

March 27, 2019

VIA HAND DELIVERY

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

RE: Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2531

Dear Secretary Warner:

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. 2531.

Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2531 allows additional health care professionals to provide counseling in medication -assisted treatment settings for substance use disorders. This bill serves an important purpose and is needed; however, it contains a severe technical flaw that renders it void.

The enrolled version of this bill omits subsection (f) through (s) of WV Code §16-5Y-5, with no evidence of strike-throughs. The bill's enrolled version eliminates 14 sections of current West Virginia Code. If approved, this bill would effectively delete current sections of West Virginia Code with no notice to the members of the legislature who voted for this bill.

For these reasons, I must disapprove and return Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2531.

Sincerely,

Jim Justice
Governor

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