



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2092 without my signature.

This bill would require private entities providing emergency ground ambulance services to establish a voluntary program that allows employees of private ambulance providers to purchase employer-subsidized multithreat body protective gear.

Existing regulations impose an affirmative obligation on employers to evaluate workplace hazards and provide PPE as appropriate at no cost to employees. This bill would hold employers responsible for only part of the multithreat body protective gear which conflicts with long-standing law requiring employers to furnish and providers safety devices and safeguards necessary to protect their employees.

I support efforts to maximize the safety of all of California's life-saving EMS personnel, especially those that would prevent life-threatening injury. However, it is unclear how these provisions would effectively contribute toward that goal.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

