



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB1629

Introduced 1/28/2025, by Rep. Amy Briel

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Municipal Assistance and Permit Review Reform Act. Provides that, by January 1, 2027, each State agency that requires authorization or environmental review of municipal construction or public works projects shall develop a web portal to be posted on the agency's website for the purpose of enhancing review and promoting timely issuance of permits required. Specifies the information an agency must make available on its web portal. Provides that, if an applicant submits a completed permit application to an agency for a covered project in accordance with all applicable State and federal law and there is no final action by the agency, then (1) the application is automatically approved after 180 days if notice and opportunity for public hearing are not required by State or federal law; and (2) the application is automatically approved after 270 days if notice and opportunity for public hearing are required by State or federal law. Defines terms including "covered project". Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning government.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Municipal Assistance and Permit Review Reform Act.

6 Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to improve
7 the State's permit review and approval process by making it
8 easier for municipalities to deal with State permitting
9 requirements. This goal shall be achieved by providing prompt,
10 accurate information about existing requirements, increasing
11 the transparency and accessibility of permitting processes,
12 and establishing a timeline regarding the determination of
13 permits for covered projects.

14 Section 3. Definitions. As used in this Act:

15 "Covered project" means any project in Illinois that
16 involves the construction of infrastructure or public works by
17 a municipality of Illinois and requires authorization or
18 environmental review by a State agency.

19 "Electronic" has the meaning given to that term in Section
20 3-100 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

21 "Signature" has the meaning given to that term in Section
22 3-100 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

1 Section 5. State agency requirements.

2 (a) By January 1, 2027, each State agency that requires
3 authorization or environmental review of municipal
4 construction or public works projects shall develop a web
5 portal to be posted on the agency's website for the purpose of
6 enhancing review and promoting timely issuance of permits
7 required and shall make the following information available on
8 the web portal:

9 (1) Checklists and guidance relating to the completion
10 of permit applications, which may include, but are not
11 limited to, existing instructions for completing the
12 applications and examples of complete applications. As the
13 State agency or its subdivisions develop new checklists
14 and develop guidance, they shall supplement the web portal
15 with those materials.

16 (2) Permit application forms or portions of permit
17 applications that can be completed and saved
18 electronically, and submitted to the State agency or its
19 subdivisions by electronic signature.

20 (b) If an applicant submits a completed permit application
21 to a State agency for a covered project in accordance with all
22 applicable State and federal law and there is no final action
23 by the State agency, then:

24 (1) the application shall be automatically approved
25 after 180 days if notice and opportunity for public

1 hearing are not required by State or federal law; and
2 (2) the application shall be automatically approved
3 after 270 days if notice and opportunity for public
4 hearing are required by State or federal law.

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
6 1, 2026.