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IL - SB2 MINIMUM WAGE-WITHHOLDING

Last Action: Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 Referred to Assignments (January 19, 2017)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Kimberly A. Lightford \(D\)](#)

Scheduled Hearing: [Executive \(Senate\)](#) Date: January 24, 2017 Time: 10:00am (CST) Location: 212 Capitol Springfield, IL

Summary: Amends the Minimum Wage Law. Increases the minimum wage from \$8.25 to \$9.00 beginning July 1, 2017 and increases it by \$0.50 each July 1 until July 1, 2021, at which point the minimum wage will be \$11.00. Preempts home rule powers, except that the limitation on home rule powers does not apply to specified ordinances adopted by the City Council of City of Chicago or the Cook County Board of Commissioners. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates a credit against the withholding tax liability of employers with fewer than 50 employees, calculated based on the increase in the minimum wage. Effective immediately, but this Act does not take effect at all unless Senate Bills 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 of the 100th General Assembly become law. Amendments: [Senate Amendment 001](#) Adds SB 6 to list of bills that must become law for SB 2 to take effect.

IL - SB12 WORKERS' COMP-VARIOUS

Last Action: Assigned to Executive (January 12, 2017)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Michael Connelly \(R\)](#)

Scheduled Hearing: [Executive \(Senate\)](#) Date: January 24, 2017 Time: 10:00am (CST) Location: 212 Capitol Springfield, IL

Summary: Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Exempts from public inspection certain information collected by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission from self-insureds and papers, documents, reports, or evidence relevant to a workers' compensation fraud investigation conducted by the Department of Insurance. Amends the Criminal Code of 2012 regarding workers' compensation fraud penalties. Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Makes changes concerning: accidental injuries considered to be "arising out of and in the course of the employment" if an employee is required to travel away from the employer's premises; the maximum compensation rate for a period of temporary total incapacity; wage differential benefits to professional athletes; limitations on the number of chiropractic, occupational therapy, or physical therapy visits an injured worker may receive for injuries; compensation awards for injuries to the shoulder and hip; the maximum allowable payment for certain service categories; the assignment and reassignment of arbitrators to hearing sites; the creation of an evidence based drug formulary; the duties of the Workers' Compensation Edit, Alignment, and Reform Commission; additional compensation awards where there has been a vexatious delay in the authorization of medical treatment or the payment or intentional underpayment of compensation; annual reports on the state of self-insurance for workers' compensation in Illinois; and other matters. Effective immediately, but this Act does not take effect at all unless Senate Bills 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 13 of the 100th General Assembly become law.