

Veto No. 19

SB 996

November 26, 1978

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

I return herewith, without my signature, Senate Bill No. 996, Printer's No. 2102, entitled, "An act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled, 'The Administrative Code of 1929,' authorizing the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police to make regulations relating to the Pennsylvania State Police communications systems when they are interfaced with systems of other agencies."

This bill permits the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police to promulgate rules and regulations encouraging and permitting the reasonable interface, interconnection, and termination of communication systems with Pennsylvania State Police communication systems and facilities. These rules and regulations are to be submitted to the General Assembly for its approval.

This latter requirement of approval directly interferes with the authority and duty of the Executive Branch to faithfully execute the laws of the Commonwealth.

Rules and regulations of Commonwealth agencies are published weekly in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* and are subject, therefore, to scrutiny, comment and debate by the General Assembly and the Commonwealth at large. This system is one of the most efficient and well-respected public notice systems in the country. It should not be abandoned now, especially when to do so is constitutionally impermissible.

For this reason I must disapprove this bill.

MILTON J. SHAPP