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**Veto Message: Governor Fletcher
1913 (H.429)
An act to establish an office of criminal identification.**

STATE OF VERMONT
Executive Department.
Montpelier, Vt., February 20, 1913

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from His Excellency, the Governor, as follows:

To the House of Representatives:

I herewith return House bill No. 429, "An act to establish an office of criminal identification" without my approval, for the following reasons:

First, if there is a need for records of this nature, it would seem that the only material of any value would be obtained at the House of Correction and State Prison. To have the work carried on in the county jails, would simply increase expense with no real beneficial result.

Second, it necessitates the creation of an office for which there is no need inasmuch as the work can be done by the heads of our penal institutions without any more than incidental expense to the state.

ALLEN M. FLETCHER,
Governor.

**Governor's Veto Sustained
H.429, 1913**

The Governor's veto was overridden in the House:
Yeas 119 Nays76

The Governor's veto was sustained in the Senate:
Yeas 11 Nays 19

Sources: *Journal of the House*, February 20, 1913 (pages 1066-1067);
Journal of the Senate, February 20, 1913 pages 921-922