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To the Honorable Members of the Illinois Senate 94th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto Senate Bill 244, entitled "AN ACT concerning liquor." Senate Bill 244 carves a specific exception to the prohibition of issuing a liquor license within 100 feet of a school. I do not believe that this type of individual exception to this important prohibition is warranted.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return Senate Bill 244.

Sincerely,

ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH Governor