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VIA HAND DELIVERY
The Honorable Natalie E. Tennant
Secretary of State
State Capitol
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Ms. Tennant:

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. 21. This bill requires in its § 16-1C-2 that employees of a health care provider wear an identification badge when providing direct patient care. The applicability of this section to certain employers, however, is questionable because of an incorrect cross-reference on page 4, line 1 of the Enrolled Committee Substitute. This cross-reference should refer to section "two" instead of section "three." Moreover, page 2, line 1 contains a similar error. Page 2, line 1 should refer the reader to section "two" rather than section "three."

Because these internal cross-references in the bill are incorrect, I must veto the legislation.

Very truly yours,

Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor

cc: The Honorable Richard Thompson
Speaker, West Virginia House of Delegates
The Honorable Jeffrey V. Kessler
President, Senate of West Virginia