



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 914 without my signature.

This bill would, beginning July 1, 2021, require the Department of Justice (DOJ) to verify the validity of a hunting license with the Department of Fish and Wildlife for a sale or transfer of a firearm to a person under 21 years of age.

DOJ does not currently have the technology to verify the validity of hunting licenses. In order to meet the requirements of this bill, it would take DOJ 30 months to complete the information technology project. During this time, they would have to redirect existing application development resources, which could affect the work currently scheduled for seven previously enacted bills impacting the firearms information technology systems.

I am concerned that adding an information technology project will impede DOJ's ability to perform the work it has already been tasked.

Therefore, I am returning SB 914 without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat illegible.

Gavin Newsom

