



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1542 without my signature.

This bill requires the Division of Worker's Compensation to appoint qualified clinical neuropsychologists as Qualified Medical Examiners.

This bill undermines the Division of Workers' Compensation's authority to apply consistent standards when it determines eligible medical specialties for the Qualified Medical Evaluator panel. The Division is not in the position to determine the validity of a physician's qualifications. That power resides with the physician's licensing board. If the Board of Psychology believes there is value in recognizing neuropsychology as a subspecialty, it should do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.