

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 4018

To the General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am returning Assembly Bill No. 4018 without my approval.

The New Jersey Lottery is one of the most important drivers of revenue in the State of New Jersey. It collects hundreds of millions of dollars used to finance our schools and infrastructure and relies on its reputation as one of the safest forms of wagering, free from tampering and fraud. This bill proposes to allow lottery courier services to operate in New Jersey and charge a fee for the procurement and storage of lottery tickets for customers who cannot purchase their own tickets at one of over seven thousand licensed lottery retailers. However, there is no evidence of a demand for this service in New Jersey or that this bill would increase lottery sales. On the other hand, this bill may have the unintended consequences of empowering and appearing to legitimize fraudsters, giving them more opportunities to target the elderly and infirm. The elderly are already frequent targets of fraud and I cannot approve of a bill that has significant potential to increase the frequency and gravity of fraud committed against the elderly.

Accordingly, I herewith return Assembly Bill No. 4018 without my approval.

Respectfully,

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/s/ Chris Christie
Governor

Attest:

/s/ Thomas P. Scrivo

Chief Counsel to the Governor