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**The Illinois Chamber of Commerce
applauds the unanimous passing of HB 3017**

We are happy to announce HB 3017, sponsored by Representative Yednock, passed out of the House unanimously 108-0-0. This bill is a joint initiative of the Illinois Chamber and the Illinois Environmental Regulatory Group (IERG) to assist businesses in obtaining environmental permits for large-scale projects which will spur economic development statewide. This version is significantly amended from HB 5555 which unanimously passed the House in the 102nd General Assembly, last spring.

This bill amends the Business Assistance and Regulatory Reform Act to improve the permitting process in the State of Illinois by creating an online permitting portal to allow new and existing environmental permit applicants to track the status of their permits. With such a portal, businesses seeking certain permits for industrial projects can access a website to better understand the timeline and process for agency approval.

This legislation is to enhance the State's economic growth by giving businesses user-friendly tools to assist them in navigating the complexities of environmental permitting for projects.

We appreciate the General Assembly for recognizing a need for a pro-growth mindset in State government and empowering DCEO to utilize information technology to streamline interagency coordination for the issuance of environmental permits for projects.

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