

SB2400



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/10/2023, by Sen. Ram Villivalam

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

820 ILCS 5/1.4

Amends the Labor Dispute Act. Provides that a person who, with the intent of interfering with, obstructing, or impeding a picket or other demonstration or protest, places any object in the public way commits a Class A misdemeanor with a minimum fine of \$500.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning employment.

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

4 Section 5. The Labor Dispute Act is amended by changing
5 Section 1.4 as follows:

6 (820 ILCS 5/1.4)

7 Sec. 1.4. Use of public right of way.

8 (a) Persons engaged in picketing shall be allowed to use
9 public rights of way to apprise the public of the existence of
10 a dispute for the following:

11 (1) The purposes of picketing.

12 (2) The erection of temporary signs announcing their
13 dispute.

14 (3) The parking of at least one vehicle on the public
15 right of way. Nothing in this Section shall require the
16 accommodation of parking more than 10 vehicles on the
17 public right of way. This Section shall not be construed
18 to allow the blocking of fire hydrants. Picketers shall
19 ensure that water mains, sewers, and other utilities are
20 accessible for construction, maintenance, and emergency
21 repair work.

22 (4) The erection of tents or other temporary shelter
23 for the health, welfare, personal safety, and well-being

1 of picketers.

2 (b) Any signs, tents, or temporary shelters shall be
3 removed at the end of each day when the picketing has ceased.
4 Signs, tents, or temporary shelters may be maintained so long
5 as individuals participating in the labor dispute are present.

6 (c) This Section shall not be construed to allow the
7 erection of a tent or shelter or parking of a vehicle where
8 there is insufficient space on the public right of way. This
9 Section shall not be construed to allow the erection of a tent
10 or shelter on the right of way of any Class I highway as
11 defined in Section 1-126.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.
12 Picketers shall ensure that a reasonable walkway exists for
13 pedestrians and others to pass by the picketing activities.
14 Persons using the right of way under this Section shall make
15 reasonable attempts to keep the area free from garbage and
16 significant damage.

17 (d) No sign, tent, or temporary shelter may be erected or
18 maintained in such a manner as to obscure or otherwise
19 physically interfere with an official traffic sign, signal, or
20 device or to obstruct or physically interfere with a driver's
21 view of approaching, merging, or intersecting traffic. The
22 burden of proof shall rest on the unit of local government
23 making such a claim. If a court determines that a sign, tent,
24 or temporary shelter does not obscure or otherwise physically
25 interfere with an official traffic sign, signal, or device or
26 obstruct or physically interfere with a driver's view of

1 approaching, merging, or intersecting traffic, the unit of
2 local government is liable for all costs and attorney's fees.

3 (e) A person who, with the intent of interfering with,
4 obstructing, or impeding a picket or other demonstration or
5 protest, places any object in the public way commits a Class A
6 misdemeanor with a minimum fine of \$500.

7 (Source: P.A. 94-321, eff. 1-1-06.)