

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
CHARLESTON

March 15, 2012

The Honorable Jeffrey V. Kessler
President, West Virginia Senate
State Capitol
Charleston, West Virginia

Dear President Kessler:

Pursuant to the provisions of section fourteen, article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 371.

Apparently, portions of subsection (k), section twelve, article five-b, chapter eighteen of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended (the "Code"), that were agreed to during the conference committee process were omitted from the conference report and were also, therefore, omitted from Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 371. Additionally, the enrolled bill appears to have several technical errors within. Accordingly, the enrolled bill does not reflect the agreement between the Senate and the House of Delegates and must be vetoed.

Although I support the substance of this legislation, because the bill contains the referenced flaws, I must veto Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 371. However, I encourage the Legislature to reconsider this matter and return it to my desk

for approval.

Sincerely,

Earl Ray Tomblin,

Governor.