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## Legislative Initiatives

### Legislative Log 2000

### Veto Message Chapter 397, SF 884

April 14, 2000

The Honorable Allan Spear  
President of the Senate  
120 State Capitol  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear President Spear:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter Number 397, Senate File Number 884, a bill providing marriage license fee reductions for premarital education.

I do not believe that government has a role in marriage counseling. This bill is overly intrusive and increases costs for those who choose not to receive premarital counseling. I understand the authors' intent and share their concerns about our high divorce rate, however, I do not believe that government should intervene in a couple's marital decisions.

Sincerely,

Jesse Ventura

Governor

cc: Senator Roger Moe, Majority Leader  
Senator Dick Day, Minority Leader  
Representative Steve Sviggum, Speaker of the House  
Representative Tom Pugh, Minority Leader  
Chief Senate Author  
Chief House Author

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