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AB-551 Fatal vehicular accidents: chemical test results. (2019-2020)

Senate:

1st Cmt 2nd Cmt 2nd 3rd Pass

Assembly

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Pass Veto

Bill Status	
Measure:	AB-551
Lead Authors:	Brough (A)
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Topic:	Fatal vehicular accidents: chemical test results.
31st Day in Print:	03/16/19
Title:	An act to amend Section 27491.25 of the Government Code, and to amend Section 20011 of the Vehicle Code, relating to fatal vehicular accidents.
House Location:	Assembly
Enrolled Date:	09/13/19
Last Amended Date:	06/25/19

Type of Measure
Inactive Bill - Vetoed
Majority Vote Required
Non-Appropriation
Fiscal Committee
State-Mandated Local Program
Non-Urgency
Non-Tax levy

Last 5 History Actions	
Date	Action
01/23/20	Consideration of Governor's veto stricken from file.
10/02/19	Vetoed by Governor.
09/18/19	Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3:30 p.m.
09/10/19	Senate amendments concurred in. To Engrossing and Enrolling. (Ayes 79, Noes 0, Page 3243.).
09/06/19	In Assembly. Concurrence in Senate amendments pending. May be considered on or after September 8 pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.

Governor's Veto Message

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 551 without my signature.

This bill would require county coroners to perform testing for specified drugs on individuals killed in motor vehicle accidents, and to report on those findings.

County coroners currently have the authority to conduct the tests required by this bill, as well as for other substances not covered by this legislation, such as cannabis. Instead of creating a state mandate for some drugs-and not other impairing substances-I believe it is best to allow coroners to exercise their professional judgement and determine when any such testing should occur.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom