

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Mac Warner Secretary of State Building 1, Suite 157-K State Capitol Charleston, West Virginia 25305

RE: Enrolled Senate Bill 633

Dear Secretary Warner:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section Fourteen, Article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return Enrolled Senate Bill 633.

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 633 allows for the WV Board of Physical Therapy to conduct criminal background checks on applicants for a license. Further, the bill allows for disqualification for licensure and prohibition from disqualification based on certain crimes if found as a result of the background check. It is these crimes and how they affect the issuance of a license, that is missing from the bill's title.

The bill is technically flawed because its title is defective. See State ex rel. Davis v. Oakley, 156 W. Va. 154, 191 S.E.2d 610 (1972) (requiring bill title to provide notice of bill's contents). Specifically, there are nine subsections that are not reflected in the title of the bill and therefore does not provide the notice required of the bill's contents. The passage of this bill is very important to the operation of the WV Physical Therapy Board as it implements the multi-state compact that was approved by the legislature in 2018. Therefore, I ask that this bill be corrected and resubmitted to the legislature for approval.

For these reasons, I must disapprove and return Enrolled Senate Bill No. 633.

Jim Justice

cc: The Honorable Mitch Carmichael
President of the Senate
The Honorable Roger Hanshaw
Speaker of the House of Delegates