

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 142 without my signature.

This measure would require a court to advise a defendant prior to the entry of a guilty plea or plea of nolo contendere of possible federal penalties associated with a future prosecution if the person is deported and if the person subsequently reenters the country illegally. While a criminal defendant must be correctly informed about the direct consequences of a plea, including potential immigration consequences, this measure goes beyond what is necessary by advising a criminal defendant about the consequences of future criminality.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.