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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4604

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 4604 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Occupational Safety and Health Act is  
5 amended by changing Sections 25, 60, 65, 80, 85, 90, 100, and  
6 110 as follows:

7 (820 ILCS 219/25)

8 Sec. 25. Occupational safety and health standards.

9 (a) All federal occupational safety and health standards  
10 which the United States Secretary of Labor has promulgated or  
11 modified in accordance with the federal Occupational Safety  
12 and Health Act of 1970 and which are in effect on the effective  
13 date of this Act shall be and are hereby made rules of the  
14 Department unless the Director promulgates an alternate  
15 standard that is at least as effective in providing safe and  
16 healthful employment and places of employment as a federal

1 standard. Before developing and adopting an alternate standard  
2 or modifying or revoking an existing standard, the Director  
3 must consider factual information that includes:

4 (1) Expert technical knowledge.

5 (2) Input from interested persons, including  
6 employers, employees, recognized standards-producing  
7 organizations, and the public.

8 (b) All federal occupational safety and health standards  
9 which the United States Secretary of Labor promulgates or  
10 modifies in accordance with the federal Occupational Safety  
11 and Health Act of 1970 on or after the effective date of this  
12 Act, unless revoked by the Secretary of Labor, shall become  
13 rules of the Department within 6 months after their federal  
14 promulgation date, unless there has been in effect in this  
15 State at the time of the promulgation or modification of the  
16 federal standard an alternate State standard that is at least  
17 as effective in providing safe and healthful employment and  
18 places of employment as a federal standard. The alternate  
19 State standard, if not currently contained in the Department's  
20 rules, shall not become effective, however, unless the  
21 Department, within 45 days after the federal promulgation  
22 date, files with the office of the Secretary of State in  
23 Springfield, Illinois, a certified copy of the rule as  
24 provided in the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act.

25 (Source: P.A. 98-874, eff. 1-1-15.)

1 (820 ILCS 219/60)

2 Sec. 60. Employers' records.

3 (a) The Director shall adopt rules requiring public  
4 employers to maintain accurate records of, and to make reports  
5 on, work-related deaths, injuries, and illnesses, other than  
6 minor injuries requiring only first aid treatment and which do  
7 not involve medical treatment, loss of consciousness,  
8 restriction of work or motion, or transfer to another job. The  
9 rules shall specifically include all of the reporting  
10 provisions of Section 6 of the Workers' Compensation Act and  
11 Section 6 of the Workers' Occupational Diseases Act. The  
12 records shall be available to any State agency requiring such  
13 information.

14 (b) The Director shall adopt rules requiring public  
15 employers to maintain accurate records of employee exposures  
16 to potentially toxic materials or harmful physical agents  
17 which are required to be monitored or measured under this Act.  
18 The rules shall provide employees or their authorized  
19 representative with an opportunity to observe the monitoring  
20 or measuring, and to have access to the records of the  
21 monitoring or measuring. The rules shall provide appropriate  
22 means by which each employee or former employee may have  
23 access to such records as will indicate his or her exposure to  
24 toxic materials or harmful physical agents.

25 (c) A public employer shall promptly notify any employee  
26 who has been or is being exposed to toxic materials or harmful

1 physical agents in concentrations or at levels which exceed  
2 those prescribed by an occupational safety and health standard  
3 and shall inform the employee who is being thus exposed of the  
4 action being taken by the employer to correct such exposure.

5 (Source: P.A. 98-874, eff. 1-1-15.)

6 (820 ILCS 219/65)

7 Sec. 65. Periodic inspection of workplaces.

8 (a) The Director shall enforce the occupational safety and  
9 health standards and rules promulgated under this Act and any  
10 occupational health and safety regulations relating to  
11 inspection of places of employment, and shall visit and  
12 inspect, as often as practicable, the places of employment  
13 covered by this Act.

14 (b) The Director or his or her authorized representative,  
15 upon presenting appropriate credentials to a public employer's  
16 agent in charge, has the right to enter and inspect all places  
17 of employment covered by this Act as follows:

18 (1) An inspector may enter without delay and at  
19 reasonable times any establishment, construction site, or  
20 other area, workplace, or environment where work is  
21 performed by an employee of a public employer in order to  
22 enforce the occupational safety and health standards  
23 adopted under this Act.

24 (2) If a public employer refuses entry to an inspector  
25 upon being presented with proper credentials or allows

1 entry but then refuses to permit or hinders the inspection  
2 in any way, the inspector shall leave the premises and  
3 immediately report the refusal to authorized management  
4 within the Division. Authorized management shall notify  
5 the Director to initiate the compulsory legal process to  
6 obtain entry or obtain a warrant for entry, or both.

7 (3) An inspector may inspect and investigate during  
8 regular working hours and at other reasonable times, and  
9 within reasonable limits and in a reasonable manner, any  
10 workplace described in paragraph (1) and all pertinent  
11 conditions, structures, machines, apparatus, devices,  
12 equipment, and materials therein, and to question  
13 privately the employer or any agent or employee of the  
14 employer.

15 (4) The owner, operator, manager, or lessee of any  
16 workplace covered by this Act, and his or her agent or  
17 employee, and any employer affected by this Act shall,  
18 when requested by the Division of Occupational Safety and  
19 Health or any duly authorized agent of that Division: (i)  
20 furnish any information in his or her possession or under  
21 his or her control which the Department is authorized to  
22 require, (ii) answer truthfully all questions required to  
23 be put to him or her, and (iii) cooperate in the making of  
24 a proper inspection.

25 (c) In making his or her inspection and investigations  
26 under this Act, the Director ~~of Labor~~ has the power to require

1 the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production  
2 of evidence under oath.

3 (Source: P.A. 98-874, eff. 1-1-15; 99-336, eff. 8-10-15.)

4 (820 ILCS 219/80)

5 Sec. 80. Violation of Act or standard; citation.

6 (a) Upon inspection or investigation of a workplace, if  
7 the Director or his or her authorized representative believes  
8 that a public employer has violated a requirement of this Act  
9 or a standard, rule, or regulation promulgated under this Act,  
10 he or she shall with reasonable promptness issue a citation to  
11 the employer. A citation shall: (i) be in writing, (ii)  
12 describe with particularity the nature of the violation and  
13 include a reference to the provision of the Act, standard,  
14 rule, or regulation alleged to have been violated, and (iii)  
15 fix a reasonable time for the abatement of the violation.

16 (b) Each citation issued under this Section, or a copy or  
17 copies thereof, shall be prominently posted at or near the  
18 place at which the violation occurred as prescribed in rules  
19 adopted by the Director.

20 (c) A citation shall be served on the employer or the  
21 employer's agent by delivering a copy to the person upon whom  
22 the service is to be had, or by leaving a copy at his or her  
23 usual place of business or abode, or by sending a copy by  
24 certified mail to his or her place of business, or by sending a  
25 copy by email to an email address previously designated by the

1 employer for purposes of receiving notice under this Act.

2 (d) A citation may not be issued under this Section after  
3 the expiration of 6 months following the occurrence of any  
4 violation.

5 (Source: P.A. 98-874, eff. 1-1-15.)

6 (820 ILCS 219/85)

7 Sec. 85. Civil penalties.

8 (a) After an inspection of a workplace under this Act, if  
9 the Director issues a citation, he or she shall, within 5 days  
10 after issuing the citation, notify the employer by certified  
11 mail, or by email to an email address previously designated by  
12 the employer for purposes of receiving notice under this Act,  
13 of any civil penalty proposed to be assessed for the violation  
14 set forth in the citation.

15 (b) If the Director has reason to believe that an employer  
16 has failed to correct a violation for which a citation has been  
17 issued within the period permitted for its correction, the  
18 Director shall notify the employer by certified mail, or by  
19 email to an email address previously designated by the  
20 employer for purposes of receiving notice under this Act, of  
21 that failure and of the civil penalty proposed to be assessed  
22 for that failure.

23 (c) Civil penalties authorized under this Section are as  
24 follows:

25 (1) A public employer that repeatedly violates this

1 Act, the Safety Inspection and Education Act, or the  
2 Health and Safety Act, or any combination of those Acts,  
3 or any standard, rule, regulation, or order under any of  
4 those Acts, may be assessed a civil penalty of not more  
5 than \$10,000 per violation.

6 (2) A public employer that intentionally violates this  
7 Act, the Safety Inspection and Education Act, or the  
8 Health and Safety Act, or any standard, rule, regulation,  
9 or order under any of those Acts, or who demonstrates  
10 plain indifference to any provision of any of those Acts  
11 or any such standard, rule, regulation, or order, may be  
12 assessed a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 per  
13 violation.

14 (3) A public employer that has received a citation for  
15 a serious violation of this Act, the Safety Inspection and  
16 Education Act, or the Health and Safety Act, or any  
17 standard, rule, regulation, or order under any of those  
18 Acts, may be assessed a civil penalty up to \$1,000 for each  
19 such violation.

20 (4) A public employer that has received a citation for  
21 a violation of this Act, the Safety Inspection and  
22 Education Act, or the Health and Safety Act, or any  
23 standard, rule, regulation, or order under any of those  
24 Acts, which is not a serious violation, may be assessed a  
25 civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each such violation.

26 (5) A public employer that violates a posting



1 requirement is subject to the following citations and  
2 proposed penalty structure:

3 (A) Job Safety and Health Poster: an other than  
4 serious citation and a proposed penalty of \$1,000.

5 (B) Annual Summary of Work-Related Injuries and  
6 Illnesses (OSHA Form 300A): an other than serious  
7 citation and a proposed penalty of \$1,000, even if  
8 there are no recordable injuries or illnesses.

9 (C) Citation: an other than serious citation and a  
10 proposed penalty of \$1,000.

11 (6) A public employer that fails to correct a  
12 violation for which a citation has been issued within the  
13 time period permitted may be assessed a civil penalty of  
14 up to \$1,000 for each day the violation continues.

15 (d) For purposes of this Section, a "serious violation"  
16 shall be deemed to exist in a workplace if there is a  
17 substantial probability that death or serious physical harm  
18 could result from (i) a condition which exists or (ii) one or  
19 more practices, means, methods, operations, or processes which  
20 have been adopted or are in use in the workplace, unless the  
21 employer did not know and could not, with the exercise of  
22 reasonable diligence, have known of the presence of the  
23 violation.

24 (e) The Director may assess civil penalties as provided in  
25 this Section, giving due consideration to the appropriateness  
26 of the penalty. A penalty may be reduced by the Director or the

1 Director's authorized representative based on the public  
2 employer's good faith, size of business, and history of  
3 previous violations.

4 (f) The Attorney General may bring an action in the  
5 circuit court to enforce the collection of any civil penalty  
6 assessed under this Act.

7 (g) All civil penalties collected under this Act shall be  
8 deposited into the General Revenue Fund of the State of  
9 Illinois.

10 (Source: P.A. 98-874, eff. 1-1-15.)

11 (820 ILCS 219/90)

12 Sec. 90. Informal review.

13 (a) A public employer may submit in writing data relating  
14 to the abatement of a hazard to be considered by an authorized  
15 representative of the Director. The authorized representative  
16 shall notify the interested parties if such data will be used  
17 to modify an abatement order.

18 (b) Within 15 business ~~working~~ days after receiving a  
19 citation, proposed assessment of a civil penalty, or notice of  
20 failure to correct a violation, a public employer or the  
21 employer's agent may request that an authorized representative  
22 of the Director review abatement dates, reclassify violations  
23 (such as willful to serious, serious to other than serious),  
24 or modify or withdraw a penalty, a citation, or a citation  
25 item, or any combination of those, if the employer presents

1 evidence during the informal conference which convinces the  
2 authorized representative that the changes are justified.

3 (Source: P.A. 98-874, eff. 1-1-15.)

4 (820 ILCS 219/100)

5 Sec. 100. Hearing.

6 (a) If a public employer or the employer's representative  
7 notifies the Director that the employer intends to contest a  
8 citation and notice of penalty or if, within 15 business  
9 ~~working~~ days after the issuance of the citation, an employee  
10 or representative of employees files a notice with the  
11 Director alleging that the period of time fixed in the  
12 citation for the abatement of the violation is unreasonable,  
13 the Director shall afford an opportunity for a hearing before  
14 an Administrative Law Judge designated by the Director.

15 (b) At the hearing, the employer or employee shall state  
16 his or her objections to the citation and provide evidence why  
17 the citation should not stand as issued. The Director or his or  
18 her representative shall be given the opportunity to state his  
19 or her reasons for issuing the citation. Affected employees  
20 shall be provided an opportunity to participate as parties to  
21 hearings under the rules of procedure prescribed by the  
22 Director (56 Ill. Admin. Code, Part 120).

23 (c) The Director, or the Administrative Law Judge on  
24 behalf of the Director, has the power to do the following:

25 (1) Issue subpoenas for and compel the attendance of

1 witnesses.

2 (2) Hear testimony and receive evidence.

3 (3) Order testimony of a witness residing within or  
4 without this State to be taken by deposition in the manner  
5 prescribed by law for depositions in civil cases in the  
6 circuit court in any proceeding pending before him or her  
7 at any stage of such proceeding.

8 (d) Subpoenas and commissions to take testimony shall be  
9 issued by ~~under seal of~~ the Director. Service of subpoenas may  
10 be made by a sheriff or any other person.

11 (e) The circuit court for the county where any hearing is  
12 pending may compel the attendance of witnesses, the production  
13 of pertinent books, papers, records, or documents, and the  
14 giving of testimony before the Director or an Administrative  
15 Law Judge by an attachment proceeding, as for contempt, in the  
16 same manner as the production of evidence may be compelled  
17 before the court.

18 (f) The Administrative Law Judge on behalf of the  
19 Director, after considering the evidence presented at the  
20 formal hearing, in accordance with the Director's rules, shall  
21 enter a final decision and order within a reasonable time  
22 affirming, modifying, or vacating the citation or proposed  
23 assessment of a civil penalty, or directing other appropriate  
24 relief.

25 (Source: P.A. 98-874, eff. 1-1-15.)

1 (820 ILCS 219/110)

2 Sec. 110. Discrimination against employee prohibited.

3 (a) A person may not discharge or in any way discriminate  
4 against an employee because the employee has: (i) filed a  
5 complaint or instituted or caused to be instituted any  
6 proceeding under this Act, (ii) testified or is about to  
7 testify in any such proceeding, or (iii) exercised, on his or  
8 her own behalf or on behalf of another person, any right  
9 afforded by this Act, including reporting potential violations  
10 of this Act to a member of management with authority to address  
11 the concerns.

12 (b) An employee who believes that he or she has been  
13 discharged or otherwise discriminated against by an employer  
14 in violation of this Section may, within 30 calendar days  
15 after the violation occurs, file a complaint with the Director  
16 alleging the discrimination.

17 (c) Upon receipt of the complaint, the Director shall  
18 cause an investigation to be made as the Director deems  
19 appropriate. After the investigation, if the Director  
20 determines that the employer has violated this Section, the  
21 Director shall bring an action in the circuit court for  
22 appropriate relief, including rehiring or reinstatement of the  
23 employee to his or her former position with back pay, after  
24 taking into account any interim earnings of the employee. In  
25 such matters the Director shall be represented by the Attorney  
26 General.

1 (Source: P.A. 98-874, eff. 1-1-15.)".