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Major Bills Passed by the Illinois General Assembly

This issue of *First Reading* summarizes bills as they passed both houses of the General Assembly, and reports the Governor's actions on them. A total of 640 bills passed both houses in the spring 2011 session. This issue summarizes 288 bills of general interest, classified into 13 categories.

Major bills that passed both houses seek to improve teacher evaluation, discipline, and dismissal; make significant reforms in workers' compensation; increase sanctions for violent or sex crimes, especially by medical personnel; and add protections against identity theft.

Other bills will increase fees on nuclear power plant owners to help improve monitoring of their plants; promote the building and operation of "clean energy" plants; trim some state benefit programs and offer Health Savings Accounts to state employees to save state funds; and create a commission to study and recommend ways to consolidate local governments. Legislators also voted to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War between 2011 and 2015.

Page 34 of this issue gives Public Act numbers for laws resulting from bills summarized here. Information on all bills of the 2011 session is available at the Illinois General Assembly's Website:

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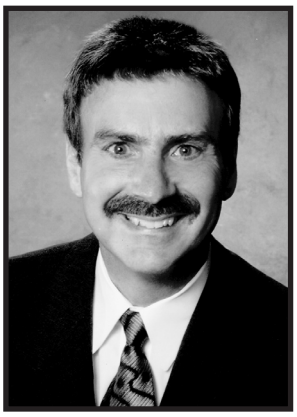

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