

Assembly Bill No. 1990

CHAPTER 991

An act to amend Section 186.2 of the Penal Code, relating to forfeitures.

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AB 1990, Liu. Forfeiture.

Existing law, known as the California Control of Profits of Organized Crime Act, provides for the forfeiture of assets of any person convicted of engaging in a pattern of criminal profiteering activity, as defined, and includes within that definition, any person convicted of engaging in a pattern of criminal gang activity, as specified.

This bill would delete the authority subjecting persons convicted of engaging in a pattern of criminal gang activity to the forfeiture provisions, and instead, revise that provision to apply to persons committing certain offenses in connection with participation in a criminal gang, as specified, or committing certain felonies subject to enhanced sentences under the criminal gang provisions, as specified.

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

SECTION 1. Section 186.2 of the Penal Code is amended to read: 186.2. For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(a) "Criminal profiteering activity" means any act committed or attempted or any threat made for financial gain or advantage, which act or threat may be charged as a crime under any of the following sections:

- (1) Arson, as defined in Section 451.
- (2) Bribery, as defined in Sections 67, 67.5, and 68.
- (3) Child pornography or exploitation, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 311.2, or Section 311.3 or 311.4, which may be prosecuted as a felony.
- (4) Felonious assault, as defined in Section 245.
- (5) Embezzlement, as defined in Sections 424 and 503.
- (6) Extortion, as defined in Section 518.
- (7) Forgery, as defined in Section 470.
- (8) Gambling, as defined in Sections 337a to 337f, inclusive, and Section 337i, except the activities of a person who participates solely as an individual bettor.



- (9) Kidnapping, as defined in Section 207.
- (10) Mayhem, as defined in Section 203.
- (11) Murder, as defined in Section 187.
- (12) Pimping and pandering, as defined in Section 266.
- (13) Receiving stolen property, as defined in Section 496.
- (14) Robbery, as defined in Section 211.
- (15) Solicitation of crimes, as defined in Section 653f.
- (16) Grand theft, as defined in Section 487.
- (17) Trafficking in controlled substances, as defined in Sections 11351, 11352, and 11353 of the Health and Safety Code.
- (18) Violation of the laws governing corporate securities, as defined in Section 25541 of the Corporations Code.
- (19) Any of the offenses contained in Chapter 7.5 (commencing with Section 311) of Title 9, relating to obscene matter, or in Chapter 7.6 (commencing with Section 313) of Title 9, relating to harmful matter that may be prosecuted as a felony.
- (20) Presentation of a false or fraudulent claim, as defined in Section 550.
- (21) False or fraudulent activities, schemes, or artifices, as described in Section 14107 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
- (22) Money laundering, as defined in Section 186.10.
- (23) Offenses relating to the counterfeit of a registered mark, as specified in Section 350.
- (24) Offenses relating to the unauthorized access to computers, computer systems, and computer data, as specified in Section 502.
- (25) Conspiracy to commit any of the crimes listed above, as defined in Section 182.
- (26) Subdivision (a) of Section 186.22, or a felony subject to enhancement as specified in subdivision (b) of Section 186.22.
 - (b) “Pattern of criminal profiteering activity” means engaging in at least two incidents of criminal profiteering, as defined by this act, that meet the following requirements:
 - (1) Have the same or a similar purpose, result, principals, victims, or methods of commission, or are otherwise interrelated by distinguishing characteristics.
 - (2) Are not isolated events.
 - (3) Were committed as a criminal activity of organized crime.Acts that would constitute a “pattern of criminal profiteering activity” may not be used by a prosecuting agency to seek the remedies provided by this chapter unless the underlying offense occurred after the effective date of this chapter and the prior act occurred within 10 years, excluding any period of imprisonment, of the commission of the underlying offense. A prior act may not be used by a prosecuting agency



to seek remedies provided by this chapter if a prosecution for that act resulted in an acquittal.

(c) “Prosecuting agency” means the Attorney General or the district attorney of any county.

(d) “Organized crime” means crime that is of a conspiratorial nature and that is either of an organized nature and seeks to supply illegal goods and services such as narcotics, prostitution, loan sharking, gambling, and pornography, or that, through planning and coordination of individual efforts, seeks to conduct the illegal activities of arson for profit, hijacking, insurance fraud, smuggling, operating vehicle theft rings, or systematically encumbering the assets of a business for the purpose of defrauding creditors. “Organized crime” also means crime committed by a criminal street gang, as defined in subdivision (f) of Section 186.22. “Organized crime” also means false or fraudulent activities, schemes, or artifices, as described in Section 14107 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(e) “Underlying offense” means an offense enumerated in subdivision (a) for which the defendant is being prosecuted.

