

**Item #13:**  
**Village Clerk Schultheis**  
**Legislative Update**  
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## **IML STATEHOUSE BRIEFING**

### **“On the ground news and insider information!”**

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The General Assembly has concluded substantive committee work and will now concentrate on entertaining amendments and moving bills out of their chamber of origin. The deadline for moving each pending bill out of its chamber of origin is March 26 for the House and March 19 for the Senate.

**Lawsuit Exposure:** [SB 3566](#) (Senator Delgado, D-Chicago) will **allow disgruntled employees of government bodies to sue their co-workers and employing entities** based upon allegations of "abusive work conduct." Many provisions within the bill are vague, and recourse to address grievances is already provided for under existing laws. **Call your State Senator and urge that he or she oppose this expensive and unnecessary legislation.** To read more about this "workplace bullying" initiative [click here](#). **IML OPPOSES**

**TIF Devaluation:** [SB 3151](#) (Senator Link, D-Lake Bluff) reduces the money available for TIF projects. Under the bill, beginning January 1, 2011, the initial equalized assessed value of the taxable real property within the economic development project area must be increased each year by the increase in the Consumer Price Index—regardless of what happens to the actual value of the property. **This could hamper communities' ability to finance projects with TIF money**, interfere with existing bond contracts, and reduce the economic benefits of TIF financing.

**Red Light Camera “Reform” Legislation:** [SB 2466](#) (Senator Duffy, R-Barrington) was defeated in the Senate Transportation Subcommittee on Red Light Cameras on Monday, March 15. The bill would have prohibited local governments from using Red Light Cameras. The deadline for action was extended to March 19. The IML is opposed to the elimination of the red light cameras due to the loss of local control. The Senate Transportation Committee did pass out an amendment to [SB 935](#), which makes changes in the way in which red light cameras may be used. To read more about the red light camera legislation, [click here](#).