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Gov. Christie signs 'Cathy's Law'

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In a bittersweet moment for the family of Cathy Bates, Gov. Chris Christie on Wednesday signed a bill, commonly know as "Cathy's Law," prohibiting first responders from posting online photos and video of accident victims without the family's permission.

The 40-year-old Bates was killed Oct. 23, 2009 when her sport-utility vehicle hit another SUV head-on just south of the intersection with West Bay Avenue on Route 72 in Barnegat.

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