

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 41

Introduced by Assembly Members Lowenthal, Thomson, and Nakano
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An act to add Chapter 4.7 (commencing with Section 25370) to Division 15 of the Public Resources Code, relating to energy, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 41, as introduced, Lowenthal. Shopping centers: energy efficient lighting systems.

Existing law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to administer a program of grants and loans with respect to energy efficiency measures and programs.

This bill would authorize the owner of any shopping center, defined by the bill to mean a group of 2 or more retail stores that open to an enclosed common area, to submit a plan to the commission for an energy savings lighting system for the shopping center in order to receive a loan pursuant to the bill. Upon approval of the plan by the commission, the owner of the shopping center would be authorized to enter into an agreement with the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank to receive a loan from the bank to install the system.

The bill would appropriate \$50,000,000 from the General Fund to the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank, without regard to fiscal years, for purposes of making loans pursuant to the bill.

The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 4.7 (commencing with Section 25370)
2 is added to Division 15 of the Public Resources Code, to read:

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4 CHAPTER 4.7. ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING SYSTEMS

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6 25370. “Shopping center,” for purposes of this chapter,
7 means a group of two or more retail stores that open to an enclosed
8 common area.

9 25371. The owner of any shopping center may submit a plan
10 to the commission for an energy savings lighting system for the
11 shopping center in order to receive a low-interest loan pursuant to
12 this chapter from funds appropriated for that purpose. Funds
13 appropriated for purposes of this chapter shall be loaned on a
14 first-come-first-serve basis after approval of the plan by the
15 commission.

16 25372. (a) Upon approval of the plan by the commission, the
17 owner of the shopping center may enter into an agreement with the
18 California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank to
19 receive a loan from the bank to install the system.

20 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and in addition
21 to other powers set forth in Division 1 (commencing with Section
22 63000) of Title 6.7 of the Government Code, the bank shall make
23 loans as set forth in this chapter.

24 25373. The loan shall bear interest at the rate of 3 percent per
25 annum on the unpaid principal balance. The California
26 Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank shall determine
27 the term of the loan and other terms and conditions of the
28 agreement, except for the interest rate. The bank shall make no
29 change in the plan approved by the commission pursuant to
30 Section 25371.

31 SEC. 2. The sum of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) is
32 hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the California
33 Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank, without regard



1 to fiscal years, for purposes of making loans pursuant to Chapter
2 4.7 (commencing with Section 25370) of Division 15 of the Public
3 Resources Code.

4 SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
5 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety
6 within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go
7 into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

8 In order to provide loans for energy efficient lighting systems
9 as quickly as possible to help avoid electrical energy shortages, it
10 is necessary that act take effect immediately.

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