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To the Honorable Members of  
The Illinois Senate  
92nd General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto Senate Bill 1982 entitled "AN ACT concerning prisons."

Senate Bill 1982 amends the Unified Code of Corrections to provide that the additional charge for commissary goods in prisons shall be up to 35% for tobacco products and 25% for non-tobacco products. The additional charge shall be based upon the amount necessary to cover wages and benefits of employees of commissaries who are covered by a collective bargaining agreement. Forty percent of the profits on sales from commissary stores shall be expended by the Department of Corrections for the special benefit of committed persons. The remainder must be used first to pay for wages and benefits of commissary employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement, and then to pay the costs of dietary staff.

The Department of Corrections' budget that I received and approved assumes that privatization of the dietary and commissary services will occur. When the Department privatizes its dietary and commissary services, employees working in those areas will be directly employed by the contract vendor, which will render the provisions of Senate Bill 1982 unnecessary.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return Senate Bill 1982.

Sincerely,  
George H. Ryan  
GOVERNOR