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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2062 without my signature.

The bill would require that a health facility employ only surgical technologists with specified training and certification, with certain exceptions.

Two years ago, I vetoed a similar bill that sought "title protection" for certified surgical technologists in law. A new certification requirement, enforced by hospitals, could introduce an unnecessary barrier to employment.

Hospitals successfully employ many surgical technologists today. They should continue to do their utmost to ensure that everyone in an operating room is competent and qualified to do the job.

Sincerely,

Edward G. Brown Jr.