should not impose the will upon our local governments, and I
do not oppose the will upon the state. However, we have to
continue to battle the state for the state to enforce the law
under threat of fines for failing to do so. This law affects
all parks and beaches that concern the directors of the plans
and their communities. Several plans at all entrances to their
under this plan, all towns would be obligated to post at
approaching 200.

more local governments have passed similar plans, with the number
level when local officials deemed it appropriate. Since then,
beaches, and that there was no shortage of action at the local
and a dozen counties had banned smoking in their parks and
In 2014, I proposed our plan well over 200 municipalities
public policy property reserved for local governments.
was an appropriate encouragement by the state into an area of
promoting smoking outdoors at local parks and beaches.
My view was that a one-size-fits-all approach to
conditioning that sought to ban smoking at all public parks and
throughout the state. In 2014, I received substantial support
public places and workplaces, to public parks and beaches
smoke-free air act, which generated substantial support for
This bill would extend the provisions of the New Jersey
repeal with my recommendations for reconsideration.

report, pursuant to Article V, Section 1, Paragraph 1 of the New
Assembly Bill No. 893 (First Report)
Accordingly, I hereby return to the Legislature's continued interest in the area. In light of the Legislature's continued interest to do so, nothing within the current law prohibits State agencies from banning smoking at State-run parks and beaches. On the other hand, nothing within the current law prohibits State agencies from banning smoking at State-run parks and beaches, and beaches are another matter. In vetoing the

particular needs.

beaches and I expect that more will follow if it serves their
local governments have agreed to prevent smoking at parks and
so to effectiveness and enforce such bans in their own ways. Many
ban smoking in their parks and beaches, and if they choose to do
instead continue to keep it up to towns and counties whether to

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/s/ Thomas P. Scirto
Accept:

Governor
/s/ Chris Christie
Respectfully,

May

Delete "1.1" and insert "9."
Delete "shall" and insert "shall
Delete "10.1" and insert "10."
Delete in their entirety
Delete park or beach
In indoor public place or public
Delete "which occur in an

Page 7, Section 7, Line 37:
Page 7, Section 10, Line 33:
Page 7, Section 10, Line 26:
Page 6, Section 8, Lines 47-48:

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