

August 28, 2007

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois Senate
95th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return Senate Bill 774, entitled "AN ACT concerning State government.", with the following specific recommendations for change:

on page 1, line 5, by replacing "Section 21.7" with "Sections 21.4 and 21.7"; and

on page 2, below line 13, by inserting the following:

"(20 ILCS 1605/21.4 new)

Sec. 21.4. Limitation on number of special purpose lottery games. Notwithstanding any provision of this Act to the contrary, beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, a special purpose lottery game may be offered for sale for no more than 9 consecutive months and there may not be more than 2 special purpose lottery scratchoff games offered for sale at any one time. If any special ticket is authorized while there are 2 other special tickets being offered for sale, then the third and any subsequent special ticket shall be placed on a waiting list in the same order as the order in which they are authorized. At the expiration of the 9-month sales period of any special purpose lottery game, that game shall be placed at the end of the waiting list and the game on the top of the waiting list, if otherwise eligible, shall be offered for sale. When a game on the waiting list is offered for sale, it shall be removed from the waiting list. For the purpose of this Section, the term "special purpose lottery game" means any game for which any portion of the proceeds are used for a purpose other than the support of the State's Common School Fund."; and

on page 2, line 18 after "thereafter," by inserting "(i) as is permitted under Section 21.4 and (ii) as"; and

on page 2, line 19, by deleting "as".

With these changes, Senate Bill 774 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,

ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor