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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1792 without my signature.

This bill would require the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) to develop personal protective equipment (PPE) standards specifically for ambulance personnel by January 1, 2027.

I support efforts to protect and maximize the safety of our state's life-saving emergency responders. However, current law already requires employers to evaluate workplace hazards and provide all necessary PPE and training to employees. Requiring EMSA to set new, separate standards for PPE used by ambulance personnel could create a conflict between these new standards and existing regulations promulgated and enforced by The Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA).

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

