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New year to bring new taxes, laws for Illinois residents

As people look forward to the new year, one thing Illinoisans will not look forward to is increased taxes.

Starting January 1, the rest of the 20 tax and fee increases approved by Gov. J.B. Pritzker and the General Assembly in the spring will go into effect. Many, like doubling the gas tax and a \$1 per-pack hike in the cigarette tax, have already been implemented.

The nine remaining tax everything from recreational cannabis to vehicle trade-ins and include:

Taxes earmarked for operating funds include:

- Licensing for legalized recreational cannabis, estimated to bring in \$170 million.
- A new tax on legalized recreational cannabis, expected to net \$57 million the first year and \$500 million in long-run revenue.
- Expanding online sales taxes, estimated to raise \$80 million the first year.
- An increase in sales tax for remote retailers, with an expected infusion of \$104 million the first year.

Three taxes are expected to fund transportation infrastructure:

- A \$50 increase in the vehicle registration fee, which lawmakers estimate will generate \$441 million.
- A \$235.50 increase in the electric vehicle registration fee, with an estimated \$4 million in new taxes.
- A \$100 increase in the trucking registration fee,

expected to generate \$49 million.

The final two taxes are earmarked for vertical infrastructure and include:

- A parking garage tax, estimated to generate \$60 million
- A trade-in vehicle tax, also expected to generate \$60 million.

Three other taxes are on standby until new gambling operations begin.

While legalized recreational marijuana received the most publicity for new laws, local Rep. Tom Bennett listed others:

Beginning January 1, fines will double for those who pass stopped school buses on Illinois roadways. This legislation came about in response to a tragic crash in Indiana in which three students were killed by a driver who did not stop while the students were crossing the road to board a school bus. Under the new law, a first offender of the law requiring stops for school buses will be subject to a mandatory \$300 fine, up from \$150. Subsequent violations will get the offender a minimum fine of \$1000.

State law is also being changed to bring more attention to the importance of keeping first responders safe on the roadsides. In the past we have toughened pen-

See LAWS on other side

Community Awards Ceremony
Saturday, Jan. 4 4 p.m.
Lorraine Theatre
 Awards to be presented by
 Hoopeston Jaycees, Chamber of Commerce,
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Laws continued from other side

alties for failure to move over or slow down for a stopped emergency vehicle (better known as Scott’s Law), but it is even better to avoid the incident altogether. So this year, the state is working to improve the public’s knowledge of the requirement. Two different new laws are intended to better educate drivers about the requirements under the law, including a law requiring that a question about Scott’s Law be added to the driver license exam. Driver’s education classes will also teach the “zipper merge” method on multi-lane highways when approaching a lane closure or work zone.

Illinois will also have a new law on January 1 which closes a loophole in existing law meant to protect children from exploitation online. A bill passed this spring updates the definition of “computer” in state law to include any cloud-based networks or remote services hosted on the internet. In so doing, the new law will give law enforcement enhanced ability to charge offenders accused of such crimes as fraud, child pornography or online solicitation of a minor using these services.

For the upcoming 2020-21 academic year, four state universities, Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western

Illinois, will create a four-year uniform admission system pilot program. Under this new program, any Illinois student who graduates in the top 10% of their class or has a grade point average in the top 10% of their class during either of the last two years of high school will be automatically admitted to any of these schools, should they apply.

Last year legislators heard the troubling story of a young girl from northwestern Illinois who contracted Lyme disease and was unable to obtain a full course of treatment in Illinois because her insurance company refused to cover the full round of antibiotics. Lyme disease treatment has certain recommended timelines which are sometimes insufficient to completely treat the disease, and in this case an insurance company refused to cover the extra antibiotics which the child needed. Effective January 1, state law will require insurers to continue to cover necessary antibiotics beyond the normal four-week course of treatment for

From the Blotter

Kyle Frazier, 18, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 2:21 p.m. Sunday for a battery in the 700 block of East Main. He was charged with the crime on a complaint from a 22-year-old Delphi, Ind., woman and released on a notice to appear.

Court Dispositions

December 5

Darrell Estes, Milford, pleaded not guilty to disobeying police; trial January 2, 2020.

Darrell Estes, Milford, pleaded not guilty to criminal damage to property; trial January 2, 2020.

Iris Gray, status check January 2, 2020.

Mark Glenn, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to breach of peace, fined \$180; status check January 2, 2020.

John Seiters, Hoopeston, case sent to state for further enforcement.

Richard Smith, Hoopeston, status check January 2, 2020.

Daryl Fink, Hoopeston, found guilty at trial for general nuisance, fine \$200 plus abatement order; status check January 2, 2020.

Jeffrey Uppinghouse, Hoopeston, found guilty at trial of disorderly conduct, fined \$180; status check January 2, 2020.

Jeremy R. Schwartz, Hoopeston, status check in three cases January 2, 2020.

a person with a tick-borne illness.

Another new law taking effect January 1 directs the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to create a training program for building trades. The program will award grants to community-based organizations for the purpose of establishing training programs for people between age 18 and 35 who are interested in going into the building trades.

Two different laws will take effect January 1 to protect victims from harassment. The first allows judges to issue no-contact orders to jail inmates who are awaiting trial. This new law came about because of cases where a person not yet convicted of a crime abused their telephone privileges in jail to continue to harass their accuser.

The second new law allows owners of home-based businesses who have been victims of stalking or who have petitioned for an order of protection to list the address of the local county clerk instead of their home address on their paperwork. Legislators passed this bill after hearing the story of a business owner whose stalker used the law requiring home-based businesses to have their address published as a way to find and further victimize her.

Obituaries

GRISWOLD - Frances (Johnson) Griswold, 84, of Ocala, Fla., formerly of Hoopeston, died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019, at her daughter, Susan Bailey’s home in Ocala. A service was held at the Florida National Cemetery (VA) in Bushnell, Fla., with an open house following. She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Richard Griswold, who died February 15, 2014. Memorials are suggested to donor’s choice.

KELNHOFER - Homer E. Kelnhofer, 88, of Champaign, formerly of Milford, died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019. Private memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested American Alzheimer’s Association. Sunset Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Danville, is handling arrangements.

Weather

Breezy, chance of snow, then mostly cloudy today. High 33. Tonight, gradual clearing. Low 24. Tomorrow, sunny. High 41, low 33. Thursday, partly sunny, then chance of rain. High 48, low 41.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit the Just the Facts Weather Station [here](#).

Classifieds

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Aquality Solutions is looking for full-time delivery drivers skilled in efficiency, organization, and flexibility. Delivery Drivers will deliver bottled water and bagged salt to commercial and residential customers and must have knowledge or be willing to learn maintenance operations when not driving. Apply in person at 102 N 1st Street in Hoopeston or call us at 855-692-7824.

Silgan Containers is hiring press line mechanics. For more information or to apply, please go online to [silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/10377/0](#)

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