

BILL NUMBER: AB 398
VETOED DATE: 10/14/2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 398 without my signature. While I support consumer access to information, including information about the quality of care at licensed long-term care facilities, I cannot support this bill as it is premature, overly prescriptive and would result in increased state costs. Efforts underway by the Department of Public Health (Department) will produce a consumer website so the public can easily access facility licensing violations.

I am directing the Department to consider expanding the website under development to include data required by this bill unless doing so will substantially increase costs or delay development of the website.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger