

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 381 without my signature.

This bill allows drivers to voluntarily indicate on their vehicle registration that they are deaf or hard of hearing.

I believe this approach falls short of achieving the author's intent. Law enforcement officers typically make contact with drivers prior to receiving their vehicle registration.

I encourage the author to work with the California Highway Patrol and Department of Motor Vehicles on a more effective administrative solution.

Sincerely,

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