

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.)