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Veto Message Chapter 310, HF2809

The Honorable Steve Sviggum
Speaker of the House of Representatives
463 State Office Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Speaker Sviggum:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter Number 310, House File Number 2809, a bill relating to the Ah-Gwah-Ching Nursing Center.

I am vetoing this bill for two reasons. First, this bill seeks to clarify that the Ah-Gwah-Ching Center will continue operation in Walker, Minnesota as a provider of nursing care. This new language is unnecessary. According to Chapter 251.011, subdivision 3, "the Commissioner shall not decrease the number of nursing home beds nor close Ah-Gwah-Ching Center without specific approval by the legislature." Second, this bill attempts to add additional admission criteria. This language is not necessary and will not change the current pattern of operation at this facility.

For these reasons, I am vetoing this bill.

Sincerely,

Jesse Ventura Governor

cc: Senator Allan Spear, President of the Senate

Senator Roger Moe, Majority Leader Senator Dick Day, Minority Leader Representative Tom Pugh, Minority Leader Chief Senate Author Chief House AuthorMr. Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate

Mr. Edward A. Burdick, Chief Clerk of the House

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