

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Lottery Law is amended by changing
5 Section 21.6 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1605/21.6)

7 Sec. 21.6. Scratch-off for Illinois veterans.

8 (a) The Department shall offer a special instant
9 scratch-off game for the benefit of Illinois veterans. The
10 game shall commence on January 1, 2006 or as soon thereafter,
11 at the discretion of the Director, as is reasonably practical.
12 The operation of the game shall be governed by this Act and any
13 rules adopted by the Department. If any provision of this
14 Section is inconsistent with any other provision of this Act,
15 then this Section governs.

16 (b) The Illinois Veterans Assistance Fund is created as a
17 special fund in the State treasury. The net revenue from the
18 Illinois veterans scratch-off game shall be deposited into the
19 Fund for appropriation by the General Assembly solely to the
20 Department of Veterans' Affairs for making grants, funding
21 additional services, or conducting additional research
22 projects relating to each of the following:

23 (i) veterans' behavioral health services ~~post~~

1 ~~traumatic stress disorder;~~

2 (ii) veterans' homelessness;

3 (iii) the health insurance costs of veterans;

4 (iv) veterans' disability benefits, including but not
5 limited to, disability benefits provided by veterans
6 service organizations and veterans assistance commissions
7 or centers;

8 (v) the long-term care of veterans; provided that,
9 beginning with moneys appropriated for fiscal year 2008,
10 no more than 20% of such moneys shall be used for health
11 insurance costs; ~~and~~

12 (vi) veteran employment and employment training; ~~and~~

13 (vii) veterans' emergency financial assistance,
14 including, but not limited to, past due utilities,
15 housing, and transportation costs.

16 In order to expend moneys from this special fund,
17 beginning with moneys appropriated for fiscal year 2008, the
18 Director of Veterans' Affairs shall appoint a 3-member funding
19 authorization committee. The Director shall designate one of
20 the members as chairperson. The committee shall meet on a
21 quarterly basis, at a minimum, and shall authorize expenditure
22 of moneys from the special fund by a two-thirds vote.
23 Decisions of the committee shall not take effect unless and
24 until approved by the Director of Veterans' Affairs. Each
25 member of the committee shall serve until a replacement is
26 named by the Director of Veterans' Affairs. One member of the

1 committee shall be a member of the Veterans' Advisory Council.

2 Moneys collected from the special instant scratch-off game
3 shall be used only as a supplemental financial resource and
4 shall not supplant existing moneys that the Department of
5 Veterans' Affairs may currently expend for the purposes set
6 forth in items (i) through (v).

7 Moneys received for the purposes of this Section,
8 including, without limitation, net revenue from the special
9 instant scratch-off game and from gifts, grants, and awards
10 from any public or private entity, must be deposited into the
11 Fund. Any interest earned on moneys in the Fund must be
12 deposited into the Fund.

13 For purposes of this subsection, "net revenue" means the
14 total amount for which tickets have been sold less the sum of
15 the amount paid out in the prizes and the actual
16 administrative expenses of the Department solely related to
17 the scratch-off game under this Section.

18 (c) During the time that tickets are sold for the Illinois
19 veterans scratch-off game, the Department shall not
20 unreasonably diminish the efforts devoted to marketing any
21 other instant scratch-off lottery game.

22 (d) The Department may adopt any rules necessary to
23 implement and administer the provisions of this Section.

24 (Source: P.A. 100-143, eff. 1-1-18; 100-201, eff. 8-18-17.)