



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

V E T O # 62

TO THE ASSEMBLY:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

SEP 23 2011

Assembly Bill Number 5785, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, in relation to provision of health insurance and supplemental benefits to retirees of the New York city off track betting"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would require New York State to reimburse New York City for the actual cost of health insurance and welfare benefit programs to be provided to several hundred retirees of New York City's Off Track Betting Corporation ("OTB"). These employees received health insurance and welfare benefits through New York City's employee health insurance plan. As a result of OTB's bankruptcy, however, OTB's retirees, who had expected that these vital benefits would be provided to them upon retirement, were left out in the cold and unprotected. I understand that several hundred retirees may not have health insurance that they worked hard for and that time is of the essence.

However, this bill is flawed because it contains no appropriation authority for any sums to effectuate this program of reimbursement. Without such authority, the State cannot implement this legislation.

This bill is disapproved.