

April 6, 2001

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 82

The Honorable Richard Romero and
Members of the Senate
Executive-Legislative Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I have this day VETOED and am returning SENATE BILL 477, as amended enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This bill expands the Nursing Home Administrators Act. It would add four new members to the Long-Term Care Administrators Board, create new licensing provisions for administrators of adult residential care facilities, and impose additional licensing requirements for currently licensed nursing home administrators overseeing adult residential care facilities.

Only four states currently require licensure of administrators of adult residential care facilities. An attempt to license these administrators, many of whom oversee programs that provide health care services to a widely diverse group of patients (everything from drug treatment to disabled care), is likely to impose generic mandates that do not truly address the functions of these facilities. I believe that such licensure requires additional study of the possible long-term effects that such a scheme would have on the residential health care industry.

Sincerely,

Gary E. Johnson
Governor

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