

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2015 and 2016 SB2192

Introduced 10/20/2015, by Sen. John G. Mulroe

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act 35 ILCS 5/224 new

Creates the Veterans Day Paid Leave Act. Requires each employer to provide each employee who is a veteran with a paid day off on Veterans Day if the employee would otherwise be required to work on that day. Provides that the employee must provide notice to the employer that he or she intends to take time off on Veterans Day and must provide the employer with documentation verifying that he or she is a veteran. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Creates an income tax credit in an amount equal to 100% of the wages paid by the taxpayer to a veteran as a result of the paid day off required under the Veterans Day Paid Leave Act. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY 1 AN ACT concerning employment.

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

4 ARTICLE 1. VETERANS DAY PAID LEAVE ACT

- Section 1-1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Veterans Day Paid Leave Act.
- 7 Section 1-5. Definitions. As used in this Act:
- 8 "Employer" means any public or private employer with a 9 place of business in this State.
- "Veteran" means an Illinois resident who: (i) is employed at a place of business in this State; (ii) has served as a member of the United States Armed Forces on active duty or State active duty, as a member of the Illinois National Guard, or as a member of the United States Reserve Forces; and (iii)
- was discharged or separated under honorable conditions.
- 16 Section 1-10. Paid leave for Veterans Day.
- 17 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each
 18 employer shall provide each employee who is a veteran with one
 19 paid day off on Veterans Day if the employee would otherwise be
 20 required to work on that day. The employee must provide the
 21 employer with at least 30 calendar days' notice that the

- 1 employee intends to take time off on Veterans Day. The employee
- 2 must also provide the employer with documentation verifying
- 3 that the employee is a veteran.
- 4 (b) If the employer is unable to provide time off to each
- 5 veteran, as provided in subsection (a), without experiencing
- 6 significant economic or operational disruption, then the
- 7 employer may deny such a time off request, but only to the
- 8 extent necessary to avoid the significant economic or
- 9 operational disruption. If the employer denies a time off
- 10 request under this subsection, the employer must notify the
- 11 employee at least 14 calendar days prior to Veterans Day that
- 12 his or her request has been denied and must make a good faith
- 13 effort to provide the employee with a substitute day on which
- 14 the employee may receive paid time off.
- 15 ARTICLE 5. INCOME TAX PROVISIONS
- Section 5-5. The Illinois Income Tax Act is amended by
- 17 adding Section 224 as follows:
- 18 (35 ILCS 5/224 new)
- 19 Sec. 224. Wages paid to veterans under the Veterans Day
- 20 Paid Leave Act.
- 21 (a) For each taxable year beginning on or after January 1,
- 22 2016, each taxpayer is entitled to a credit against the tax
- imposed by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 201 of this Act

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- 1 in an amount equal to 100% of the wages paid by the taxpayer to 2 a veteran as a result of the paid day off required under the Veterans Day Paid Leave Act. For partners, shareholders of 3 Subchapter S corporations, and owners of limited liability 4 5 companies, if the liability company is treated as a partnership for purposes of federal and State income taxation, there shall 6 7 be allowed a credit under this Section to be determined in accordance with the determination of income and distributive 8 9 share of income under Sections 702 and 704 and Subchapter S of 10 the Internal Revenue Code.
 - (b) A taxpayer claiming the credit provided by this Section shall maintain and record such information as the Department may require by rule regarding the credit claimed under this Section.
 - (c) In no event shall a credit under this Section reduce the taxpayer's liability to less than zero. If the amount of the credit exceeds the tax liability for the year, the excess may be carried forward and applied to the tax liability of the 5 taxable years following the excess credit year. The tax credit shall be applied to the earliest year for which there is a tax liability. If there are credits for more than one year that are available to offset a liability, the earlier credit shall be applied first.
- 24 (d) This Section is exempt from the provisions of Section 25 250.
- Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

becoming law. 1