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GOVERNOR

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

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor by Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, and re-affirmed by the People of the State of Illinois by popular referendum in 1974, and conforming to the standard articulated by the Illinois Supreme Court in People ex Rel. Klinger v. Howlett, 50 Ill. 2d 242 (1972), Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Co. v. Zagel, 78 Ill. 2d 387 (1979), People ex Rel. City of Canton v. Crouch, 79 Ill. 2d 356 (1980), and County of Kane v. Carlson, 116 Ill. 2d 186 (1987), that gubernatorial action be consistent with the fundamental purposes and the intent of the bill, I hereby return House Bill 2412 entitled "AN ACT in relation to alcoholic liquor," with my specific recommendation for change.

House Bill 2412 provides an opportunity to enhance the tourism industry in the Champaign-Urbana area by allowing the University of Illinois to attract the Chicago Bears to its facilities while Soldier Field is under construction. House Bill 2412 also provides an important means for increased revenue for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County without increased taxes or fees.

However, in order to preserve the intent of the legislation and traffic safety in the university community and surrounding highways, it is necessary to more specifically limit the time in which alcohol can be served and sold. This requirement will also bring alcohol policies in line with the industry standard at professional football venues while the Bears are playing at the University of Illinois.

For this reason, I hereby return House Bill 2412 with the following recommendations for change:

on page 3, line 15, by inserting after "Soldier Field," the following:

"not more than one and a half hours before the start of the game and not after the end of the third quarter of the game,".

With these changes, House Bill 2412 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,
s/GEORGE H. RYAN
Governor