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Troubling bill would make Illinois' reputation worse

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I am writing regarding a troubling bill that was introduced last week in the Illinois House of Representatives.

The bill (technically, an amendment to HB 2094) would reinstate the Structural Work Act - a law that was so harmful to the Illinois economy that the General Assembly repealed it in 1995. This bill allows workers injured on the job to sue third parties outside of the workers' compensation system. Only one other state - New York - has retained this arcane and anti-business and anti-consumer law.

While this law would result in a jackpot for personal injury trial lawyers, it would cost Illinois jobs, lead to higher costs for consumers, and have a drastic effect on our state's already-reeling economy.

Our state already has a national reputation for lawsuit abuse. We don't need this bill to make that reputation even worse.