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## **SB 774 (Collins/Yarbrough) “Quality of Life” Lottery to Generate Increased HIV/AIDS Funding**

SB 774, sponsored by Sen. Jacqueline Collins (D-Chicago) and Rep. Karen Yarbrough (D-Maywood) would establish a scratch-off lottery game called *Quality of Life*. The proceeds would fund HIV/AIDS prevention and care services for populations disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS. The bill passed the Senate 37-13 on May 9, 2007, and passed the House 69-44 on May 31, 2007. The bill awaits the Governor's signature.

### **Lottery games have helped raise funds for other important causes.**

- The Illinois Lottery has created games to benefit other important causes such as veterans' assistance and breast cancer charities.
- Last year *Ticket for the Cure* generated \$4 million for breast cancer awareness, research, and patient care.

### **HIV/AIDS is a serious public health problem in Illinois.**

- Among U.S. states, Illinois ranks 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation in the severity of its HIV/AIDS epidemic. Since the epidemic began in 1981, 18,000 Illinoisans have died of HIV/AIDS.
- An estimated 42,000 Illinoisans are currently living with HIV/AIDS, and an estimated 1,600 new HIV infections occur each year.
- African Americans, who comprise 14% of the state's population, account for half of all people living with HIV/AIDS in Illinois.

### **Quality of Life would fund HIV/AIDS prevention and care projects serving populations disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS.**

- Renewable revenue for HIV/AIDS charities is needed to meet the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS and invigorate efforts to prevent new infections.
- Declining federal funding for HIV/AIDS prevention and care is hurting efforts to respond to HIV/AIDS in Illinois.
- The Illinois Department of Public Health would issue grants with *Quality of Life* revenue after reviewing requests for proposals.

If signed into law by the Governor, for HIV prevention, research and care would be available in mid-2008. For more information, contact John Peller, AIDS Foundation of Chicago, (312) 719-6208; Ben Montgomery (773) 848-3853, or Mark Loveless (773) 331-5956.

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