



OFFICE OF

No. SB 685

THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.,

May 1, 2019

TIME SIGNED: 5:25pm

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE
FIRST SESSION OF THE
FIFTY SEVENTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 685:

This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to legislation presented to me, I have vetoed Senate Bill 685.

Senate Bill 685 would, in part, provide the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (the "Board"), the option to review applications by circularization and thereby vote to approve an application. Any action taken by the Board to approve applications by circularization would violate both the spirit and the text of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. The Act specifically prohibits deciding or taking action on any matter by e-mail or at an informal gathering.

The intent of Senate Bill 685 is to expedite the licensing review and approval process, which I understand and support. There are already options available to the Board outside of regularly scheduled meetings, including Special Meetings, Emergency Meetings, and the option to hold meetings by videoconference. I encourage the Board to utilize these alternatives in order to resolve this issue.

For the aforementioned reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill 685.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

By

Date/Time 5-1-19 5:50pm

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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