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Legislative Updates

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IML Statehouse Briefing

On the ground news and insider information! **August 8, 2013**

We hope that you're having a great summer. The General Assembly may not be in session, but there is still legislative activity on which to report at both the state and federal levels.

Municipal Bonds: The National League of Cities and the Illinois Municipal League are calling on the federal government to reject limitations to the income tax exemption for municipal bonds. **Take action today** to protect the bonds that you rely on to finance infrastructure projects, create jobs and keep your residents' taxes lower. Watch the video with NLC Executive Director Clarence Anthony where he explains the issue and then utilize the model letters and sample resolutions to influence your members of Congress.

Life Safety Code Rules: The State Fire Marshal issued a press release stating that he is withdrawing the proposed rule the would have required residential sprinklers in all new one- and two-family dwellings and the retro-fitting of sprinklers into high rises. The IML organized a coalition of municipalities and organizations that successfully partnered to oppose the rulemaking. The financial impact of the sprinkler mandate would have been extremely adverse to the housing market and particularly harmful to lower income homeowners and tenants. Opposition to this impact was substantial and included local governments seeking to achieve affordable housing targets, realtors, homebuilders, and citizens already struggling to pay their monthly rent. The additional costs created by this kind of mandate would have a regressive financial impact on untold numbers of hardworking Illinoisans. We are extremely pleased that the rules were withdrawn, and will continue to monitor the issue into the future.

Bill Signings: Governor Quinn has been taking action on several bills that were approved by the General Assembly. Bill signings and vetoes of legislation approved during the spring session will be completed during the month of August. Please consult our report entitled "Legislation of Municipal Interest Approved by Both Chambers" for a complete list of the bills of interest to municipal governments. We update this report each morning to reflect bill signings and vetoes.

Post-Session Materials: Interested in a recap of the 2013 Spring Session? We have aggregated our legislative reports on the left sidebar of our Legislative website for convenient review. We encourage that you bookmark our Legislative page for quick access.

IML at the Statehouse: The IML had a successful spring session on behalf of our membership. Check out our report entitled "IML at the Statehouse – 2013" to learn what we accomplished in partnership with our membership.

Social Media: If you haven't joined our growing community on Facebook or Twitter, what are you

waiting for? Social media is a great way for us to provide a steady stream of important information to our members. It also provides the opportunity for us to receive your input, discuss issues, and answer questions. We want to hear from you!

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