



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1278 without my signature. Helping people to quit smoking is a laudable health goal. In fact, many hospitals already designate their campuses "smoke-free" and impose fines on violators. Nothing in current law prevents hospitals from adopting this practice.

Finally, I would note that this bill eliminates penalties for smoking in hospitals. Why?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a long vertical line extending downwards from the end of the signature.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.