



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 149, which would delay the requirements imposed by AB 1753 (Low, Chapter 479, Statutes of 2018) for prescription forms. When AB 1753 went into effect, a timeline for implementation was not established, which caused confusion and frustration for medical professionals and consumers alike. This bill would impose an implementation timeline for the provisions of AB 1753 and alleviate the confusion faced by patients and prescribers. AB 149 is needed to ensure patients throughout the state continue to receive their prescriptions quickly and easily, while meeting the State's need to aggressively address the opioid crisis.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom

