



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing AB 1422 which is clean-up legislation to last year's workers' compensation anti-fraud bills, AB 1244 and SB 1160. Those measures established new requirements and authority to help prevent and reduce fraud in the workers' compensation system. Specifically, they require the suspension of medical providers who have been convicted of crimes involving fraud or abuse. They also require placing a stay on any liens filed by providers charged with such crimes (pending disposition of the charges).

AB 1422 confirms that the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board retains jurisdiction to resolve disputes about the applicability of the automatic stay provision to specific liens. This bill is declaratory of existing law which provides for the resolution of these disputes through the Board's current practices and procedures. Nothing in last year's legislation creating the stay was intended, or operated, to divest the Board from jurisdiction over these issues.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.