

Introduced by Senator Vincent

February 14, 2001

An act to add Section 21376 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 237, as introduced, Vincent. Streets and highways: traffic signs, signals, and markings.

Existing law requires the Department of Transportation and local authorities in their respective jurisdictions, to place and maintain, or cause to be placed and maintained, appropriate signs, signals, and other traffic control devices. Under various provisions of existing law, the abandonment of animals is prohibited.

This bill would require the Department of Transportation and each local, with respect to streets, roads, and highways under their respective jurisdictions, to place and maintain, or cause to be placed and maintained, where the unlawful abandonment of animals is occurring, signs pertaining to the unlawful abandonment of animals. By imposing new duties on local authorities, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state,



reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 21376 is added to the Vehicle Code, to
 2 read:
 3 21376. The Department of Transportation and each local
 4 authority, with respect to streets, roads, and highways under their
 5 respective jurisdictions, shall place and maintain, or cause to be
 6 placed and maintained, where the unlawful abandonment of
 7 animals is occurring, signs to increase the public awareness of
 8 violations pertaining to the unlawful abandonment of animals.
 9 SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government
 10 Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this
 11 act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local
 12 agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant
 13 to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title
 14 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the claim for
 15 reimbursement does not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000),
 16 reimbursement shall be made from the State Mandates Claims
 17 Fund.

