

VETO MESSAGE - No. 219

TO THE SENATE:

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

Senate Bill Number 1186-B, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the state finance law and the energy law, in relation to appliance and equipment energy efficiency standards"

NOT APPROVED

The bill would, among other things, require state agencies to procure only those audio and video products that meet certain environmental and energy efficiency criteria.

While I applaud the sponsors' focus on the environmental and energy impacts associated with products purchased by the State, agencies already apply environmental and energy efficiency criteria in procuring consumer products pursuant to Executive Order No. 4, 2008 ("State Green Procurement and Agency Sustainability Program" renewed by Executive Order No. 2, 2011). In addition, this bill would make compliance with such standards paramount over every other criteria, including cost and the technical needs of the agencies.

The bill is disapproved.

(signed) ANDREW M. CUOMO

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