



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 258 without my signature.

This measure clarifies the intent of last year's historic Workers' Compensation reform as it relates to assignment of medical liens and the prospective nature of the new requirements - - I agree with that. Unfortunately, the bill also makes an unnecessary change to the qualifications for appointment to the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board.

The existing option to appoint qualified non-attorneys to two of the seven slots is reasonable. I see no reason to limit future Governors in their authority to appoint members of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board.

I will work with the Legislature next year to make the clarification that assignment of medical liens was intended to be prospective under SB 863 (Chapter 363, Statutes of 2012).

Sincerely,


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