

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by adding Section  
5 5-1186 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/5-1186 new)

7 Sec. 5-1186. COVID-19 business relief; waiver of business  
8 fees, costs, and licensing. Notwithstanding any other  
9 provision of law, a county board or board of county  
10 commissioners may, by resolution, waive or provide credit for  
11 any application or permit costs, fees or other licensing or  
12 registration costs for businesses, including, but not limited  
13 to, professional or business licensing, liquor licenses,  
14 construction, insurance, sales, builders, contractors, food  
15 service, delivery, repair, consultation, legal services,  
16 accounting, transportation, manufacturing, technology,  
17 assembly, tourism, entertainment, or any business, industry,  
18 or service the county is permitted by law to regulate or  
19 license.

20 A waiver of business fees or costs shall be subject to an  
21 application or review process and a demonstration of need  
22 based upon any financial or logistical hardship as a result of  
23 the COVID-19 pandemic.

1       Any such waiver or credit shall not be construed to apply  
2 to any of the business and licensing costs of the State or any  
3 of its agencies or departments and is not an exemption from  
4 safety, health, or regulatory requirements or inspections of a  
5 county, municipality, or the State.

6       Section 10. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by  
7 adding Section 11-42-17 as follows:

8       (65 ILCS 5/11-42-17 new)

9       Sec. 11-42-17. COVID-19 business relief; waiver of  
10 business fees, costs, and licensing. Notwithstanding any other  
11 provision of law, the corporate authorities of a municipality  
12 may, by resolution, waive or provide credit for any  
13 application or permit costs, fees or other licensing or  
14 registration costs for businesses, including, but not limited  
15 to, professional or business licensing, liquor licenses,  
16 construction, insurance, sales, builders, contractors, food  
17 service, delivery, repair, consultation, legal services,  
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7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
8 becoming law.