



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 1410, which extends for two years an existing \$4 penalty assessment; the proceeds of this bill will continue Medi-Cal funding to providers of emergency medical air transportation services.

I believe that this is a relatively modest penalty when compared to most other penalty assessments. I must note, however, that this business of piling penalty assessments on fines has gone way too far. For example, a \$25 fine for something as minor as a faulty tail light is jacked up by penalty assessments to \$197. A \$35 speeding ticket for driving 5 miles per hour over the posted 55 miles per hour zone gets raised to \$238, when the assessments are added on. This is too much, especially for people of modest means.

I urge the Legislature to thoroughly examine the pending State Auditor's report on California's penalty assessment structure.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.