


Advocacy: We Need All Hands on Deck!


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Conflict of Interest


- Neither I nor my spouse have actual or potential conflicts of interest in relation to this activity.



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Learning Objectives


1. Demonstrate how to find your Illinois representative and senator.
2. Practice looking up proposed legislation in Illinois.
3. Review the process of how a bill becomes a law in Illinois
4. State ways pharmacists, technicians, and students can get involved in advocacy



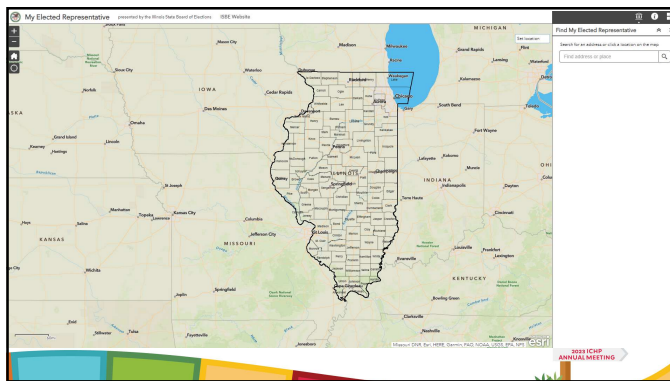
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Illinois Senator and Representative

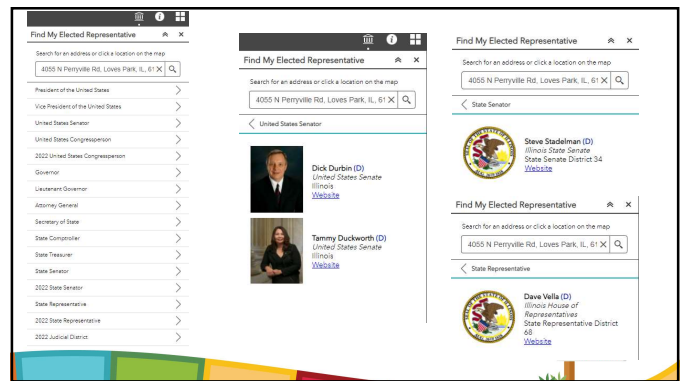
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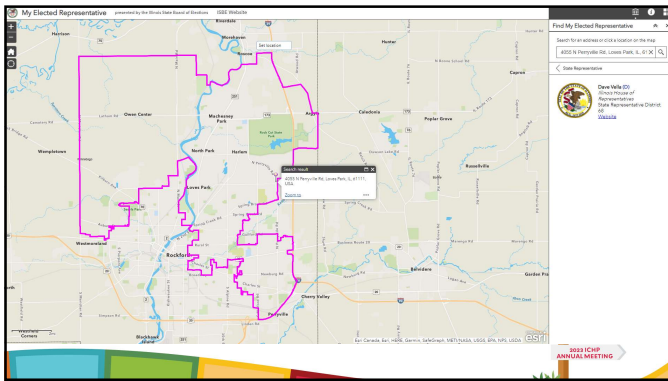


The screenshot shows the search results for the address 4055 N Perryville Rd, Loves Park, IL, 61. The results are categorized by office type:

- United States Senator:** Steve Stadelman (D), Illinois State Senator, State Senate District 34. Website: [Website](#)
- State Representative:** Dave Vella (D), Illinois House of Representatives, State Representative District 68. Website: [Website](#)

Other offices listed include President of the United States, Vice President of the United States, United States Congressman, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Comptroller, State Treasurer, State Senator, 2022 State Senator, State Representative, and 2022 Judicial Officer.

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(225 ILCS 85/)
 Illinois Pharmacy Practice Act

- Set to be repealed January 1, 2028
- <https://www.ilga.gov/LEGISLATION/ILCS/ilcs3.asp?ActID=1318&ChapterID=24>

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Joint Committee on Administrative Rules

- **PART 1330 PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT**
 - Rules were recently updated
- Illinois Register: June 16, 2023
 - https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/index/register/volume47/register_volume47_24.pdf

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ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

TITLE 68: PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS
 CHAPTER VII: DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
 SUBCHAPTER 8: PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS
 PART 1330 PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT

The General Assembly's Illinois Administrative Code database includes only those rulesmaking that have been promulgated. This report will point out the sections on which an emergency rule is used for a maximum of 150 days, usually used to replace a permanent rulesmaking until the emergency rulesmaking is filed through the routine rule filing process leading to the notice.

SUBPART A: GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Section 1330.10 Definitions
- Section 1330.20 Fees
- Section 1330.25 Law Enforcement and Uniform Conduct
- Section 1330.30 Licenses
- Section 1330.35 Unannounced Inspections
- Section 1330.40 Licensed Pharmacists
- Section 1330.50 Applicant's Duties
- Section 1330.60 Renewal
- Section 1330.65 Administration of Pharmaceutical License
- Section 1330.70 Continuing Education (CPE)
- Section 1330.75 Confidentiality

SUBPART B: PHARMACY TECHNICIANS

- Section 1330.200 Application for Certificate of Registration as a Pharmacy Technician
- Section 1330.210 Pharmacy Technician Training
- Section 1330.220 Application for Certificate of Registration as a Certified Pharmacy Technician
- Section 1330.230 Continuing Education (CPE) for Certified Pharmacy Technicians

SUBPART C: PHARMACIST

- Section 1330.200 Approval of Pharmacy Programs
- Section 1330.210 Conductivity of Pharmacy Clinical in United States
- Section 1330.220 Application for Examination
- Section 1330.230 Examination for Licensure
- Section 1330.240 Application for Licensure on the Basis of Examination
- Section 1330.250 Licensure
- Section 1330.260 Pharmacy Residents

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Pharmacy Practice Act Rules update

- Student Pharmacist
- Vaccination Changes
- Technician CPE Requirements
- Residents and the 12-Hour Rule
- Telepharmacy Updates
- Transfer of Prescriptions
- Automated Refill Programs

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How to look up proposed legislation

- Current Session (103rd General Assembly)
 - <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/>
- Previous Sessions
 - <http://www.ilga.gov/previousga.asp>

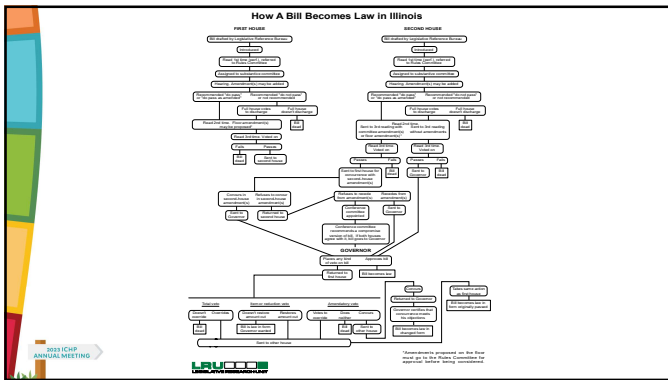
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What issue did SB 1255 attempt to address?

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103rd General Assembly

- Senate: **41 Democrats** | **19 Republicans** (-1 Dem / +1 Rep)
- House: **78 Democrats** | **40 Republicans** (+5 Dem / -5 Rep)
- Democrats had Super Majority in both chambers
- Bills filed,
 - Senate 2,588 → **6,717**
 - House 4,129
- Usually monitoring over 300 bills/resolutions
- January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

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General Assembly Committees

House	Senate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriations – Health & Human Services • Health Care Availability & Access • Health Care Licenses • Human Services • Insurance • Labor and Commerce • Prescription Drug Affordability • Public Health • Revenue & Finance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriations – Health and Human • Health and Human Services • Insurance • Licensed Activities • Public Health • Revenue

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If the General Assembly makes the laws, who makes the rules?

The Board of Pharmacy is made up of 8 pharmacists, 1 pharmacy technician, and 2 public members. They're nice people but they don't have much power!

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation makes the Rules for the Pharmacy Practice Act.

The Board may provide comments but they really don't do much of the work.

The Department staff does ask for input throughout the process from all interested parties.

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The formal rules process comes next!

All Rules must be published in the Illinois Register in draft format and provide a 45-day public comment period.

The Department reviews all the comments and incorporates changes as it believes is appropriate.

Final Rules are sent to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR).

- 6 Senators (3 Dems & 3 Reps)
- 6 Representatives (3 Dems & 3 Reps)

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Illinois Departments that impact pharmacy

Department of Financial and Professional Regulation - DFPR	Department of Healthcare and Family Services - HFS	Department of Human Services - DHS
Department of Insurance - Insurance	Department of Public Health - DPH	Dept of Central Management Services - CMS

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Pharmacy related statutes & administrative code

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      A[Illinois Pharmacy Practice Act & Rules] --> B[Illinois & Federal Controlled Substance Act & Rules]
      B --> C[Illinois Hypodermic Needle and Syringes Act]
      C --> D[Illinois & Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act & Rules]
      D --> E[Wholesale Drug Distribution Licensing Act and Rules]
      E --> F[Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act]
      F --> G[Illinois Poison Prevention Packaging Act]
      G --> H[Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970]
      H --> I[Cannabis Control Act]
      I --> J[Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act]
    
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Assessment Question 1

If the Governor of Illinois vetoes a bill, it is dead and no further action may be taken on the bill.

A. True
B. False

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Three-pronged approach to advocacy

- The Individual
- The Organization
- The Lobbyist

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Why should you get involved with our political process?

- Pharmacy graduates are highly educated.
- Just over 9% of the U.S. population have a masters degree or higher.
- Who is going to do it, if you don't?
 - Your employer
 - Other health care organizations
 - Pharmaceutical Manufacturers

Pharmacy's Report Card				
Subject	1	2	3	4
Math	A			
Biology	A			
Chemistry	A			
English	A			
Government	F			
PE	C			



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Why pharmacy hasn't done a good job so far or besides us, who works against us at times?


- Illinois State Medical Society
- Illinois Nurses Association
- Illinois Trial Lawyers Association
- Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association
- Insurance Companies
- Pharmacy Benefit Managers
- Illinois Council of Health-System Pharmacists
- Illinois Retail Merchants Association
- Illinois Pharmacists Association



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Ways to engage in advocacy

- Attend Legislative Day
- Attend a local event held by a legislator
- Support a pro-pharmacy candidate
- Work for a campaign
- Host a site visit for a legislator
- Write a legislator
- Join ICHP
- Become a member of Government Affairs



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Attend Legislative Day






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It's easier than you think!




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You never know who you will meet!

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Attend a local event held by a legislator



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Invite your legislator for a site visit



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How hard is it to meet with your legislators and will they listen?

- When you meet them:
 - Dress appropriately.
 - Be polite.
 - Tell them your address.
 - Tell them a little about you.
 - Talk about your issue.
 - Stay at a high level (minimal details) until **THEY** dig deeper.
 - Have a simple fact sheet ready to hand them.
 - Stories can be valuable tools in getting your message across.
 - Provide your business card or something with your contact information.
 - Thank them for their time!

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ICHP Activities

- Pharmacy technician education and training requirements
- PBM reform
- White-bagging and Brown-bagging
- Provider status and reimbursement

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ICHP Government Affairs Division

- The Division of Government Affairs
 - Reviews and interprets proposed legislation and regulation and its impact on public health, pharmacy and related practice.
 - Works cooperatively with allied organizations and government agencies on all health-care related public policy.
- If you are interested in monitoring legislation and making a difference in government, join Government Affairs.

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Why do we need one?

Lobbyist
(Government Affairs, Consultant, Advocate, Advisor)

- A lobbyist provides assistance and guidance on all legislative and advocacy-related matters.
- They utilize their experience and expertise learned through years of work. Most lobbyists are former staff or legislators. They understand legislative process from the perspective of rank-and-file staff, leadership advisors and policy experts with backgrounds in political work, substantive bill analysis, budgetary negotiations, press and media relations and general lobbying.

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What does a lobbyist do?

Relationship Outreach – Genuine relationships are the cornerstone to all legislative and administrative victories in the Capitol. It is imperative to continue to maintain and build upon the relationships of current lawmakers as well as create relationships with new legislators, staff and administration. With constant turnover and, in today's uncertain environment, it's important to re-introduce our mission and goals with new legislators.

Outreach on bills and rules introduced – schedule legislative meetings including staff introductions to new legislators – schedule meet and greets

Invite legislators to participate in annual meetings, legislative meetings, PAC events or other related events.

Continue to build on relationships with Constitutional Officers and staff, Agency Directors and staff

Engagement with colleague stakeholder groups

Monitor State Legislation – Monitors the Illinois General Assembly for all legislation related to Illinois' budget, special programs and regulatory issues. Includes all legislation introduced in the Illinois General Assembly including legislative proposals, amendments, conference committee reports, resolutions and proposed constitutional amendments.

Provides weekly tracking reports and oral communication as issues can quickly develop during the legislative session.

Other Key Items

- Development of comprehensive legislative strategies & agenda
- Drafting and initiation of legislation
- Participating in committee hearings by assisting in witness preparation, drafting of testimony and/or appearing as witnesses
- Counsel on any state-level political or legislative matters would be provided as requested
- Counsel on political contributions would be provided as requested

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ICHP: Legislator of the Year Awards

Established in 2023, the Legislator of the Year award honors Illinois lawmakers for their efforts in support of advancing pharmacy practice and public health in Illinois.

- **Legislator of the Year, Senate and House of Representatives**
 - Member of the Illinois Legislature
 - Promoted advances in pharmacy practice in or through government service
 - Contributed greatly to the advancement of public health through elected and career government service
 - Is an outstanding leader in his/her field

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Assessment Question 2

Which approach to advocacy is thought to be the most effective?

- The lobbyist will do all the work
- The organization will take care of it
- Legislators will make decisions that are in my best interest
- Individuals, organizations, and lobbyists working together

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Questions?

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