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Office of the Governor

May 31, 2013

The Honorable Ross Miller
Secretary of State
Capitol Building
101 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: Senate Bill 198 of the 77th Legislative Session

Dear Secretary Miller:

I am herewith forwarding to you, for filing within the constitutional time limit and without my approval, Senate Bill 198, which is entitled:

AN ACT relating to the practice of chiropractic; revising provisions relating to the practice of chiropractic; providing that a chiropractor's assistant may perform certain ancillary services under indirect supervision in certain circumstances; providing that a chiropractor's assistant is subject to disciplinary action under certain circumstances; providing administrative penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

This bill allows chiropractic assistants to provide certain ancillary services to patients under the indirect supervision of a licensed chiropractic physician. The bill requires such services to be performed on established patients in the primary practice of an insured, chiropractic physician or a hospital. It does not, however, require the physician to be on site. Instead, the physician must be "reasonably accessible" by telephone, facsimile or other electronic means.

Senate Bill 198 is well intentioned. However, many medical professionals, licensing boards and even some chiropractic assistants have indicated that the current qualifications do not warrant allowing assistants to provide care to patients without the direct supervision of a physician. Currently, to qualify as a chiropractic assistant, a person must be at least 18 years of age, have a high school diploma or the equivalent, complete six months of "on the job" training and must pass a written test. These

qualifications are not sufficient to allow the indirect supervision of chiropractic assistants who treat patients. Because of these concerns, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature and without my approval.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Sandoval", with a stylized flourish at the end.

BRIAN SANDOVAL
Governor

Enclosure

cc: *The Honorable Brian Krolicki, President of the Senate (without enclosure)*
 The Honorable Moises Denis, Senate Majority Leader (without enclosure)
 The Honorable Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Speaker of the Assembly (without enclosure)
 David A. Byerman, Secretary of the Senate (without enclosure)
 Susan Furlong, Chief Clerk of the Assembly (without enclosure)
 Brenda Erdoes, Esq., Legislative Counsel (without enclosure)