



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1726 without my signature.

This bill would create a presumption that convictions under various Penal Code sections are legally invalid due to specified defects at the time of the convictions.

When I signed Senate Bill 357 (2022) which repealed penal code section 653.22 (loitering with the intent to commit prostitution), I committed to monitoring crime and prosecution trends for any possible unintended consequences. Given that this legislation was signed just last year, and we continue to monitor, further changes to the law are premature.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

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