

BILL NUMBER: AB 1235  
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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1235 without my signature.

It is with sincere disappointment that I am unable to sign this hospital peer review measure. I vetoed two bills on this subject last year, with a clear message for the interested stakeholders to work together, along with my Administration, on this extremely complicated and complex issue. Unfortunately, this consensus did not occur. As California stands ready to implement health reform, we need hospitals and physicians to work in new and more efficient ways.

I believe both parties are working to provide quality care to patients ? but there are better ways to work together. Litigation and protracted contract disputes are not going to be mechanisms to achieve this common goal.

I would encourage the author to keep working with these parties in the coming year ? this problem must be addressed. I believe that a final consensus product that first, and most importantly, protects patients while also allowing hospitals and physicians to work together, can be reached.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger