



**Dannel P. Malloy**

GOVERNOR  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

July 12, 2013

The Honorable Denise Merrill  
Secretary of State  
30 Trinity Street  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Madam Secretary:

I hereby return, without my signature, substitute Senate Bill 1067, *An Act Concerning Medical Spa Facilities*. This bill defines “medical spa” and establishes requirements related to cosmetic medical procedures performed at such spas. The bill would require a physician to act as the establishment’s medical director, perform the initial physical assessment of any person undergoing a cosmetic medical procedure, and perform or supervise and control any cosmetic medical procedures.

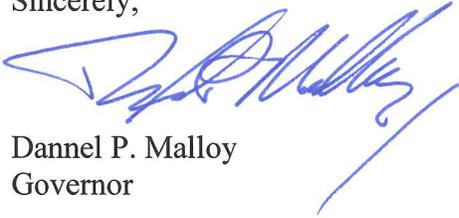
Protecting public health is an essential role of government, and I strongly support the objectives of this bill. Many of the procedures covered in this bill should only be performed by a licensed medical professional. And, indeed, many cosmetic procedures have already been deemed to be medical in nature, requiring that they be performed by licensed professionals.

However, requiring physicians to perform all initial assessments and to perform or supervise and control all cosmetic medical procedures may unnecessarily limit the scope of practice of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) and other licensed medical professionals. Requiring physicians employed or on contract with a medical spa to perform all initial assessments may also unduly burden small businesses if such assessments could be done by another medical professional or an individual’s own physician.

Requirements as demanding as those included in this bill should follow from a determination by a professional board or working group or upon recommendation by the Department of Public Health following a scope of practice review.

For these reasons, I disapprove of substitute Senate Bill 1067, *An Act Concerning Medical Spa Facilities*. Pursuant to Section 15 of Article Fourth of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, I am returning substitute Senate Bill 1067 without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dannel P. Malloy", is written over the typed name and title.

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor