

August 28, 2009

To the Honorable Members of the Illinois Senate,
96th General Assembly

I hereby return Senate Bill 1050 with my specific recommendations for change. I thank the sponsors for their hard work on this legislation. This bill addresses the important issue of expanding opportunities for persons who have served time and are now ready to be productive citizens. While this legislation is noble, there are issues that require additional clarity.

Therefore, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return Senate Bill 1050, entitled "AN ACT concerning criminal law", with the following specific recommendations for change:

on page 10, line 16, by replacing "Registration Act." With "Registration Act, but who has not been convicted more than twice of a felony."; and

on page 10, by replacing lines 21 and 22 with "battery, or a forcible felony or of an offense that is not a crime"; and

on page 14, by replacing lines 24 and 25 with "employment by the Department of Corrections, Department of Juvenile Justice, or any other law enforcement agency in the State."; and

on page 16, by replacing lines 1 through 3 with the following:

"(a) After a rehabilitation review has been held, in a manner designated by the chief judge of the judicial circuit in which the conviction was entered, the Circuit Court of that judicial circuit ~~The Prisoner Review Board, or any 3 members of the Board by unanimous vote,~~"; and

on page 17, lines 8 and 9 by replacing "~~or 4, or Class X~~" with "or 4".

With these changes, Senate Bill 1050 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,

PAT QUINN
Governor