

VETO MESSAGE ON 2SHB 1811

May 11, 2007

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval as to Section 4, Second Substitute House Bill 1811 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the installation of automatic sprinkler systems in nightclubs."

This bill helps to promote fire safety at nightclubs, while giving nightclub owners the necessary time to install automatic fire sprinkler systems. The bill contains an unnecessary emergency clause. With the emergency clause, the bill would go into effect on July 1, without it, early August. Regardless of the effective date of the bill, my signing it into law tells nightclub owners that the two year implementation delay will be in effect. Emergency clauses should be used sparingly and only when necessary.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 4 of Second Substitute House Bill 1811.

With the exception of Section 4, Second Substitute House Bill 1811 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine O. Gregoire
Governor