



## **Support HB 315 (Yarbrough) to Generate Increased HIV/AIDS Funding**

HB 315, proposed by Rep. Karen Yarbrough, would establish a scratch-off lottery game called *Quality of Life*, proceeds of which would fund HIV/AIDS prevention and care services for populations disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS.

### **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 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 living HIV/AIDS cases.

### **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.

Federal funding for HIV/AIDS 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.

**Tell your representative to support HB 315 and increased funding for HIV/AIDS prevention and care!**