



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In January 2005, the State of Illinois, through  
3 its representatives in the Office of the Governor, signed a  
4 \$2.6 million contract with Ecosse Hospital Products Limited of  
5 England for the purchase of 300,000 doses of influenza vaccine;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The start date on the contract was retroactive to  
8 October 20, 2004; and

9 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has not received the  
10 contracted-for vaccine; and

11 WHEREAS, In October 2004, the I-SaveRx program was created  
12 to allow Illinois citizens to obtain prescription drugs through  
13 a network of pharmacies in Canada, the United Kingdom, and  
14 Ireland; and

15 WHEREAS, In Executive Order 2003-15, the Governor  
16 established a Special Advocate for Prescription Drugs; and

17 WHEREAS, The Office of the Governor and the Special  
18 Advocate for Prescription Drugs have been involved in the flu  
19 vaccine procurement process and in the I-SaveRx and other  
20 prescription drug programs; and

21 WHEREAS, There are questions concerning the State's  
22 obligation to pay on a contract for which the purchased goods  
23 were not received and for which the State did not receive any  
24 benefit; and

25 WHEREAS, Enrollment in the I-SaveRx program has been low;  
26 therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
2 the Auditor General shall conduct a management audit of the  
3 process followed in negotiating and entering into the contract  
4 with Ecosse Hospital Products Limited and in establishing and  
5 operating the I-SaveRx program; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the audit include, but not be limited to,  
7 the following determinations:

8 (1) The roles played by the Office of the Governor and  
9 the Special Advocate for Prescription Drugs in negotiating  
10 and entering into the flu vaccine contract;

11 (2) The procedures applicable to, and agencies  
12 responsible for, the establishment and operation of the  
13 I-SaveRx program; and

14 (3) Whether the entities involved in these programs  
15 followed all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and  
16 procedures; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Office of the Governor, the Office of  
18 the Special Advocate for Prescription Drugs, and any other  
19 entity that may have relevant information pertaining to this  
20 audit cooperate fully and promptly with the Auditor General's  
21 Office in the conduct of this audit; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence this audit as  
23 soon as possible and report his findings and recommendations  
24 upon completion in accordance with Section 3-14 of the Illinois  
25 State Auditing Act.