

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

VETO MESSAGE

**STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE VETO OF ITEM IN
AMENDED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 494**

DECEMBER 19, 2014

Pursuant to Article II, Section 16 of the Ohio Constitution, which states that the Governor may disapprove any items in a bill making an appropriation of money, I hereby disapprove the following item contained in Amended Substitute House Bill 494 and set forth below the reasons for so doing. The text I am disapproving is identified in this message by reference to the corresponding page and boxed text of the bill.

ITEM

On page 1, delete the following boxed text, beginning with “to amend Section 9 . . .”.

On page 1, delete the following boxed text, “to make changes to video lottery terminal facilities,”.

On page 61, delete the boxed text, beginning with “Section 8. . .”.

Source of Funds for Certain Communities with Horse Racetracks

The intent of current law is for the State of Ohio to negotiate with racetrack operators to provide an ongoing revenue stream to the local communities in which they are located. Funds for this revenue stream are intended to come from racetrack operations, not the State of Ohio, which this provision would cause to happen. Furthermore, this provision also deviates from the original intent of current law because it would only provide funds to a third of the communities with a racetrack, while effectively leaving other impacted communities deserving of assistance without funding. Moreover, while the language directs the State of Ohio to make payments to select communities, the language lacks the appropriation authority that is constitutionally required in any legislation for the state to make payments. This provision does not meet constitutional standards, violates the intent of current law, and exposes the State of Ohio to litigation. Therefore, this veto is in the public interest.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed at Columbus this 19th day of December, Two Thousand Fourteen.

John R. Kasich, Governor

This will acknowledge the receipt of a copy of this veto Message of Amended Substitute House Bill 494 that was disapproved in part by Governor John R. Kasich on December 19, 2014.

Name and Title of Officer

12/19/14 4:27 pm

Date and Time of Receipt