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To the Honorable Members of the  
Illinois House of Representatives  
92nd General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto House Bill 2254 entitled "AN ACT concerning vehicles."

House Bill 2254 would amend the Illinois Vehicle Code to require the Secretary of State to provide that each original or renewal driver's license issued to a licensee younger than 19 years of age is of a distinct nature from those driver's licenses issued to individuals 19 and 20 years of age. The color designated for driver's licenses for licenses under 19 years of age shall be at the discretion of the Secretary of State.

House Bill 2254 was introduced with a companion bill, House Bill 1034, which would have increased the age for which someone can legally purchase cigarettes, tobacco products, tobacco accessories or smoking herbs from 18 to 19. House Bill 1034 did not pass the General Assembly. Therefore, there is no reason in current Illinois law that calls for separate and distinct driver's licenses for those under 19 years of age.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return House Bill 2254.

Sincerely,  
s/GEORGE H. RYAN  
Governor