

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
JOE MANCHIN III
GOVERNOR

April 1, 2008

VETO MESSAGE

The Honorable Betty Ireland
Secretary of State
State Capitol
Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Secretary Ireland:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section Fourteen, Article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 4307.

Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 4307 proposes various amendments relating to the use of moneys in the West Virginia Greyhound Breeding Development Fund. Among other dedicated uses, moneys in the Fund are used to fund supplemental owners' awards for owners of West Virginia whelped greyhounds. One of the Bill's proposed amendments would alter the way owners' awards are distributed from the Fund. Unfortunately, a lawsuit is currently pending in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County that raises legal issues regarding the distribution of moneys from the Fund. *Ee Burdette v. Sidiroplois*, Civil Action No. 06-C-2368. Given the uncertainty surrounding the Fund, it would be unwarranted to approve the additional modifications proposed by this Bill until the litigation is resolved.

For these reasons, I must veto Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 4307.

Very truly yours,

JOE MANCHIN III
Governor.