



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 702 without my signature.

This measure would prohibit any animal control agency, animal shelter, or rescue group from releasing, selling, or giving away a dog or cat that has not been microchipped.

Under current law, local agencies and shelters can – and should – require animals to be microchipped before being released. There is no need for state law to mandate the procedure, which would then require the state to pay for it.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.