

VETO MESSAGE ON HB 2501

April 2, 1998

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,

The House of Representatives of the State of Washington  
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to sections 1, 3, and 5, Engrossed House Bill No. 2501 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to wholesale motor vehicle auctions;"

Engrossed House Bill No. 2501 modifies state law relating to wholesale motor vehicle auction dealers.

Sections 1, 3, and 5 of the bill each contains the definition of "wholesale motor vehicle auction dealer," which is technically flawed. The definition would include all firms, wholesale and retail, that offer motor vehicles for sale by competitive bidding at a permanent location and with regularly scheduled dates. This would unintentionally force such retailers, as well as wholesalers, to sell only to motor vehicle dealers and vehicle wreckers. That result would limit the options available to consumers and likely result in some dealers operating illegally.

For these reasons, I have vetoed sections 1, 3, and 5 of Engrossed House Bill No. 2501.

With the exception of sections 1, 3, and 5, Engrossed House Bill No. 2501 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Locke  
Governor