



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 701 without my signature.

This bill would reorganize statutes governing the prohibition of firearm possession due to an outstanding warrant when the person has knowledge of the warrant. Additionally, this bill would reduce the penalty for violating this prohibition.

Current law requires knowledge that a warrant has been issued before a prohibition on possessing a firearm applies. Further, I believe existing penalties provide the necessary tools to protect public safety and allow for needed discretion to impose appropriate penalties when justified.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom