

## Senate Bill No. 532

### CHAPTER 180

An act to amend Section 246.3 of the Penal Code, relating to BB devices.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 532, Torlakson. BB devices.

Except as otherwise authorized by law, any person who willfully discharges a firearm in a grossly negligent manner that could result in injury or death to a person is guilty of a public offense punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by imprisonment in the state prison.

This bill would expand the scope of that offense to include a BB device, as defined, and would make the offense involving a BB device punishable by imprisonment in a county jail, not exceeding one year.

By expanding the scope of an existing crime 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.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

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

SECTION 1. Section 246.3 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

246.3. (a) Except as otherwise authorized by law, any person who willfully discharges a firearm in a grossly negligent manner which could result in injury or death to a person is guilty of a public offense and shall be punished by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by imprisonment in the state prison.

(b) Except as otherwise authorized by law, any person who willfully discharges a BB device in a grossly negligent manner which could result in injury or death to a person is guilty of a public offense and shall be punished by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year.

(c) As used in this section, "BB device" means any instrument that expels a projectile, such as a BB or a pellet, through the force of air pressure, gas pressure, or spring action.

SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.