



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 373 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit the Board of Behavioral Sciences, the Board of Psychology, and the Veterinary Medical Board from disclosing on the internet the public address of record of a licensee or registrant.

I appreciate the author's goal to provide additional safety to these providers; however, this bill would serve as an impediment for patients seeking access to their medical records, as a patient would need their provider's address to make a request. Absent access to addresses on board websites or other publicly accessible sources, patients may need to submit a public records act request to obtain the address needed to request access to their medical records. This could result in a significant delay for patients seeking to obtain their medical records.

There are already protections in existing law for providers that work from their homes and seek to maintain their privacy, including the use of a post office box that avoids the need to disclose their home address. The safety of healthcare providers is paramount, but I cannot support a measure that would restrict patient access when effective alternatives exist to protect the safety and privacy of providers.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.



Sincerely,

Gravin Newsom

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gravin Newsom', written over the printed name. The signature is stylized with a large initial 'G' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.