



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 725 without my signature.

This bill prohibits smoking on state coastal beaches and throughout the State Park System, and requires the Department of Parks and Recreation to post signs to notify the public of the smoking ban.

Last year I vetoed Senate Bill 1333, a similar measure, because I believed that such a far-reaching prohibition in every state park and on every state beach was too broad. In addition, the fine prescribed in this bill for lighting one cigarette is excessive: over \$250 dollars, after the mandatory assessments.

If people can't smoke even on a deserted beach, where can they? There must be some limit to the coercive power of government.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.