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April 1, 2016

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Natalie E. Tennant
Secretary of State
State of West Virginia
Building 1, Suite 157-K
State Capitol
Charleston, WV 25305


Re: Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill 4168

Dear Secretary of State Tennant:

Pursuant to section fourteen, Article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill 4168. This bill creates a special motor vehicle collectors license plate which among other things, allows the individual holding the plate to "transfer a . . . plate among multiple collector motor vehicles" and to "maintain or renew the . . . plate" even if the individual no longer owns a collector motor vehicle. See §§ 17A-6F-3(c) and 17A-6F-2(b).

Both law enforcement officials and the Division of Motor vehicles have expressed concern over the transferability of the plate between potentially unregistered vehicles. They have expressed that this bill may result in confusion in the enforcement of traffic regulations as well as potentially opening the door to subterfuge by certain persons. In view of the foregoing and in deference to our law enforcement officials, I hereby disapprove Enrolled House Bill 4168.

Sincerely,


Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor

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cc: The Hon. Tim Armstead
Speaker of the House of Delegates

The Honorable William P Cole III
President of the Senate