

PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 964 passed by the Seventy-Seventh Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

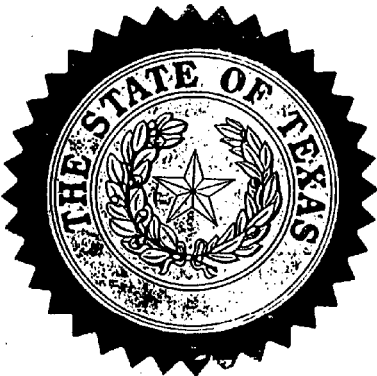
House Bill No. 964 would expand the list of persons who may authorize the release of a decedent's medical records. The restrictions in current law appropriately protect the privacy interests of a decedent. This bill would allow numerous others to consent to the release of records without regard to the privacy interests and wishes of the decedent.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 17th day of June, 2001.

Rick Perry

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas



ATTESTED BY:

Henry Cuellar
Henry Cuellar, Ph.D.
Secretary of State

June 17, 2001
Austin, Texas

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
10:30 P.M. O'CLOCK

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Secretary of State