

Rep. Feigenholtz, Dept. of Insurance Host Seminar with Local Business

State Rep. Sara Feigenholtz is hosting a seminar for local businesses and facilitated by the Illinois Department of Insurance on Wednesday, October 12 at 9:30 a.m. The seminar will be held in the Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center Olson Auditorium located at 836 West Wellington in Lakeview. At this seminar, business owners will discuss and collaborate with department representatives on the state's implementation of a state health insurance exchange. The ACA allows states to set up their own health insurance exchanges, or marketplaces, for individuals and businesses to shop for the insurance plan that best fits their needs and budgets.

The Department is actively seeking the input of businesses in its planning process.

"Many business owners in this community are very, very concerned that as business continues to recover from the recession, these insurance mandates are going to be the last straw that forces them to shut their doors," said Feigenholtz. "I do not think this has to be the case. I am very happy that the Department is working to bring business owners into these discussions and the planning process. Their feedback is absolutely crucial to the success of the exchange."

Additionally, the seminar will serve as an informational workshop for business owners on recent and upcoming changes to employer insurance, offering an overview of the Federal Affordable Care Act (ACA), the Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) and the effects of ACA on smaller businesses.

RSVPs for this event are required. For more information or to RSVP, contact Feigenholtz's constituent services office at (773)296-4141