### June 2020 IPPFA Newsletter



## CONTINUED PUBLIC MEETING COMPLIANCE

# Continued Public Meeting Compliance During Coronavirus Pandemic

"On May 29, Governor Pritzker entered Executive Order 2020-39 continuing the suspension of certain portions of the Open Meetings Act through June 27, 2020, or until Senate Bill 2135 is enacted, whichever occurs first. Senate Bill 2135 was passed on May 23, 2020, but has yet to be signed into law.

As to Executive Order 2020-39, the procedure is unchanged from that laid out in the prior executive order. As pertains to meetings of public bodies, gatherings of 10 or more people continue to be prohibited. The Order also suspends portions of the Open Meetings Act ("OMA") to make it easier for public bodies to meet remotely. The source of this authority as applied to non-State agencies is unclear."

This is an excerpt from an announcement made by Reimer & Dobrovolny PC.

To view it in full, please click **here**.

# COVID-19, FIRST-RESPONDERS, AND REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTIONS

#### By IPPFA Deputy Counsel Jeff Goodloe

"On April 15, 2020 the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission ('the Commission') published emergency rules amending the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act in response to COVID-19. The emergency rules provided that if a First Responder or Front-Line Worker alleged an injury, occupational disease, or period of incapacity resulting from exposure to COVID-19 during the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, '...the exposure will be rebuttably presumed to have arisen out of and in the course of the petitioner's COVID-19 First Responder or Front-Line Worker employment and, further, will be rebuttably

presumed to be causally connected to the hazards or exposures of the petitioner's COVID-19 First Responder or Front-Line Worker employment.'"

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#### **NEWS AND LINKS**

ICYMI: U.S. Department of Labor Acts to Help American Workers and Employers During the Coronavirus Pandemic

How to Manage DB Plans Through the Crisis

How COVID-19 Spreads in Nursing Homes

After the Great Lockdown: New Business Realities and the Implications for Investors

Key Takeaways from Illinois' Business Toolkit for Phase 3 Reopening

Restore Illinois: Phase 3 Guidelines for Reopening Business and Returning People to Work Safely

Big Wins for Lightfoot and Pritzker in the Just-Wrapped Springfield Session

Coronavirus Boosting Illinois Public Pension Liabilities, Moody's Says

Illinois/Chicago Update (Source: Kasper & Nottage, P.C.)

Find Disability Assistance Online

America's Next Crisis is Already Here

Lost Wealth Today vs the Great Recession

PSHR - Weekly e-News: May 21, 2020

**Financial Stability Report** 

News from the Pension Research Council

State's 5 GOP House Members Take Aim at Threat by Pritzker

For Firefighters Battling Wildfires, Coronavirus Adds New Risks to Already Dangerous Job

States Face Massive Revenue Declines

New VA Home Loan Resources, Free Virtual Service Remembrance Plaque, Increased Urgent Care Access

State of Illinois 101st General Assembly Joint Proclamation

Public Pensions Swoon in Worst Quarter Since Financial Crisis

State and Local Government Financial Wellness Grants Program

How COVID-19 Could Hit Chicago's Budget

\$1 Trillion for State and Local Budgets to Curb COVID Recession

Virus Downturn Will Further Strain Troubled Public Pension Funds

Policies, Performance and Prognosis Beyond Pandemic Pandemonium and Panics

PSHR - Weekly e-News: May 13, 2020

Blue Police Memorial Instant Ticket | Illinois Lottery

Northwestern University Stops Matching Contributions

Trump Administration is 'looking at' CalPERS' China holdings, official says. Here's why.

**COVID-19 Response Framework** 

2020 Update: Market Decline Worsens the Outlook for Public Plans

<u>Legislative Information System - 101st General Assembly: HB 859 (PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS-TECH)</u>

<u>Legislative Information System - 101st General Assembly: HB 199 (PEN CD-PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS)</u>

Nearly 1 Million Job Losses Reported in State and Local Government Sector

Coronavirus Resources for Unemployment and Small Businesses

**ODEP News Brief** 

Surprise Hospital Billing Outrage is Pushing Patients Into Court

<u>Trends in Public-Sector Employee Tenure</u>

Next Phase of SEC Scrutiny: Sales of 403(b)s to Teachers

California Supreme Court Hears Suit on Public Pension Law Aimed at Saving Billions

Free Mission BBQ For Veterans, Surf Lessons, Online Military Concerts

CGFA - Monthly Briefing for the Month Ended: April 2020

Fitch Takes Various Rating Actions on U.S. Enhanced Municipal Bonds and TOBs

PSHR - Weekly e-News: May 6, 2020

Monetary and Fiscal Policies in Times of Large Debt: Unity is Strength (Revised: May 2020)

Economic Shocks Lead to Property Tax Turmoil

Unexpected Retirement Costs Can be Big

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