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



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For Citizens Dear Speaker Sviggum:



Press Office I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 189, House File Number  
 1051, a bill relating to medical malpractice claims.



The Administration The original premise of the bill was to clarify language pertaining to  
 the certification of expert witnesses in medical malpractice cases.



Lt. Governor The bill was significantly altered on the Senate floor on May 16,  
 2001 with an amendment that was portrayed as non-controversial.



First Lady In fact the amendment is very controversial and has significant  
 ramifications within the medical, legal and insurance industries.

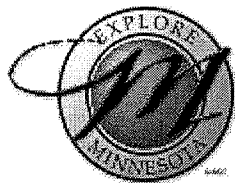
This bill as it was adopted, now has the effect of retroactively  
 changing existing law related to the medical malpractice statute of  
 limitations. Such a change has significant policy and financial  
 ramifications for the medical profession and is not a change to be  
 made without serious debate and unambiguous intent.

Sincerely,

Jesse Ventura  
Governor

cc: Senator Don Samuelson, President of the Senate  
Senator Roger Moe, Majority Leader

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