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Illinois Launches Nation's First Lottery Ticket to Support the Fight Against Breast Cancer

Feigenholtz's "Ticket for the Cure" lottery ticket unveiled

CHICAGO – Yesterday, Representative Sara Feigenholtz attended the unveiling of a new Illinois Lottery game called *Ticket for the Cure*. The new scratch off ticket is the product of legislation (Senate Bill 1) sponsored by Mattie Hunter in the Senate and Representative Feigenholtz in the House and creates the nation's first lottery ticket dedicated to helping fund breast cancer education, early detection, research and patient services. Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer among women 20 years of age and older, with an estimated 9,000 women expected to be diagnosed in Illinois this year.

"Everyone knows that breast cancer is a serious disease that affects thousands of individuals and their families every day," said Representative Feigenholtz. "Experts stress the importance of early detection in the battle against breast cancer and I am pleased that the Illinois Lottery will be contributing 100% of the proceeds from the *Ticket for the Cure* game to funding early detection and research grants in Illinois."

The *Ticket for the Cure* is now available at Illinois Lottery retail locations across the state. Each ticket will cost \$2 and have a top prize of \$20,000. Net revenue from the sale of *Ticket for the Cure* scratch offs will be deposited into an interest bearing account in the State Treasury called the *Ticket for the Cure* Fund. The Illinois General Assembly will appropriate this money solely to the Illinois Department of Public Health who will award grants to public and private entities in Illinois for the purpose of funding breast cancer research, education and services for breast cancer patients and their families. All grants will be reviewed and approved by a special advisory board called the *Ticket for the Cure* Board on which Representative Feigenholtz sits.



For more information on the *Ticket for the Cure* please visit Illinois Lottery's Web site at <http://illinoislottery.com>. For more information on women's health and programs visit www.idph.state.il.us or call the Women's Health-Line at 888-522-1282 or for TTY (hearing impaired use only) at 800-547-0466. You may also call the health-line to inquire about the availability of the wellness vans for Pink Potluck events.

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