

AFC 2017 State Session Legislative Agenda

HB 2800

Bill Sponsors: [Rep. Mary Flowers](#) (D-Chicago), [Rep. Jaime Andrade](#) (D-Chicago), [Rep. Robyn Gabel](#) (D-Evanston), [Rep. Cynthia Soto](#) (D-Chicago), [Rep. Sara Feigenholtz](#) (D-Chicago)

Partner Organizations: [ACLU of Illinois](#), [EverThrive IL](#), [Pediatric AIDS Chicago Prevention Initiative \(PACPI\)](#), [IL Department of Public Health](#)

Synopsis: Amends the Perinatal HIV Prevention Act. The CDC recommends a repeat test for women in the third trimester of pregnancy if women are determined to be at high risk for HIV, or live in an area of high prevalence for HIV. Illinois is on the CDC's list of high-prevalence areas, because our statewide prevalence of HIV is 1% or greater. This legislation will add a third trimester HIV test for pregnant women in addition to the current first trimester test. AFC will fight to make sure pregnant women receive the most comprehensive HIV testing to ensure that no child is born in Illinois who is HIV-positive.

HB 1785

Bill Sponsors: [Rep. Greg Harris](#) (D-Chicago), [Rep. Kelly Cassidy](#) (D-Chicago), [Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie](#) (D-Chicago), [Rep. Will Guzzardi](#) (D-Chicago), [Rep. Emanuel Chris Welch](#) (D-Westchester)

Partner Organizations: [ACLU of Illinois](#), [Equality Illinois](#)

Bill Synopsis: Amends the Vital Records Act. This bill is a modernization of Illinois' law that allows transgender individuals to change their gender designation on their birth certificate to reflect their lived gender identity without necessarily undergoing surgery. Many transgender individuals must undergo costly surgery before being allowed to change their birth designation.

HB 40

Bill Sponsors: [Rep. Sara Feigenholtz](#) (D-Chicago)

Partner Organizations: [Planned Parenthood of Illinois](#), [ACLU of Illinois](#), [EverThrive IL](#), [American Association of University Women](#), [Chicago Foundation for Women](#), [Equality Illinois](#), [Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health](#), [Illinois NOW](#), [McHenry County Citizens for Choice](#), [Mujeres Latinas en Accion](#), [National Council of Jewish Women](#), [Illinois State Policy Advocacy Network](#), [Personal PAC](#)

Bill Synopsis: This bill strikes a dangerous "trigger" provision in the Illinois abortion law and affirms that Illinois will not go back to the pre-Roe v Wade days of illegal abortion. By removing the anti-choice "trigger" language from the 1975 Act, HB 40 ensures that women's health care will be protected in Illinois, regardless of what happens to the Supreme Court in a Trump administration. HB 40 also would allow Illinois to use state funds to provide women with health assistance funds that cover the full range of pregnancy-related care, including a woman's decision to end a pregnancy.

HB 2694

Bill Sponsors: [Rep. Greg Harris](#) (D-Chicago), [Rep. Patti Bellock](#) (R-Westmont), [Rep. David Harris](#) (R-Mount Prospect), [Rep. Robyn Gabel](#) (D-Evanston)

Partner Organizations: [American Cancer Society](#), [Epilepsy Foundation Chicago](#)

Bill Synopsis: Amends the Managed Care Reform and Patient Rights Act. Bans non-medical switching of prescriptions. States that the health care plan shall not modify an enrollee's coverage of a drug during the plan year if the drug has been previously approved for coverage by the plan for a medical condition, the plan's prescribing provider continues to prescribe the drug for the medical condition, and the patient continues to be an enrollee of the health care plan. This bill would help protect people living with HIV maintain the drug regimen that works best for them as coordinated with their health care providers.

HB 311

Bill Sponsors: [Rep. Greg Harris](#) (D-Chicago), [Rep. Chad Hays](#) (R-Danville), [Rep. Anne Williams](#) (D-Chicago), [Rep. Jeanne Ives](#) (R-Wheaton), [Rep. Tom Demmer](#) (R-Rochelle)

Partner Organizations: [Illinois State Medical Society](#), [Mental Health Summit](#), [National Alliance on Mental Illness](#), [AARP Illinois](#)

Bill Synopsis: Creates the Network Adequacy and Transparency Act. Provides that administrators and insurers, prior to going to market, must file with the Department of Insurance for review and approval a description of the services to be offered through a network plan, with certain criteria included in the description. This legislation would help to ensure that health insurance providers maintain an adequate network of providers and have that information easily accessible to their members which will make it easier for people living with HIV to understand where they can seek care.

HR 60

Bill Sponsors: [Rep. Thaddeus Jones](#) (D-South Holland)

Bill Synopsis: Designates February 7, 2017 as National African-American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in the State of Illinois as part of a nation-wide effort to mobilize African-American communities to get education, tested, and treated for HIV/AIDS as it continues to devastate African-American communities.

Come to Advocacy Days in Springfield! In 2016, over 4,800 people engaged in direct advocacy from across the state with AFC's support. We'll be doing it again in 2017 on Tuesday, April 4 and Wednesday, May 17. Visit www.aidschicago.org/advocacydays to register.