

VETO MESSAGE - No. 404

TO THE SENATE:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Senate Bill Number 7751, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the civil service law, in relation to providing for binding arbitration in negotiations for certain members of the security services collective bargaining unit"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would amend the Civil Service Law to grant binding arbitration for the resolution of collective bargaining disputes to members of the Security Services Unit who are warrant and transfer officers employed by the Division of Parole. The bill would take effect immediately.

In 2001, I approved legislation to provide binding arbitration for resolution of collective bargaining disputes of members in the collective negotiating units designated as "Security Services" and "Security Supervisors." See Chapter 586 of the Laws of 2001. As a condition of my approval of that measure, the State Legislature passed a chapter amendment to limit the application of Chapter 586 to State correction officers and police officers within the Security Services and Security Supervisors Units. See Chapter 220 of the Laws of 2002.

While I appreciate the hard work and dedicated service of the warrant and transfer officers employed by the Division of Parole, I am constrained to disapprove this bill because extending binding arbitration to these officers is inconsistent with my agreement to approve chapter 586.

The bill is disapproved.

(signed) GEORGE E. PATAKI

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