

Message from Governor

The Governor has informed the House that on the fifteenth day of May, 2012, he returned a bill originating in the House of the following title without his signature and veto:

H.290 An act relating to adult protective services.

The Governor provided the following explanation:

“Coming from a private sector background, I have always been frustrated by unnecessary bureaucracy and paperwork that exists in state government. Instead of focusing on outcomes, these impediments to progress cost taxpayers too much money and deliver little by way of results.

This bill, H. 290, is an example of misplaced good intentions. By requiring expensive, time-consuming, and duplicative reports by the Agency of Human Services to the legislature, this bill distracts AHS from doing its job: protecting our most vulnerable Vermonters. I am vetoing this bill because it does nothing to advance the goal of protecting those vulnerable Vermonters, adds yet another layer of bureaucracy to state government, and wastes taxpayer dollars.”

May 15, 2012

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