

SEPTEMBER 2014 ICCA BOARD UPDATE

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GOVERNOR ISSUES AMENDATORY VETO of WATERWORK FEE BILL

SB 3507 had a portion in it which amended the Municipal Code, which restricted the water usage and connection charges to 1/6 of the charges to the new users of the system. Sen. Kyle McCarter who sponsored the bill is requesting the Governor to do an amendatory veto of the bill to remove the portion which amended the Municipal Code which the Governor did in late August. The legislation now go back to the House and Senate during the Veto Session in November and December for the General Assembly to approve the changes. The language allowing a Township by ordinance to charge a connection fee to cover costs relating to the expansion of construction of their current waterworks or sewer system would remain intact.

ATTORNEY GENERAL REQUESTING BUILDING OFFICIAL FOR HOME REPAIR TASK FORCE

HB 5735 was signed into law on August 25th and creates the Home Repair and Construction Task Force to make recommendations on whether the profession should be regulated by the IL Division of Professional Regulation. Though originally not included the proponents of the bill finally agreed to amend it to include a Building Official. The Attorney General's Office contacted me yesterday requesting a name (and resume if possible) of a Building Official willing to serve on the Task Force. The report is to be wrapped up by November 2015 so it will not be a long term commitment. Here is the full text of the bill to understand it better <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=098-1030&print=true&write=>

GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL TO TIGHTEN ROOFING ACT

SB 2999 sponsored by Sen. Iris Martinez (D-Chicago), Rep. Dan Burke (D-Chicago) and Rep. Anthony DeLuca (D-Chicago Heights) was signed by the Governor on 08/01/14 and goes into effect 01/01/15. Also the Roofing Industry Licensing Act will sunset at the end of 2015 so I will be working on extending it for another 10 years if there are any suggested changes you would like me to include please let me know

SB 2999 will insure that:

1. Roofing contractors have the proper Unemployment Insurance #
2. Roofing contractors show proof of workers compensation insurance specifically for roofing in order to get a license (many were getting away with carpentry or other less expensive insurance)
3. Anyone doing roofing work is either a roofing contractor or an employee of a roofing contractor as defined by the Workers Classification Act to address the problem of "independent contractors" who are in reality employees so their employer can get out of payroll taxes, workers comp insurance, etc. .

