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FLOOR LETTER: POLICE CHIEFS STRONGLY OPPOSE LATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 294

Senate Bill 294 was amended on August 17 to insert language into the bill that gives the California Massage Therapy Council (CAMTC) - a voluntary selfselected organization - specific pre-emptive powers over the affairs of Charter Cities. Under Senate Bill 294, a person with a certificate from the CAMTC would be permitted to run a massage business in a charter city even if that charter city had already rejected their application!

There have been enough problems with the operations of the CAMTC in its first year of operation - so much so that the California Police Chiefs Association has sponsored AB 1822 (which is supported by law enforcement and anti-Human Trafficking activists) aimed at addressing the insular operation of the CAMTC. To now overtly extend the CAMTC's authority to include all Charter Cities seems poorly timed.

The California Police Chiefs Association respectfully request a "no" vote on Senate Bill 294.