

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
CHARLESTON

March 18, 2011

The Honorable Richard Thompson
Speaker, West Virginia House of Delegates
State Capitol
Charleston, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Speaker:

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. 2525.

I must object to this Bill because its objects are not adequately expressed in the title. The Bill would specify, in separate sections, the scope of practice for a licensed certified social worker, a licensed graduate social worker, a social worker, and a provisionally licensed social worker; however, the title fails to mention or address the scope of practice for any of the above-named types of social workers.

The Bill would also respecify in a new section and add additional exemptions from the provisions of article thirty, chapter thirty of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; however, the title fails to mention or address the additional exemptions. In addition, the Bill would amend the requirements regarding the display of a license or permit at the person's

principal business location; however, the title fails to mention or address the amended display requirements. Lastly, the Bill would respecify in a new section and amend the information a licensee must not disclose and exceptions to that requirement; however, the title fails to mention or address the amended confidentiality requirement and exceptions.

Unfortunately, because the Bill's title does not adequately reflect the amendments it purports to make to the West Virginia Code, a reasonable person would not be able to discern the amendments without reading the entire text of the Bill. For this reason, I must veto Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2525.

Additionally, while not substantively fatal, the Bill contains a clerical error. The Senate's adopted floor amendment required that the word "supervision" be inserted after the word "required" on page ten, section six, line seventeen. However, in the Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2525, the word "supervision" was inserted before the word "required".

Very truly yours,

Earl Ray Tomblin,

Governor.

cc: The Honorable Jeffrey V. Kessler
The Honorable Natalie E. Tennant