

August 10, 2018

To the Honorable Members of
The Illinois House of Representatives,
100th General Assembly:

Today I veto House Bill 4645 from the 100th General Assembly, which extends the repeal date of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act by 10 years.

I appreciate the importance of improving access to quality care and ensuring public accountability. Competition in healthcare markets supports these goals. It drives innovation and leads to the delivery of higher quality and cost-effective healthcare. Stifling innovators and entrepreneurs while protecting well-established markets limits healthcare options and drives up costs. We need to develop policies that expand healthcare choices that will provide better care.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 9(b) of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 4645, entitled "AN ACT concerning State government," with the foregoing objections, vetoed in its entirety.

Sincerely,

Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR