



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

HB4041

Introduced 1/13/2020, by Rep. Carol Ammons

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

- 5 ILCS 420/3-108 new
- 5 ILCS 420/3-202 rep.
- 5 ILCS 420/3-203 rep.

Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Provides that a legislator shall declare a conflict of interest before taking official action on a legislative matter, and shall request to be excused from voting on the matter, if the legislator or a member of the legislator's immediate family has a financial interest in a business, investment, real property, lease, or other enterprise, and if the interest is substantial and the effect on that interest of the action to be voted on is greater than the effect on the general public of the State. Provides that the Legislative Ethics Commission may impose a fine of not more than \$1,000 upon a member of the General Assembly for each violation of the provision. Repeals previous provisions concerning legislator conflict situations.

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1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Governmental Ethics Act is amended
5 by adding Section 3-108 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 420/3-108 new)

7 Sec. 3-108. Conflicts of interest recusal.

8 (a) A legislator shall declare a conflict of interest
9 before taking official action on a legislative matter, and
10 shall request to be excused from voting on the matter, if the
11 legislator or a member of the legislator's immediate family has
12 a financial interest in a business, investment, real property,
13 lease, or other enterprise, and if the interest is substantial
14 and the effect on that interest of the action to be voted on is
15 greater than the effect on the general public of the State.

16 (b) For the purposes of this Section, an interest is
17 substantial if it meets or exceeds the thresholds for
18 disclosure established under Section 4A-102 of this Act.

19 (c) The Legislative Ethics Commission may impose a fine of
20 not more than \$1,000 upon a member of the General Assembly for
21 each violation of subsection (a).

22 (5 ILCS 420/3-202 rep.)

1 (5 ILCS 420/3-203 rep.)

2 Section 10. The Illinois Governmental Ethics Act is amended

3 by repealing Sections 3-202 and 3-203.