STATE OF MINNESOTA



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The Honorable Allan H. Spear President of the Senate G-27 Capitol Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear President Spear:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 134, Senate File 952/House File 998, a bill requiring crane operators to be licensed by the state and establishing a licensing board.

This would add yet another state board to a list that is already too long. We require licenses and have established boards for fourteen separate occupations. This habit of creating more regulation and bureaucracies needs examination. More importantly, I am not aware of any other state in the union nor province in Canada which requires the licensing of crane operators.

This bill is unnecessary and would duplicate safeguards already in place. Rather than create another level of bureaucracy, any problems relating to crane operation can and should be addressed through existing state programs at the Department of Labor and Industry.

Therefore, I will direct the department to create more apprenticeship opportunities for training crane operators. In addition, I have asked the Department's Occupation, Safety and Health division to emphasize inspection of crane operation safety procedures.

While I applaud the intent behind this legislation, I am convinced that we can accomplish this without creating more boards and bureaucracy.

Warmest regards,

ARNE H. CARLSON

Governor

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