

BILL NUMBER: AB 2566
VETOED: 09/29/2010

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2566 without my signature.

I vetoed a similar measure last year. The reason for the veto remains the same. Existing law already addresses the issues highlighted by the sponsors and author. The real problem is that the sponsors want enforcement of this issue moved up on the prioritization of enforcement issues pending with the Medical Board (Board). California currently ranks 41st in the country for taking serious disciplinary action against doctors and this bill attempts to move those serious disciplinary actions behind businesses that operate "medi-spas" providing skin peels, dermabrasion and laser hair removal.

Good doctors are the backbone of our health delivery system. I believe the members of the Board want to protect patients. I just don't agree that the Board's time is better spent on medi-spa enforcement when other physicians should be more quickly investigated and prohibited from practicing medicine when they have caused serious patient harm or death.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger