

S 402 CHANGE MEMBERSHIP OF VARIOUS BOARDS

April 8, 1999

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 91

I have this day VETOED and am returning SENATE BILL 402, as amended, enacted by the Forty-Fourth Legislature, First Session, 1999.

This legislation changes the membership of various boards and commissions. This bill contains provisions which conflict with legislation previously passed by the Forty-Fourth Legislature and which I signed into law. Therefore, I am vetoing SENATE BILL 402 in order to avoid this conflict.

S 403 HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS' RIGHTS

March 19, 1999

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 28

I have this day VETOED and am returning SENATE BILL 403, as amended, enacted by the Forty-Fourth Legislature, First Session, 1999.

This legislation would require contracts between Health Maintenance Organizations and their participating health care providers to include a provision imposing an interest penalty on the HMO if it does not pay the undisputed portion of any claims within 30 days. It also requires the Insurance Division to adopt rules by December 1, 1999 requiring HMO's to provide timely notice to providers of claims received.

I vetoed this bill because current state law and Insurance Department rules already contain a requirement for payment in forty-five days and allow for the imposition of penalties for failing to make timely insurance claims. I am concerned that this bill may increase the cost of providing health care by imposing new requirements on HMO's and establish a precedent for government involvement in private contracts.