



Inauguration into the 104th General Assembly

With the start of this new year, we also ring in the next General Assembly. I am honored to once again have the opportunity to represent the voices of the 25th District in Springfield. I am committed to continuing to work toward making Illinois a better place for all.

Legislative Updates

Prior to the start of the 104th General Assembly, this past week we took some time to wrap up the 103rd General Assembly during our *Lame Duck Session*. I am pleased to announce that my measure HB 4410 passed both chambers and is headed to the governor's desk to be signed into law.

HB 4410 requires law enforcement agencies to establish policies that prohibit officers from engaging in sexual misconduct with suspects in custody while undergoing an investigation. It would also remove felony prostitution charges from an individual's record as prostitution is no longer charged as a felony in Illinois. The measure will protect survivors of sex trafficking and those engaged in the sex trade industry from exploitation while interacting with law enforcement and the justice system.



Inauguration

On Wednesday, I was sworn into the 104th General Assembly, marking the start of my third term in the Senate. As a lifelong resident of the 25th District, I am overjoyed by the support of my community and honored with the opportunity to continue doing this important work. In my third term, I will continue working to ensure that every child in Illinois has access to quality education, that housing is attainable for families and that people receive the mental health treatment they



need. I will continue to be a voice for the Latino and immigrant community in Springfield and work to ensure that Illinois remains a safe place for all our residents.

New Laws in 2025

- HB 4768 Landlord Retaliation Act - Establishes protections for tenants against retaliation from a landlord to ensure tenants can advocate for a safe living environment
- SB 3779 Social Worker Opioid Antagonist Administration - Allows licensed social workers and licensed clinical social workers to carry and administer opioid antagonists such as Narcan to combat opioid deaths
- HB 255 Youth and Young Adult Education and Conservation Pilot Program - Establishes a pilot program to provide educational and employment opportunities for youth and young adults in conservation
- SB 3208 Employee Pay Stubs - Requires employers to provide employees with pay stubs that outline important wage and tax information
- SB 3279 Finalizes the Closure of Kerr-McGee in West Chicago - Allows municipalities to develop policies to protect groundwater to protect public safety which finalizes the closure of the rare earths facility, Kerr-McGee in West Chicago

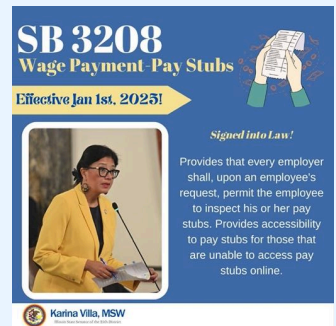


HB 4768 LANDLORD RETALIATION
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HB 4768 creates the Landlord Retaliation Act which establishes additional protections and remedies for tenants when they seek assistance from their Landlords.

HB 4768 prohibits specific retaliatory behavior to ensure all tenants are never in fear of seeking assistance or are staying in an unsafe home environment

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Illinois Representative of the 20th District



SB 3208 Wage Payment Pay Stubs
Effective Jan 1st, 2025!

Signed Into Law!

Provides that every employer shall, upon an employee's request, permit the employee to inspect his or her pay stubs. Provides accessibility to pay stubs for those that are unable to access pay stubs online.

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Hanover Township Property Tax Event

Join us at Hanover Township Senior Center, located at 240 Illinois Rte. 59 in Bartlett, on Wednesday, Jan. 15 to learn more about the Property Tax Appeal Process and file an appeal directly with the Board of Review. The event is in partnership with Commissioner George Cardenas, Hanover Assessor Khaja Moinuddin and more. For more information about the tax appeal process, call 312-603-5542 or visit cookcountyboardofreview.com. Hope to see you there!



APPEAL YOUR PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT

Hon. George Cardenas
Commissioner of Finance

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

Khaja Moinuddin Assessor
Brian P. McGuire Supervisor
Karina Villa Hanover Township 20th District
Karen Shannon Senator
Tina D'Amico Commissioner 11th District

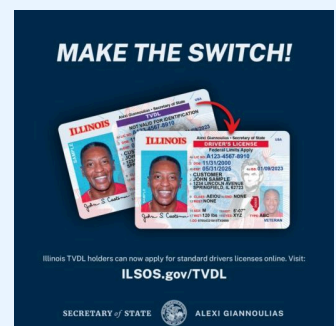
Learn about the property tax appeal process and file an appeal directly with the Board of Review. Please bring your most recent property tax bill or Property Identification Number (PIN).

Wednesday January 15 6PM - 8PM
Senior Center 240 Illinois Rte. 59 Bartlett, IL 60015

CookCountyBoardOfReview.com
312.603.5542

Issue Your Driver's License Today!

Immigrants who are Temporary Visitor Driver's License (TVDL) holders or who have been an Illinois resident for longer than a year are eligible for a standard driver's license. If you currently have an unexpired TVDL that is within 60 days of expiration, you can apply online to replace your TVDL with a standard license. Visit [TVDL Replacement Card Application \(ilsos.gov\)](http://TVDL.ReplacementCardApplication(ilsos.gov)) to apply. First-time applicants must visit a DMV and meet the criteria to issue a license. Review the first time issuance checklist [here](#). If you have any questions, reach out to our office at 630-326-9319 or 331-465-9690.



MAKE THE SWITCH!

Illinois TVDL holders can now apply for standard drivers licenses online. Visit: ILSOS.gov/TVDL

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State and Local Resources

Warming Centers

With temperatures dropping below freezing, learn about warming centers available in your area in case of an emergency. Visit the links below to find the warming center closest to you.

- [DuPage County Warming Centers](#)
- [Kane County Warming Centers](#)
- [Cook County Warming Centers](#)

Rental Assistance Program Open

The Illinois Court-Based Rental Assistance Program provides financial assistance to tenants and landlords who have pending cases in eviction court. Applicants may qualify for up to \$15,000 in emergency rental payments that can be applied to past due rent, up to \$500 for court costs, and up to two months' future rent to prevent eviction. Learn more and see if you qualify [here](#).



LIHEAP Applications Now Open

Illinois' winter weather rule is in effect until March 31, which protects residents from gas and electric utility disconnections on days at or below freezing temperatures. Those who need assistance with paying their utility bills are encouraged to apply for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Learn more and [apply online](#) or call 1-833-711-0374 for assistance in 30 languages. Ameren, Nicor, North Shore and Peoples Gas natural gas customers who qualify for LIHEAP are eligible for a monthly discount on their gas bills through the state's new [low-income discount rates](#).



Our office runs four advisory committees: Environmental and Agriculture, Mental Health, Seniors, and Education. These committees are a limited public forum led by volunteer chairs and seek to create compassionate conversation among the voices of the 25th in order to provide effective representation. To join these committees you

can email the following for more information and meeting information:

- Environment / 1st Wednesday at 7pm / environment.25th@gmail.com
- Mental Health / 3rd Tuesday at 6pm / mentalhealth.25th@gmail.com
 - Seniors / 2nd Thursday at 10am / seniors.25th@gmail.com
 - Education / 2nd Thursday at 7pm / education.25th@gmail.com

My staff and I look forward to hearing from you. I encourage you to reach out to us at 630-326-9319 (English), 630-326-9419 (Spanish) or (331)465-9690 constituentservices@senatorvilla.com.

Stay in Touch! Follow us on Social Media: [Facebook: @StateSenatorKVilla](#), [Instagram: @SenatorKarinaVilla](#), [LinkedIn: Karina Villa](#), [TikTok: @StateSenatorKarinaVilla](#)

Be well!

Karina Villa, MSW
State Senator, 25th District