



Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 227 as passed by the Eighty-Third Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

SB 227 would circumvent existing safeguards for the dispensing of certain prescription cosmetic drugs by allowing physicians and optometrists to sell these medications directly. It is the role of pharmacists - who are trained specifically in drug interactions, side effects and allergies - to dispense the medications. Additionally, the State Board of Pharmacy has the authority to inspect pharmacies to ensure drugs are stored securely and at safe temperatures.

I share concerns from within the health care community that though these drugs are used for aesthetic purposes, they are still prescription-strength drugs with potentially dangerous side effects and interactions, and therefore should remain subject to existing safety protocols and oversight.

Since the Eighty-Third Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 14th day of June, 2013.

RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas