

1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Revenue Law of the Civil  
5 Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by changing Section  
6 2505-310 and by adding Section 2505-255 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2505/2505-255 new)

8 Sec. 2505-255. Payment by credit card. The Department may  
9 adopt rules and regulations for payment by credit card of any  
10 amount due under any Act administered by the Department only  
11 when the Department is not required to pay a discount fee  
12 charged by the credit card issuer.

13 (20 ILCS 2505/2505-310) (was 20 ILCS 2505/39b15.2)

14 Sec. 2505-310. Obtaining evidence. The Department has the  
15 power to expend sums that the Director deems necessary from  
16 contractual services appropriations for the purchase of  
17 evidence and for the employment of persons to obtain evidence.  
18 The sums shall be advanced to investigators authorized by the  
19 Director to expend funds, on vouchers signed by the Director.

20 In addition, the Director is authorized to maintain one or  
21 more commercial checking accounts with any State banking  
22 corporation or corporations organized under or subject to the

1 Illinois Banking Act for the deposit and withdrawal of moneys  
2 to be used solely for the purchase of evidence and for the  
3 employment of persons to obtain evidence. No check may be  
4 written on nor any withdrawal made from such an account except  
5 on the written signature of 2 persons designated by the  
6 Director to write those checks and make those withdrawals. The  
7 balance of moneys on deposit in any such account shall not  
8 exceed \$25,000 ~~\$5,000~~ at any time, nor shall any one check  
9 written on or single withdrawal made from any such account  
10 exceed \$25,000 ~~\$5,000~~.

11 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00.)

12 Section 15. The Uniform Penalty and Interest Act is amended  
13 by changing Sections 3-2 and 3-3 as follows:

14 (35 ILCS 735/3-2) (from Ch. 120, par. 2603-2)

15 Sec. 3-2. Interest.

16 (a) Interest paid by the Department to taxpayers and  
17 interest charged to taxpayers by the Department shall be paid  
18 at the annual rate determined by the Department. For periods  
19 prior to January 1, 2004, and after December 31, 2013, that  
20 rate shall be the underpayment rate established under Section  
21 6621 of the Internal Revenue Code. For periods after December  
22 31, 2003, and prior to January 1, 2014, that rate shall be:

23 (1) for the one-year period beginning with the date of  
24 underpayment or overpayment, the short-term federal rate

1 established under Section 6621 of the Internal Revenue  
2 Code.

3 (2) for any period beginning the day after the one-year  
4 period described in paragraph (1) of this subsection (a),  
5 the underpayment rate established under Section 6621 of the  
6 Internal Revenue Code.

7 (b) The interest rate shall be adjusted on a semiannual  
8 basis, on January 1 and July 1, based upon the underpayment  
9 rate or short-term federal rate going into effect on that  
10 January 1 or July 1 under Section 6621 of the Internal Revenue  
11 Code.

12 (c) This subsection (c) is applicable to returns due on and  
13 before December 31, 2000. Interest shall be simple interest  
14 calculated on a daily basis. Interest shall accrue upon tax and  
15 penalty due. If notice and demand is made for the payment of  
16 any amount of tax due and if the amount due is paid within 30  
17 days after the date of such notice and demand, interest under  
18 this Section on the amount so paid shall not be imposed for the  
19 period after the date of the notice and demand.

20 (c-5) This subsection (c-5) is applicable to returns due on  
21 and after January 1, 2001. Interest shall be simple interest  
22 calculated on a daily basis. Interest shall accrue upon tax  
23 due. If notice and demand is made for the payment of any amount  
24 of tax due and if the amount due is paid within 30 days after  
25 the date of the notice and demand, interest under this Section  
26 on the amount so paid shall not be imposed for the period after

1 the date of the notice and demand.

2 (d) No interest shall be paid upon any overpayment of tax  
3 if the overpayment is refunded or a credit approved within 90  
4 days after the last date prescribed for filing the original  
5 return, or within 90 days of the receipt of the processable  
6 return, or within 90 days after the date of overpayment,  
7 whichever date is latest, as determined without regard to  
8 processing time by the Comptroller or without regard to the  
9 date on which the credit is applied to the taxpayer's account.

10 In order for an original return to be processable for purposes  
11 of this Section, it must be in the form prescribed or approved  
12 by the Department, signed by the person authorized by law, and  
13 contain all information, schedules, and support documents  
14 necessary to determine the tax due and to make allocations of  
15 tax as prescribed by law. For the purposes of computing  
16 interest, a return shall be deemed to be processable unless the  
17 Department notifies the taxpayer that the return is not  
18 processable within 90 days after the receipt of the return;  
19 however, interest shall not accumulate for the period following  
20 this date of notice. Interest on amounts refunded or credited  
21 pursuant to the filing of an amended return or claim for refund  
22 shall be determined from the due date of the original return or  
23 the date of overpayment, whichever is later, to the date of  
24 payment by the Department without regard to processing time by  
25 the Comptroller or the date of credit by the Department or  
26 without regard to the date on which the credit is applied to

1 the taxpayer's account. If a claim for refund relates to an  
2 overpayment attributable to a net loss carryback as provided by  
3 Section 207 of the Illinois Income Tax Act, the date of  
4 overpayment shall be the last day of the taxable year in which  
5 the loss was incurred.

6 (e) Interest on erroneous refunds. Any portion of the tax  
7 imposed by an Act to which this Act is applicable or any  
8 interest or penalty which has been erroneously refunded and  
9 which is recoverable by the Department shall bear interest from  
10 the date of payment of the refund. However, no interest will be  
11 charged if the erroneous refund is for an amount less than \$500  
12 and is due to a mistake of the Department.

13 (f) If a taxpayer has a tax liability for the taxable  
14 period ending after June 30, 1983 and prior to July 1, 2002  
15 that is eligible for amnesty under the Tax Delinquency Amnesty  
16 Act and the taxpayer fails to satisfy the tax liability during  
17 the amnesty period provided for in that Act for that taxable  
18 period, then the interest charged by the Department under this  
19 Section shall be imposed at a rate that is 200% of the rate  
20 that would otherwise be imposed under this Section.

21 (g) If a taxpayer has a tax liability for the taxable  
22 period ending after June 30, 2002 and prior to July 1, 2009  
23 that is eligible for amnesty under the Tax Delinquency Amnesty  
24 Act, except for any tax liability reported pursuant to Section  
25 506(b) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/506(b)) that  
26 is not final, and the taxpayer fails to satisfy the tax

1 liability during the amnesty period provided for in that Act  
2 for that taxable period, then the interest charged by the  
3 Department under this Section shall be imposed in an amount  
4 that is 200% of the amount that would otherwise be imposed  
5 under this Section.

6 (h) No interest shall be paid to a taxpayer on any refund  
7 allowed under the Tax Delinquency Amnesty Act.

8 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 96-1435, eff. 8-16-10.)

9 (35 ILCS 735/3-3) (from Ch. 120, par. 2603-3)

10 Sec. 3-3. Penalty for failure to file or pay.

11 (a) This subsection (a) is applicable before January 1,  
12 1996. A penalty of 5% of the tax required to be shown due on a  
13 return shall be imposed for failure to file the tax return on  
14 or before the due date prescribed for filing determined with  
15 regard for any extension of time for filing (penalty for late  
16 filing or nonfiling). If any unprocessable return is corrected  
17 and filed within 21 days after notice by the Department, the  
18 late filing or nonfiling penalty shall not apply. If a penalty  
19 for late filing or nonfiling is imposed in addition to a  
20 penalty for late payment, the total penalty due shall be the  
21 sum of the late filing penalty and the applicable late payment  
22 penalty. Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act  
23 of 1995, in the case of any type of tax return required to be  
24 filed more frequently than annually, when the failure to file  
25 the tax return on or before the date prescribed for filing

1 (including any extensions) is shown to be nonfraudulent and has  
2 not occurred in the 2 years immediately preceding the failure  
3 to file on the prescribed due date, the penalty imposed by  
4 Section 3-3(a) shall be abated.

5 (a-5) This subsection (a-5) is applicable to returns due on  
6 and after January 1, 1996 and on or before December 31, 2000. A  
7 penalty equal to 2% of the tax required to be shown due on a  
8 return, up to a maximum amount of \$250, determined without  
9 regard to any part of the tax that is paid on time or by any  
10 credit that was properly allowable on the date the return was  
11 required to be filed, shall be imposed for failure to file the  
12 tax return on or before the due date prescribed for filing  
13 determined with regard for any extension of time for filing.  
14 However, if any return is not filed within 30 days after notice  
15 of nonfiling mailed by the Department to the last known address  
16 of the taxpayer contained in Department records, an additional  
17 penalty amount shall be imposed equal to the greater of \$250 or  
18 2% of the tax shown on the return. However, the additional  
19 penalty amount may not exceed \$5,000 and is determined without  
20 regard to any part of the tax that is paid on time or by any  
21 credit that was properly allowable on the date the return was  
22 required to be filed (penalty for late filing or nonfiling). If  
23 any unprocessable return is corrected and filed within 30 days  
24 after notice by the Department, the late filing or nonfiling  
25 penalty shall not apply. If a penalty for late filing or  
26 nonfiling is imposed in addition to a penalty for late payment,

1 the total penalty due shall be the sum of the late filing  
2 penalty and the applicable late payment penalty. In the case of  
3 any type of tax return required to be filed more frequently  
4 than annually, when the failure to file the tax return on or  
5 before the date prescribed for filing (including any  
6 extensions) is shown to be nonfraudulent and has not occurred  
7 in the 2 years immediately preceding the failure to file on the  
8 prescribed due date, the penalty imposed by Section 3-3(a-5)  
9 shall be abated.

10 (a-10) This subsection (a-10) is applicable to returns due  
11 on and after January 1, 2001. A penalty equal to 2% of the tax  
12 required to be shown due on a return, up to a maximum amount of  
13 \$250, reduced by any tax that is paid on time or by any credit  
14 that was properly allowable on the date the return was required  
15 to be filed, shall be imposed for failure to file the tax  
16 return on or before the due date prescribed for filing  
17 determined with regard for any extension of time for filing.  
18 However, if any return is not filed within 30 days after notice  
19 of nonfiling mailed by the Department to the last known address  
20 of the taxpayer contained in Department records, an additional  
21 penalty amount shall be imposed equal to the greater of \$250 or  
22 2% of the tax shown on the return. However, the additional  
23 penalty amount may not exceed \$5,000 and is determined without  
24 regard to any part of the tax that is paid on time or by any  
25 credit that was properly allowable on the date the return was  
26 required to be filed (penalty for late filing or nonfiling). If

1 any unprocessable return is corrected and filed within 30 days  
2 after notice by the Department, the late filing or nonfiling  
3 penalty shall not apply. If a penalty for late filing or  
4 nonfiling is imposed in addition to a penalty for late payment,  
5 the total penalty due shall be the sum of the late filing  
6 penalty and the applicable late payment penalty. In the case of  
7 any type of tax return required to be filed more frequently  
8 than annually, when the failure to file the tax return on or  
9 before the date prescribed for filing (including any  
10 extensions) is shown to be nonfraudulent and has not occurred  
11 in the 2 years immediately preceding the failure to file on the  
12 prescribed due date, the penalty imposed by Section 3-3(a-10)  
13 shall be abated.

14 (a-15) In addition to any other penalties imposed by law  
15 for the failure to file a return, a penalty of \$100 shall be  
16 imposed for failure to file a transaction reporting return  
17 required by Section 3 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act and  
18 Section 9 of the Use Tax Act on or before the date a return is  
19 required to be filed. This penalty shall be imposed regardless  
20 of whether the return when properly prepared and filed would  
21 result in the imposition of a tax.

22 (b) This subsection is applicable before January 1, 1998. A  
23 penalty of 15% of the tax shown on the return or the tax  
24 required to be shown due on the return shall be imposed for  
25 failure to pay:

26 (1) the tax shown due on the return on or before the

1 due date prescribed for payment of that tax, an amount of  
2 underpayment of estimated tax, or an amount that is  
3 reported in an amended return other than an amended return  
4 timely filed as required by subsection (b) of Section 506  
5 of the Illinois Income Tax Act (penalty for late payment or  
6 nonpayment of admitted liability); or

7 (2) the full amount of any tax required to be shown due  
8 on a return and which is not shown (penalty for late  
9 payment or nonpayment of additional liability), within 30  
10 days after a notice of arithmetic error, notice and demand,  
11 or a final assessment is issued by the Department. In the  
12 case of a final assessment arising following a protest and  
13 hearing, the 30-day period shall not begin until all  
14 proceedings in court for review of the final assessment  
15 have terminated or the period for obtaining a review has  
16 expired without proceedings for a review having been  
17 instituted. In the case of a notice of tax liability that  
18 becomes a final assessment without a protest and hearing,  
19 the penalty provided in this paragraph (2) shall be imposed  
20 at the expiration of the period provided for the filing of  
21 a protest.

22 (b-5) This subsection is applicable to returns due on and  
23 after January 1, 1998 and on or before December 31, 2000. A  
24 penalty of 20% of the tax shown on the return or the tax  
25 required to be shown due on the return shall be imposed for  
26 failure to pay:

1           (1) the tax shown due on the return on or before the  
2           due date prescribed for payment of that tax, an amount of  
3           underpayment of estimated tax, or an amount that is  
4           reported in an amended return other than an amended return  
5           timely filed as required by subsection (b) of Section 506  
6           of the Illinois Income Tax Act (penalty for late payment or  
7           nonpayment of admitted liability); or

8           (2) the full amount of any tax required to be shown due  
9           on a return and which is not shown (penalty for late  
10          payment or nonpayment of additional liability), within 30  
11          days after a notice of arithmetic error, notice and demand,  
12          or a final assessment is issued by the Department. In the  
13          case of a final assessment arising following a protest and  
14          hearing, the 30-day period shall not begin until all  
15          proceedings in court for review of the final assessment  
16          have terminated or the period for obtaining a review has  
17          expired without proceedings for a review having been  
18          instituted. In the case of a notice of tax liability that  
19          becomes a final assessment without a protest and hearing,  
20          the penalty provided in this paragraph (2) shall be imposed  
21          at the expiration of the period provided for the filing of  
22          a protest.

23          (b-10) This subsection (b-10) is applicable to returns due  
24          on and after January 1, 2001 and on or before December 31,  
25          2003. A penalty shall be imposed for failure to pay:

26          (1) the tax shown due on a return on or before the due

1 date prescribed for payment of that tax, an amount of  
2 underpayment of estimated tax, or an amount that is  
3 reported in an amended return other than an amended return  
4 timely filed as required by subsection (b) of Section 506  
5 of the Illinois Income Tax Act (penalty for late payment or  
6 nonpayment of admitted liability). The amount of penalty  
7 imposed under this subsection (b-10)(1) shall be 2% of any  
8 amount that is paid no later than 30 days after the due  
9 date, 5% of any amount that is paid later than 30 days  
10 after the due date and not later than 90 days after the due  
11 date, 10% of any amount that is paid later than 90 days  
12 after the due date and not later than 180 days after the  
13 due date, and 15% of any amount that is paid later than 180  
14 days after the due date. If notice and demand is made for  
15 the payment of any amount of tax due and if the amount due  
16 is paid within 30 days after the date of the notice and  
17 demand, then the penalty for late payment or nonpayment of  
18 admitted liability under this subsection (b-10)(1) on the  
19 amount so paid shall not accrue for the period after the  
20 date of the notice and demand.

21 (2) the full amount of any tax required to be shown due  
22 on a return and that is not shown (penalty for late payment  
23 or nonpayment of additional liability), within 30 days  
24 after a notice of arithmetic error, notice and demand, or a  
25 final assessment is issued by the Department. In the case  
26 of a final assessment arising following a protest and

1 hearing, the 30-day period shall not begin until all  
2 proceedings in court for review of the final assessment  
3 have terminated or the period for obtaining a review has  
4 expired without proceedings for a review having been  
5 instituted. The amount of penalty imposed under this  
6 subsection (b-10) (2) shall be 20% of any amount that is not  
7 paid within the 30-day period. In the case of a notice of  
8 tax liability that becomes a final assessment without a  
9 protest and hearing, the penalty provided in this  
10 subsection (b-10) (2) shall be imposed at the expiration of  
11 the period provided for the filing of a protest.

12 (b-15) This subsection (b-15) is applicable to returns due  
13 on and after January 1, 2004 and on or before December 31,  
14 2004. A penalty shall be imposed for failure to pay the tax  
15 shown due or required to be shown due on a return on or before  
16 the due date prescribed for payment of that tax, an amount of  
17 underpayment of estimated tax, or an amount that is reported in  
18 an amended return other than an amended return timely filed as  
19 required by subsection (b) of Section 506 of the Illinois  
20 Income Tax Act (penalty for late payment or nonpayment of  
21 admitted liability). The amount of penalty imposed under this  
22 subsection (b-15) (1) shall be 2% of any amount that is paid no  
23 later than 30 days after the due date, 10% of any amount that  
24 is paid later than 30 days after the due date and not later  
25 than 90 days after the due date, 15% of any amount that is paid  
26 later than 90 days after the due date and not later than 180

1 days after the due date, and 20% of any amount that is paid  
2 later than 180 days after the due date. If notice and demand is  
3 made for the payment of any amount of tax due and if the amount  
4 due is paid within 30 days after the date of this notice and  
5 demand, then the penalty for late payment or nonpayment of  
6 admitted liability under this subsection (b-15)(1) on the  
7 amount so paid shall not accrue for the period after the date  
8 of the notice and demand.

9 (b-20) This subsection (b-20) is applicable to returns due  
10 on and after January 1, 2005.

11 (1) A penalty shall be imposed for failure to pay,  
12 prior to the due date for payment, any amount of tax the  
13 payment of which is required to be made prior to the filing  
14 of a return or without a return (penalty for late payment  
15 or nonpayment of estimated or accelerated tax). The amount  
16 of penalty imposed under this paragraph (1) shall be 2% of  
17 any amount that is paid no later than 30 days after the due  
18 date and 10% of any amount that is paid later than 30 days  
19 after the due date.

20 (2) A penalty shall be imposed for failure to pay the  
21 tax shown due or required to be shown due on a return on or  
22 before the due date prescribed for payment of that tax or  
23 an amount that is reported in an amended return other than  
24 an amended return timely filed as required by subsection  
25 (b) of Section 506 of the Illinois Income Tax Act (penalty  
26 for late payment or nonpayment of tax). The amount of

1 penalty imposed under this paragraph (2) shall be 2% of any  
2 amount that is paid no later than 30 days after the due  
3 date, 10% of any amount that is paid later than 30 days  
4 after the due date and prior to the date the Department has  
5 initiated an audit or investigation of the taxpayer, and  
6 20% of any amount that is paid after the date the  
7 Department has initiated an audit or investigation of the  
8 taxpayer; provided that the penalty shall be reduced to 15%  
9 if the entire amount due is paid not later than 30 days  
10 after the Department has provided the taxpayer with an  
11 amended return (following completion of an occupation,  
12 use, or excise tax audit) or a form for waiver of  
13 restrictions on assessment (following completion of an  
14 income tax audit); provided further that the reduction to  
15 15% shall be rescinded if the taxpayer makes any claim for  
16 refund or credit of the tax, penalties, or interest  
17 determined to be due upon audit, except in the case of a  
18 claim filed pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 506 of  
19 the Illinois Income Tax Act or to claim a carryover of a  
20 loss or credit, the availability of which was not  
21 determined in the audit. For purposes of this paragraph  
22 (2), any overpayment reported on an original return that  
23 has been allowed as a refund or credit to the taxpayer  
24 shall be deemed to have not been paid on or before the due  
25 date for payment and any amount paid under protest pursuant  
26 to the provisions of the State Officers and Employees Money

1           Disposition Act shall be deemed to have been paid after the  
2           Department has initiated an audit and more than 30 days  
3           after the Department has provided the taxpayer with an  
4           amended return (following completion of an occupation,  
5           use, or excise tax audit) or a form for waiver of  
6           restrictions on assessment (following completion of an  
7           income tax audit).

8           (3) The penalty imposed under this subsection (b-20)  
9           shall be deemed assessed at the time the tax upon which the  
10          penalty is computed is assessed, except that, if the  
11          reduction of the penalty imposed under paragraph (2) of  
12          this subsection (b-20) to 15% is rescinded because a claim  
13          for refund or credit has been filed, the increase in  
14          penalty shall be deemed assessed at the time the claim for  
15          refund or credit is filed.

16          (c) For purposes of the late payment penalties, the basis  
17          of the penalty shall be the tax shown or required to be shown  
18          on a return, whichever is applicable, reduced by any part of  
19          the tax which is paid on time and by any credit which was  
20          properly allowable on the date the return was required to be  
21          filed.

22          (d) A penalty shall be applied to the tax required to be  
23          shown even if that amount is less than the tax shown on the  
24          return.

25          (e) This subsection (e) is applicable to returns due before  
26          January 1, 2001. If both a subsection (b)(1) or (b-5)(1)

1 penalty and a subsection (b)(2) or (b-5)(2) penalty are  
2 assessed against the same return, the subsection (b)(2) or  
3 (b-5)(2) penalty shall be assessed against only the additional  
4 tax found to be due.

5 (e-5) This subsection (e-5) is applicable to returns due on  
6 and after January 1, 2001. If both a subsection (b-10)(1)  
7 penalty and a subsection (b-10)(2) penalty are assessed against  
8 the same return, the subsection (b-10)(2) penalty shall be  
9 assessed against only the additional tax found to be due.

10 (f) If the taxpayer has failed to file the return, the  
11 Department shall determine the correct tax according to its  
12 best judgment and information, which amount shall be prima  
13 facie evidence of the correctness of the tax due.

14 (g) The time within which to file a return or pay an amount  
15 of tax due without imposition of a penalty does not extend the  
16 time within which to file a protest to a notice of tax  
17 liability or a notice of deficiency.

18 (h) No return shall be determined to be unprocessable  
19 because of the omission of any information requested on the  
20 return pursuant to Section 2505-575 of the Department of  
21 Revenue Law (20 ILCS 2505/2505-575).

22 (i) If a taxpayer has a tax liability for the taxable  
23 period ending after June 30, 1983 and prior to July 1, 2002  
24 that is eligible for amnesty under the Tax Delinquency Amnesty  
25 Act and the taxpayer fails to satisfy the tax liability during  
26 the amnesty period provided for in that Act for that taxable

1 period, then the penalty imposed by the Department under this  
2 Section shall be imposed in an amount that is 200% of the  
3 amount that would otherwise be imposed under this Section.

4 (j) If a taxpayer has a tax liability for the taxable  
5 period ending after June 30, 2002 and prior to July 1, 2009  
6 that is eligible for amnesty under the Tax Delinquency Amnesty  
7 Act, except for any tax liability reported pursuant to Section  
8 506(b) of the Illinois Income Tax Act (35 ILCS 5/506(b)) that  
9 is not final, and the taxpayer fails to satisfy the tax  
10 liability during the amnesty period provided for in that Act  
11 for that taxable period, then the penalty imposed by the  
12 Department under this Section shall be imposed in an amount  
13 that is 200% of the amount that would otherwise be imposed  
14 under this Section.

15 (Source: P.A. 96-1435, eff. 8-16-10.)

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
17 becoming law.