

July 30, 2010

To the Honorable Members of the Illinois Senate,
96th General Assembly:

In accordance with Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution, I hereby return Senate Bill 3047 with specific recommendations for change.

I commend the sponsors for their hard work on this bill on behalf of the nearly two million Illinoisans without access to affordable health care coverage. This bill would create a Health Care Justice Implementation Task Force to monitor the implementation of the federal *Affordable Care Act* and make recommendations regarding further reforms. The State of Illinois is committed to implementing the *Affordable Care Act* in a manner that will ensure we are improving the health of residents by increasing citizen access to health care, reducing costs and improving the quality and effectiveness of health care.

Though I recognize the importance of establishing a Task Force of stakeholders to monitor implementation, I am recommending changes to Senate Bill 3047 to ensure the Task Force's structure and timeline is consistent with the Administration's efforts and the *Affordable Care Act's* timeline for implementation, given several meaningful reforms will not become effective until 2014. As Governor, I am issuing an Executive Order today to create The Illinois Health Care Reform Implementation Council ("Council") comprised of key State agencies and offices to recommend to me what changes need to be made to fully implement the *Affordable Care Act*. I am confident my recommended changes will help us all achieve our shared goal of providing quality, affordable health care for all Illinois residents.

Therefore, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return Senate Bill 3047, entitled "AN ACT concerning health care." with the following specific recommendations for change:

on page 2, line 13 by deleting "September 1, 2010" and inserting "September 1, 2011";
and

on page 4, by replacing lines 7 through 12 with the following:

"voting members appointed as follows: 13 ~~5~~ shall be appointed by the Governor; 4 ~~6~~ shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, 4 ~~6~~ shall be appointed by the Minority

Leader of the Senate, ~~4~~ 6 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and ~~4~~ 6 shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. The Task Force shall"; and

on page 4, by replacing lines 21 through 25 with the following:

"Force meetings, but shall not be members of the Task Force. The terms of all serving members shall end on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly. The members of the Task Force shall be appointed within ~~60~~ 30 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly and hold its first meeting within 30 days thereafter. The departments of State government represented on"; and

on page 5, by replacing lines 2 through 4 with the following:

"administrative support for the Task Force; the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the Department of Insurance ~~Public Health~~ shall be the primary agencies ~~agency~~ in providing that administrative support, subject to appropriation."; and

on page 6, by replacing lines 24 and 25 with the following:

"Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1, 2011."

With these changes, Senate Bill 3047 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,

Pat Quinn
Governor