



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**SEP 27 2024**

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 3063 without my signature.

This bill would exempt from the definition of compounding the addition of a flavoring agent that meets specified conditions.

While I appreciate the author's goal to address the availability of flavored medication in the state, this bill creates an exception to national standards for compounding which poses a risk to consumer health and safety. This bill would undermine AB 973, which I signed in 2019, that required both sterile and non-sterile compounding in California to be consistent with the United States Pharmacopeia-National Formulary's guidelines. AB 973 was passed and enacted to ensure the state adheres to the federally required minimum standards of consumer protection.

I vetoed a similar bill last year that would have created conflicting standards for California and contradicted AB 973. While this bill attempts to specify the conditions necessary for exclusion, it still contains exceptions to national guidelines, which poses an increased risk to consumers from contamination.

Flavoring is a useful tool for pharmacists to help improve the palatability of medication, and I encourage the author to work with the Department of Consumer Affairs on legislation that facilitates the availability of medication flavoring while maintaining foundational consumer protections.



For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Newsom', is written over the printed name. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping 'G' and a long, horizontal tail.