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TO THE ASSEMBLY:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Assembly Bill Number 8291-A, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the civil service law and the public authorities law, in relation to suspension or demotion upon the abolition or reduction of positions for labor class and noncompetitive titles; and to repeal section 80-a of the civil service law relating thereto"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would guarantee rights to certain unionized employees that are now addressed by collective bargaining. These unilateral grants would substantially interfere with the operation of state and local governments by encroaching on their ability to effectively manage their workforces. They would also undermine the collective bargaining process, which is the forum in which these matters are currently and more appropriately addressed. For these reasons, I disapprove this bill.

The bill is disapproved. (signed) ANDREW M. CUOMO