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Miscellaneous  
Adopted Legislation  
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### **Federal Recovery Funds**

The Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended to require all State construction projects funded from the Governor's Fiscal Year 2009 supplemental budget or the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and that are appropriated to the Illinois Department of Transportation to comply with them Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act. Funds provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will be made as direct loans at or below market interest rates to any eligible local government unit and to provide additional subsidization to any eligible local government unit, including, but not limited to, forgiveness of principal, negative interest rates, and grants.

Effective April 28, 2009. *See Public Act 096-0008.*

### **Municipalities Redevelopment Projects**

This public act amends the Illinois Municipal Code. It requires any municipality with a population of 1,000,000 or more to post on its website any ordinances, staff reports, or various other documents concerning a redevelopment project, area, plan or agreement, including attachments amendments and certificates of completion.

Effective August 28, 2009. *See Public Act 96-0773.*

### **Public Interest Attorney Assistance Act**

These public acts create the Public Interest Attorney Assistance Act. This Act encourages qualified individuals to enter into and continue in employment in Illinois as attorneys for various State departments to protect the rights of the citizens. This Act also establishes a Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment

Assistance Fund which provides loan repayment assistance to practicing attorneys to encourage careers in the public sector.

Effective January 1, 2010. *See Public Act 96-0768 and Public Act 96-0615.*

### **Veterans Service Organization Reimbursement Fund**

The Department of Veterans Affairs Act is amended to require that no more than 10% of the Veterans Service Organization Reimbursement Fund shall be used for administrative purposes. This amendment also allows the Department of Veterans Affairs to transfer up to \$1,000,000 of the appropriated Veterans Service Organization Reimbursement Funds to the Illinois Veterans Assistance Fund for the purpose of providing grants to veterans service organizations.

Effective August 25, 2009. *See Public Act 96-0699.*

### **Gold Star and Fallen Heroes**

The Court of Claims Act is amended to establish a Gold Star and Fallen Heroes Families Assistance Program, which is charged with the responsibility of assessing the needs of and providing information to Illinois Gold Star and Fallen Heroes Families with regard to claims filed pursuant to the Line of Duty Compensation Act.

Effective January 1, 2010. *See Public Act 096-0539.*