — Strengthens consumer right to lower outofpocket cost.
Mandates passing rebates to patients at point of sale.

Who Bears the Cost (helps) — Shifts rebate benefit to consumers, reducing their cost.
Consumers pay less; excess rebates lower premiums.

Process Transparency (neutral) — Rules may be adopted by Dept of Insurance, but no major transparency change.
Implementation left to regulator.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

INS-COST SHARING/DRUG REBATES

Introduced · recorded 2025-01-09

The bill would make insurers pass drug rebates to you, cutting your outofpocket cost for each prescription.

Everyday People

Official text (IL HB1171) —

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