

**Introduced by Senator Morrow**

February 22, 2002

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An act relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1967, as introduced, Morrow. Waste discharge requirements: municipal separate storm sewer systems.

Under existing law, the State Water Resources Control Board and the California regional water quality control boards prescribe waste discharge requirements for the discharge of storm water by municipalities and industries in accordance with the federal national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permit program established by the Clean Water Act, and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

This bill would declare that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to shield a city or county from liability for a violation of waste discharge requirements for municipal separate storm sewer systems if the state board or a regional board determines that that city or county is taking reasonable steps to comply with those requirements.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 subsequent legislation to shield a city or county from liability for
- 3 a violation of waste discharge requirements for municipal separate
- 4 storm sewer systems if the State Water Resources Control Board

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- 2 that that city or county is taking reasonable steps to comply with
- 3 those requirements.

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