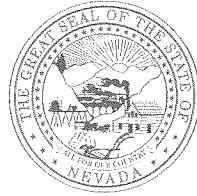


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May 30, 2017

The Honorable Aaron Ford
Nevada State Senate Majority Leader
The Nevada Legislature
401 South Carson Street
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RE: Senate Bill 374 of the 79th Legislative Session

Dear Leader Ford:

I am herewith forwarding to you, for filing within the constitutional time limit and without my approval, Senate Bill 374 ("SB 374"), which is entitled:

AN ACT relating to cannabis; revising the medical conditions for which a person may obtain a registry identification card; prohibiting a professional licensing board from taking disciplinary action against a licensee who holds a registry identification card or engages in certain lawful activities relating to marijuana; authorizing the use of a marijuana infused product or product containing industrial hemp by a provider of health care or massage therapist on a patient or client; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

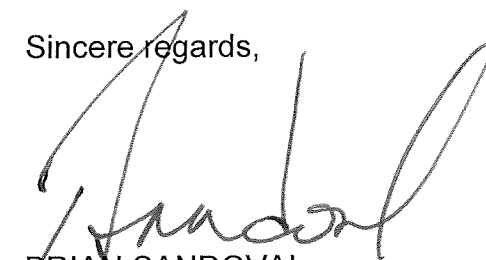
SB 374 raises several questions regarding the use of medical and recreational marijuana. It limits the discretion of professional licensing boards over their members who use recreational marijuana. It also expands the list of providers of health care who can recommend medical marijuana for a patient and allows massage therapists to apply topical lotions, oils, and other products that contain hemp or marijuana to customers and patients.

Nevada law already prohibits an occupational licensing board from taking disciplinary action against licensees for their use of medical marijuana. However, given the uncertainty associated with the United States Justice Department's enforcement policies of federal law on the use of recreational marijuana, it is unwise to limit professional licensing board discretion over the use of recreational marijuana by a licensee. It is also imprudent to expand possible uses of recreational marijuana by allowing topical application of products containing marijuana and

hemp by massage therapists and others. These are subjects that warrant further study and review to consider the efficacy, health effects, and legality of these issues.

For these reasons, I veto SB 374 and return it without my signature or approval.

Sincere regards,



BRIAN SANDOVAL
Governor

Enclosure

cc: *The Honorable Mark Hutchison, President of the Senate (without enclosure)*
The Honorable Jason Frierson, Speaker of the Nevada Assembly (without enclosure)
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