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To the Honorable Members of the  
Illinois Senate  
93rd General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return Senate Bill 563 entitled "AN ACT in relation to vehicles," with the following specific recommendation for change:

Among other things, Senate Bill 563 allows tow truck operators to have triple rear axle weights of 56,000 pounds on highways under control of State and local authorities. This is a significantly large weight that creates the potential for damage to highways throughout Illinois. While the Department has the resources to assess and protect against damage to its bridges and structures, local highway authorities do not have the same abilities.

In order to protect local highway infrastructure, I make the following specific recommendations for change:

on page 6, line 11, by replacing ", and" with "and"; and

on page 6, lines 12 and 13, by deleting "or 56,000 pounds on manufactured recovery units with a triple rear axle,"; and

on page 11, line 10, by replacing "axle or" with "axle, ~~or~~"; and

on page 11, line 10, by inserting the following before the period:  
"or 56,000 pounds on manufactured recovery units with a triple rear axle".

With these specific recommendations for change, SB 563 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,

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Governor