

AN ACT concerning local government.

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

Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by adding Section 5-1186 as follows:

(55 ILCS 5/5-1186 new)

Sec. 5-1186. COVID-19 business relief; waiver of business fees, costs, and licensing. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a county board or board of county commissioners may, by resolution, waive or provide credit for any application or permit costs, fees or other licensing or registration costs for businesses, including, but not limited to, professional or business licensing, liquor licenses, construction, insurance, sales, builders, contractors, food service, delivery, repair, consultation, legal services, accounting, transportation, manufacturing, technology, assembly, tourism, entertainment, or any business, industry, or service the county is permitted by law to regulate or license.

A waiver of business fees or costs shall be subject to an application or review process and a demonstration of need based upon any financial or logistical hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Any such waiver or credit shall not be construed to apply to any of the business and licensing costs of the State or any of its agencies or departments and is not an exemption from safety, health, or regulatory requirements or inspections of a county, municipality, or the State.

Section 10. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by adding Section 11-42-17 as follows:

(65 ILCS 5/11-42-17 new)

Sec. 11-42-17. COVID-19 business relief; waiver of business fees, costs, and licensing. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the corporate authorities of a municipality may, by resolution, waive or provide credit for any application or permit costs, fees or other licensing or registration costs for businesses, including, but not limited to, professional or business licensing, liquor licenses, construction, insurance, sales, builders, contractors, food service, delivery, repair, consultation, legal services, accounting, transportation, manufacturing, technology, assembly, tourism, entertainment, or any business, industry, or service the municipality is permitted by law to regulate or license.

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the COVID 19 pandemic.

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