

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
**Senate Journal**  
Ninety–Eighth Regular Session

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FRIDAY, October 31, 2008

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The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

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**CHIEF CLERK'S ENTRIES**

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated **Thursday, October 30, 2008.**

**REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE REPORTS  
CONCERNING PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

The committee on **Commerce, Utilities and Rail** reports and recommends:

**Senate Clearinghouse Rule 08–027**

Relating to electronic communication services offered to consumers.

No action taken.

*JEFFREY PLALE*  
Chairperson

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**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**State of Wisconsin  
Department of Revenue**

October 23, 2008

The Honorable, The Legislature:

I am submitting the quarterly report of the Wisconsin Lottery for the quarter ending September 30, 2008. As required by s. [565.37\(3\)](#), Wis. Stats., the attached materials contain unaudited Wisconsin Lottery year-to-date Revenue and Expenditure information.

Lottery sales were down 6% from the first quarter of last year. The decline is primarily because of lower Powerball sales which were down 18%, due to the absence of a large jackpot. Instant ticket sales were off 5%.

The information reported here is a summary and is not intended to be a complete financial accounting of Wisconsin Lottery operations.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this report, please feel free to contact me at (608) 266–6466.

Sincerely,  
*ROGER M. ERVIN*  
Secretary of Revenue

**State of Wisconsin  
Legislative Audit Bureau**

October 29, 2008

The Honorable, The Legislature:

We have completed a financial and compliance audit of the Wisconsin Health Insurance Risk–Sharing Plan (HIRSP) Authority for the six–month period ended December 31, 2006. This audit satisfies audit requirements under s. [13.94\(1\)\(dh\)](#), Wis. Stats. It also satisfies the HIRSP Authority's audit requirements under the federal Single Audit Act of 1984, as amended, and U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A–133. The six–month period represents a transition as the financial reporting period was changed from a fiscal year basis to a calendar year basis. We have also issued a separate audit report (08–12) on our audit of the HIRSP Authority of calendar year 2007.

The HIRSP Authority provides medical and prescription drug insurance for individuals who are unable to obtain coverage in the private market or who have lost employer–sponsored group health insurance. [2005 Wisconsin Act 74](#) made significant changes to the operations of HIRSP. Among the most significant was the creating of the HIRSP Authority, which assumed oversight responsibility from the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services (currently the Department of Health Services) on July 1, 2006.

We have provided an unqualified opinion on the HIRSP Authority's financial statements. Our report also contains the auditor's reports on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance with program requirements, and our unqualified audit opinion on the HIRSP Authority's Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. Overall, the HIRSP Authority has complied with federal grant requirements.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by the HIRSP Authority and the plan administrator.

Respectfully submitted,  
*JANICE MUELLER*  
State Auditor

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Act of 1984, as amended, and U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133. We have also issued a separate audit report (08-11) on our audit of the HIRSP Authority for the six-month period ended December 31, 2006, which was a transition period as the financial reporting period changed from a fiscal year basis to a calendar year basis.

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We have provided an unqualified audit opinion on the HIRSP Authority's 2007 financial statements. Our report also contains the auditor's reports on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance with program requirements, and our unqualified audit opinion on the HIRSP Authority's Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. Overall, we did not identify any significant concerns, although we include a recommendation for the HIRSP Authority to work with the federal government to resolve a federal cash management issue.

The HIRSP Authority has maintained a sound financial position, with a net increase in assets of \$6.8 million during 2007. Following years of significant increases during the early 2000s, policyholder enrollment has decreased in recent years.

As of December 31, 2007, 17,126 policyholders were enrolled in one of the HIRSP Authority's plans.

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Respectfully submitted,  
*JANICE MUELLER*  
State Auditor

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## REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE REPORTS CONCERNING PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The committee on **Health, Human Services, Insurance, and Job Creation** reports and recommends:

### **Senate Clearinghouse Rule 08-036**

Relating to the training and certification of individuals performing regulated asbestos abatement activities, the certification of companies providing regulated asbestos activities, the accreditation of asbestos training courses, the approval of asbestos training instructors, and the responsibilities of designated school asbestos coordinators, and affecting small businesses.

Modifications requested, Ayes 6, Noes 0.

Ayes, 6 – Senators Erpenbach, Vinehout, Carpenter, Taylor, Lazich and Kanavas.

Noes, 0 – None.

*JON ERPENBACH*  
Chairperson