



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 947 without my signature.

This bill would extend the requirement to pay workers' compensation temporary disability payments for up to 240 weeks in cases where surgery or recovery from surgery occurs after the current 104 week temporary disability limit.

It is vital that injured workers receive adequate compensation to provide for their needs when they are unable to work due to work related injuries. Workers' compensation reforms, however, need to be addressed on a broad and balanced scale -- ensuring workers receive adequate and timely benefits and treatment, while also ensuring that the costs of the system are sustainable.

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.