

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by adding Section
5 5-1186 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/5-1186 new)

7 Sec. 5-1186. COVID-19 business relief; waiver of business
8 fees, costs, and licensing. Notwithstanding any other
9 provision of law, a county board or board of county
10 commissioners may, by resolution, waive or provide credit for
11 any application or permit costs, fees or other licensing or
12 registration costs for businesses, including, but not limited
13 to, professional or business licensing, liquor licenses,
14 construction, insurance, sales, builders, contractors, food
15 service, delivery, repair, consultation, legal services,
16 accounting, transportation, manufacturing, technology,
17 assembly, tourism, entertainment, or any business, industry,
18 or service the county is permitted by law to regulate or
19 license.

20 A waiver of business fees or costs shall be subject to an
21 application or review process and a demonstration of need
22 based upon any financial or logistical hardship as a result of
23 the COVID-19 pandemic.

1 Any such waiver or credit shall not be construed to apply
2 to any of the business and licensing costs of the State or any
3 of its agencies or departments and is not an exemption from
4 safety, health, or regulatory requirements or inspections of a
5 county, municipality, or the State.

6 Section 10. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
7 adding Section 11-42-17 as follows:

8 (65 ILCS 5/11-42-17 new)

9 Sec. 11-42-17. COVID-19 business relief; waiver of
10 business fees, costs, and licensing. Notwithstanding any other
11 provision of law, the corporate authorities of a municipality
12 may, by resolution, waive or provide credit for any
13 application or permit costs, fees or other licensing or
14 registration costs for businesses, including, but not limited
15 to, professional or business licensing, liquor licenses,
16 construction, insurance, sales, builders, contractors, food
17 service, delivery, repair, consultation, legal services,
18 accounting, transportation, manufacturing, technology,
19 assembly, tourism, entertainment, or any business, industry,
20 or service the municipality is permitted by law to regulate or
21 license.

22 A waiver of business fees or costs shall be subject to an
23 application or review process and a demonstration of need
24 based upon any financial or logistical hardship as a result of

1 the COVID 19 pandemic.

2 Any such waiver or credit shall not be construed to apply
3 to any of the business and licensing costs of the state or any
4 of its agencies or departments and is not an exemption from
5 safety, health, or regulatory requirements or inspections of a
6 county, municipality, or the State.

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
8 becoming law.