

VETO MESSAGE ON HB 1000

April 17, 2007

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval as to Section 2, House Bill No. 1000 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to adding porphyria to the list of disabilities for special parking privileges."

Section 2, the emergency clause, was retained from a previous version of the bill. The bill sponsor, stakeholders and the Department of Licensing do not feel it is a necessary component of the bill. An emergency clause is used when immediate enactment of a bill is necessary to preserve the public peace, health, or safety or when it is necessary for the support of state government. It should be used sparingly because its application has the effect of limiting citizens' right to referendum. If retained, the emergency clause would move forward implementation of House Bill No. 1000 by approximately 15 days. Delaying the bill's implementation by 15 days does not rise to the level of public health risk necessitating an emergency clause.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 2 of House Bill No. 1000.

With the exception of Section 2, House Bill No. 1000 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Gregoire
Governor