



# CLIENT ADVISORY

## Other Public Policy Issues

### Adopted Legislation

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#### **Latino Family Commission Act**

The Latino Family Commission Act is created and establishes a Commission to advise the Governor and General Assembly, as well as to work with other state agencies, to improve and expand existing policies, services, programs and opportunities for Latino families.

Effective September 14, 2007. *See Public Act 95-0619.*

#### **Social Security Number Protection Task Force**

This Public Act amends the Social Security Number Protection Task Force Act to bring the Task Force under the jurisdiction of the Office of the Attorney General. The amendment also revises the number of members appointed to the Task Force, and charges the Task Force to explore the technical and procedural changes necessary to implement a unique identification number system to replace the use of social security numbers by State and local government agencies for identification and record-keeping purposes. The Task Force Report is due to the Governor by December 31, 2007.

Effective August 28, 2007. *See Public Act 95-0482.*

#### **Community Self-Revitalization Act**

This Public Act creates the Community Self-Revitalization Act. The Act requires communities to create a Board of Economic Advisors in order to receive assistance under the Act. The Act sets forth the required composition and necessary actions to be taken by the Board. The Act also authorizes grants to be made to certified economically distressed communities that

create a Board of Economic Advisors pursuant to the Act.

Effective August 30, 2007. *See Public Act 95-0557.*

#### **Economic Development Grants**

This Public Act amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law to provide for policy considerations when awarding economic development grants. The Department must consider targeting areas with high unemployment or low income; and whether the applicant is located in a metropolitan area that meets location efficiency standards.

Effective August 10, 2007. *See Public Act 95-0056.*

#### **Children's Savings Accounts**

This Public Act creates the Illinois Children's Savings Accounts Act and creates a task force to review and make recommendations about children's savings account program options and to create a strategic implementation plan to create savings accounts at birth for all Illinois residents.

Effective August 23, 2007. *See Public Act 95-0358.*

#### **Wrongful Death Act**

The Wrongful Death Act has been amended to now provide for damages for grief, sorrow and mental suffering.

Effective May 31, 2007. *See Public Act 95-0003.*

## **Safe Homes Act**

The Safe Homes Act has been amended to provide that if there is a threat of violence from a person who is a lessee under a lease, a notice may be given to the landlord for a change of locks accompanied by an order of protection or no contact order. If the lease is oral, all tenants who are lessees must give written notice to the landlord of a request to change the locks, along with an order of protection or no contact order. If the landlord changes the locks, they must make a good faith effort to provide new keys to the lessee within 48 hours, or the landlord will be held liable for any damages to the tenant incurred as a result of not having access to the premises.

Effective August 23, 2007. *See Public Act 95-0378.*

## **Interpreter for the Deaf Licensure Act**

This Public Act creates the Interpreter for the Deaf Licensure Act of 2007. This Act requires that on or after January 1, 2009, sign language interpreters must be licensed under this Act, unless covered by an exemption, and sets forth the requirements for licensure.

The Act also states that an interpreter may not disclose or be compelled to disclose by subpoena the contents of the conversation that he/she facilitated with a deaf person without written consent of all persons involved who received the interpreter's services. The Act also sets forth the circumstances under which such communications may be voluntarily disclosed.

Effective September 12, 2007. *See Public Act 095-0617.*