

**2007-259**

**SPECIAL SESSION ON JULY 30, 2007**

WHEREAS, the Illinois Constitution requires the General Assembly to make appropriations for the expenditure of public funds for the fiscal year for State departments, authorities, and public agencies; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has passed, and I have signed, a temporary, one-month budget providing spending authority to State departments, authorities, and public agencies through July 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the temporary, one-month budget providing spending authority to State departments, authorities, and public agencies will expire on July 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, in order to avoid a costly government shutdown potentially injurious to the health, safety, and welfare of Illinois, the General Assembly must pass, at a minimum, a second temporary, one-month budget to provide spending authority to State departments, authorities, and public agencies which will expire on August 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services's (HFS) State Hemophilia Program provides financial assistance to persons with hemophilia by covering the cost of antihemophilic factors and annual comprehensive medical visits related to the disease; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly failed to provide for the expenditure of public funds after July of Fiscal Year 2008 for the HFS's State Hemophilia Program;

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby call and convene the 95th General Assembly in a special session to commence on July 30, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., to consider a second temporary, one-month budget to provide spending authority to State departments, authorities, and public agencies through August 31, 2007, and to consider any legislation, new or pending, which will address funding for the Department of Healthcare and Family Services's State Hemophilia Program.

Dated: July 28, 2007

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