



## ILLINOIS FERTILIZER & CHEMICAL ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE UPDATE APRIL 17, 2026

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Today, April 17, is the House and Senate Floor deadline for moving bills – failure to do so means bills are essentially “dead” but we will continue to watch them in case they pop up later in budget talks or in future amendments on bills that remain alive.

**IFCA worked successfully to stop many bills that were going to be detrimental to the industry, including the pesticide pre-notification bill that was the #1 priority of the environmental groups this year.**

### PESTICIDE & SEED ISSUES

**HB 1596** (Rep. Laura Faver Dias) - Requires 24 hour written or email notice before certain pesticide applications, including notice to schools, parks and daycares within 1,500 feet of the application site. **IFCA is opposed to this legislation; although it was a high priority for the environmental groups, we kept this bill from moving out of the activist friendly House Energy & Environment committee and the environmental groups conceded it would not advance this year due to ag opposition. Thanks to all the IFCA members who contacted their state Representative to oppose this bill.**

**HB 4523/SB 3400** (Blair-Sherlock/Martwick)- Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act and is looking to fully ban PFAS (active and inert ingredients) in pesticides. **IFCA is opposed to this legislation. It did not move by the House or Senate Committee deadline.**

**HB 4610/SB 3227** (Hoffman/D. Turner) - Creates the Nitrogen Reduction Program Act. This is an effort put forth by Pivot Bio and requires the IDA to develop a nitrogen reduction incentive which allows for a per acre payment of at least \$5 if the farmer reduces their nitrogen rate by 15% or 30 pounds and purchases an “innovative biological product.” **IFCA is opposed, and this legislation did not move out of either committee.**

**HB 5305** (Moeller) - Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2029, it is unlawful for any person to sell, offer for sale, use, or distribute within this State any corn, soybean, or wheat seed coated or treated with a pesticide containing neonicotinoids, unless a valid waiver is issued by the Department of Agriculture. **IFCA is opposed and we successfully stopped this legislation from moving out of committee.**

**SB 3161** (Ellman) - Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act. Provides that, except as expressly authorized under specific provisions of the Act, no person shall distribute, sell, offer for sale, or use in the State any herbicide product containing paraquat dichloride or any other chemical form of paraquat. **IFCA is opposed and we successfully stopped this legislation from moving by the Senate Committee deadline; however, the deadline is extended and there may be a “subject matter only” hearing in the coming weeks.**

**SB 3200** (Morrison) - Amends the Illinois Pesticide Act. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2027, a pesticide containing a neonicotinoid may not be used on an ornamental plant, except in accordance with specified restrictions. **IFCA is opposed, and this bill did not move out of committee; the deadline was extended so we will keep watching it.**

**HB 1847** (Cabello) - Amends the Garden Act. Provides that a person may save the seeds grown in a vegetable garden for personal consumption or non-commercial sharing. Provides that a unit of local government may not adopt a regulation or ordinance that precludes saving seeds grown in vegetable gardens. **IFCA and the Illinois Seed Trade Association opposed this bill and successfully stopped it from moving forward in committee.**

## **TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

**SB 3208** (Joyce) - Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Changes the definition of "implement of husbandry" to exclude any farm wagon, wagon trailer, or similar vehicle having a gross weight of more than 80,000 (rather than 36,000) pounds. This legislation has been amended three times. **This bill passed on the Senate Floor for a vote - IFCA continues to monitor this legislation as it may provide opportunity in the future to also raise the GVWR for floaters and sprayers in the IVC vehicle registration requirements.**

New Rule. The Illinois Secretary of State adopted a rule proposal that implements Public Acts 104-260 and 104-278. The rulemaking extends the duration of Seasonal Restricted Commercial Driver's Licenses from **180 days to 210** days and adds Administrative Law Judges, as defined in Section 1-15 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, to the definition of a judicial officer who may change their residential or mailing address on record with SOS to a business address in accordance with the Judicial Privacy Act.

## **WORKPLACE AND EMPLOYMENT**

**HB 3762** (Gonzalez) - Creates the Workplace Extreme Temperature Safety Act. Provides that the Director of Labor shall adopt rules to establish excessive heat and excessive cold standards. Sets forth temporary excessive heat and excessive cold standards. Provides that the Director of Labor shall establish by rule an occupational temperature-related illness and injury prevention plan. **This bill has been amended several times, and the last amendment did not advance out of Committee. We will continue to watch this.**