



Senator Maggie

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## 2011 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

Senator Crotty has a long history of working to help our veterans who have given so much for our state and country. During the past session of the Illinois General Assembly, Senator Crotty has sponsored legislation to help our veterans improve their civilian lives.



- Senate Bill 1270 requires the state to give up to 3% of its procurements to veteran and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses. The legislation is designed to increase business for former military personnel who have finished their service due to a service related injury, been discharged and have returned from that service to start a business in Illinois.
- Senate Bill 98 requires election authorities to expand their in-person absentee voting operations at federally operated veterans' homes, hospitals and other long-term care facilities.

### PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES

Senator Crotty understands that in order to have stable communities, our criminal justice system must protect law abiding citizens. That is why Senator Crotty has sponsored many common sense laws to help protect all the residents of our state.



- Senate Bill 2267 expands the definition of stalking to include any third party stalking, such as hiring a private detective to harass. The legislation expands on stalking laws already on the books in Illinois. Those laws make it illegal to knowingly harass or stalk someone through a variety of means, including use of emergent technology, such as GPS, cell phone or email services.
- House Bill 1689 raises the penalties against those convicted of financial exploitation of the elderly or disabled. Now, it is a Class 2 felony should the value of the exploitation be between \$5,000 and \$50,000. The penalties increase to a Class 1 felony should the value be over \$50,000.

### IMPROVING HEALTH CARE

Making certain that our residents have access to the best health care available is a priority of Senator Crotty's. That is why Senator Crotty has sponsored bills to help protect our residents from a variety of diseases.



- Senate Bill 1761 adds Hurler Syndrome, Hunter Disease and Severe Combined Immunodeficiency Syndrome (SCIDS) to the range of diseases that infants are screened for after birth. Hurler Syndrome and Hunter Disease are known as lysosomal storage disorders, which are inherited genetic diseases in which an individual's lysosomes, the microscopic recycling units in his or her cells, do not operate effectively. Severe Combined Immunodeficiency Syndrome, also known as alymphocytosis or Glanzmann-Riniker syndrome, is also an inherited disorder which severely hinders a patient's immunodeficiency, rendering its victims extremely vulnerable to infectious diseases.
- House Joint Resolution 13 directs the Illinois Department of Public Health to study Krabbe Disease and other related leukodystrophies. Krabbe Disease is an inherited disease that, while rare, is often fatal. The degenerative disorder affects the nervous system.

### INCREASING TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR SUBURBS

Senator Crotty knows that in order to make Illinois a great place to do business and raise families, we must improve our transportation system. During the past General Assembly session, Senator Crotty has sponsored bills to improve transit on roads and rail.



- House Bill 1644 allows for the creation of the Southeast Commuter Rail Transit District in order to apply for federal funding for the proposed 33-mile long Metra South East Service, or SES Line. The SES Line would run along existing freight and passenger railroad tracks, expanding Metra's rail service between the south suburbs and downtown Chicago.
- House Bill 1884 begins a five-year pilot program that allows mass transit buses who encounter traffic that has slowed to under 35 miles per hour to drive on the shoulder, should conditions warrant. Mass transit buses that are driving on the shoulder would be restricted to a maximum speed of 35 miles an hour.



# Important Numbers

**DISTRICT OFFICE**  
5119 West 159th Street  
1st Floor East  
Oak Forest, IL 60452  
(708) 687-9696

Emergency (Fire-Police-Ambulance).....	911
Cook County Sheriff (non-emergency).....	(708)865-4790
Will County Sheriff (non-emergency).....	(815)727-8895
Illinois State Police (non-emergency).....	(847)294-4400

## **Police Departments (Non-Emergency)**

Country Club Hills.....	(708)798-3191
Flossmoor.....	(708)957-4500
Frankfort.....	(815)469-9435
Harvey.....	(708)331-3030
Hazel Crest.....	(708)335-9642
Homewood.....	(708)206-3420
Markham.....	(708)331-2171
Matteson.....	(708)748-1564
Oak Forest.....	(708)687-1376
Olympia Fields.....	(708)503-8100
Orland Hills.....	(708)349-4434
Orland Park.....	(708)349-4111
Park Forest.....	(708)748-4700
Richton Park.....	(708)481-8911
Tinley Park.....	(708)532-9111

## **State Agencies and Services**

Attorney General, Senior Consumer Fraud.....	(800)243-5377
Attorney General, Crime Victims Line.....	(800)228-3368
Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline.....	(800)252-2873
Child Support Inquiry Line.....	(800)447-4278
Consumer Fraud & Protection.....	(800)386-5438
Department of Aging.....	(800)699-9043
Department of Human Services.....	(800)843-6154
Department of Public Aid.....	(800)252-8635
Identity Theft Hotline.....	(866)999-5630
KidCare Information.....	(800)545-2200
Low Income Energy Assistance.....	(877)411-9276
Medicare – Illinois Information Line.....	(800)633-4227
Secretary of State.....	(800)252-8980
Social Security.....	(800)772-1213
Taxpayers Assistance	
Federal Internal Revenue Service.....	(800)829-1040
State of Illinois.....	(800)732-8866
Veterans Benefits.....	(800)827-1000