

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 2139 passed by the Seventy-Seventh Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 2139 would allow auto dealers to include the cost of a debt cancellation agreement in monthly payments on the purchase of a motor vehicle. Existing case law and Texas Department of Insurance rules have determined that debt cancellation agreements are tantamount to insurance policies. Under Texas law, insurance policies may be sold only by licensed insurance agents and the policies – including the rates charged – are regulated by the state. The sale of insurance without appropriate regulation by the Texas Department of Insurance is inappropriate.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 17th day of June, 2001.

Rick Perry

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

Henry Cuellar
Henry Cuellar, Ph.D.
Secretary of State

June 17, 2001
Austin, Texas

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
10:30 P.M. O'CLOCK

JUN 17 2001

Secretary of State