

January 19, 2016

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3806
(Second Reprint)**

I am filing Assembly Bill No. 3806 (Second Reprint) in the Division of Archives and Records Management without my approval.

Under the provisions of Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, this bill, which was passed within 10 days preceding the expiration date of the second legislative year, does not become law because it was not signed prior to noon on the seventh day following such expiration. While in this circumstance there is no provision for the return of a bill to the Legislature for reconsideration, I believe it is appropriate to express my reasons for not approving this legislation.

Time and time again, I have pledged my sincere commitment to assisting victims break the cycle of domestic violence that tragically plagues so many in this State. To address the level of violence, I signed legislation to further penalize aggravated assault perpetrated against domestic violence victims. Recently, I proposed a measure to reduce domestic violence by increasing penalties on offenders, while simultaneously empowering victims to protect themselves through an expedited firearm application process.

This bill seeks to establish a pilot program in Ocean County that would require the Attorney General and the State Parole Board to create a new electronic monitoring system to track both the offender and the victim once the offender has violated the terms of a domestic violence restraining order. When a nearly identical bill reached my desk in 2014, I had concerns about whether the technology and resources necessary to provide the required monitoring, warning, and around-the-clock supervision of domestic violence offenders and their victims were available. As a result, I conditionally vetoed the bill

and recommended that the Attorney General evaluate the availability of the technology needed to create and implement the monitoring system.

After an extensive evaluation, the Attorney General determined that the requisite technology is significantly limited, and that uncertainties about the operation of the program could give victims a false sense of security. Nevertheless, the Legislature has sent this pilot program back to my desk again, including a \$2.5 million supplemental appropriation that ought to be raised during the budget process.

I continue to applaud the sponsors' attention to both the need to protect victims of domestic violence and the possibilities for using new technologies to create safer communities; however this avenue is not yet reliable enough to journey down.

For these reasons, I have decided to file Assembly Bill No. 3806 (Second Reprint) without my approval.

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Respectfully,
/s/ Chris Christie
Governor

Attest:

/s/ Thomas P. Scrivo
Chief Counsel to the Governor