



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 515 without my signature.

This bill would provide that the crime of trespass does not apply to a repossession agency and its employees when they are on private property searching for or repossessing collateral.

An earlier version of this bill included a cross-reference to reposessor licensing requirements that makes it clear that reposseors are not allowed to go into secured or locked areas. Unfortunately, that language was removed from the bill. I am concerned that allowing a reposessor virtually unfettered access to a person's private property could result in confusion and possibly violent confrontations between property owners and reposseors. For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

