



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 64 without my signature.

SB 64 requires a public animal control agency or shelter to microchip a dog or cat with current information before releasing it to a person who is seeking to reclaim it, or before providing the pet to a new family.

I am supportive of the important objective of this legislation to reunite more pets with their families and thereby decrease the number of euthanized animals in California. However, by requiring microchipping as a condition of reclaiming a pet, this bill has the unintended consequence of creating a burden for those who may already be struggling with the basic costs of caring for their pets and thereby do not have the financial capacity to pay for the microchip implant and the annual fees.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom