



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 902 without my signature.

This bill doubles the fine for failing to comply with a specific traffic law. That law requires a motorist to slow or move away from an emergency vehicle stopped on the shoulder or median. The new fine, with penalties, would be \$490 instead of \$238.

No showing has been made that piling on an additional \$252 will protect anybody. This enhanced amount strikes me as more punitive than deterrent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edmund G. Brown Jr.", written over the printed name.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.