



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 317 without my signature.

This bill would exempt a temporary animal shelter from certain provisions of state laws during a declared state of emergency.

While this bill is well-intentioned, the Department of Food and Agriculture and the Office of Emergency Services are concerned it could lead to confusion during a disaster. I am directing both offices to work with the author to identify possible ways to achieve the objectives of this bill in ways that are consistent with California's Standardized Emergency Management System.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." in a cursive style.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.