

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 20

Introduced by Assembly Member Strickland

February 28, 2008

An act to add Section 8318 to the Government Code, relating to state-funded public benefits.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 20, as introduced, Strickland. State government: state-funded public benefits: eligibility.

Existing law provides various state-funded public benefits.

This bill would require, to the extent not prohibited by federal law, an individual 18 years of age or older to, as a condition of eligibility, provide evidence of his or her United States citizenship or right to lawfully reside in the United States when applying to a government entity for a public benefit funded, in whole or part, by state moneys.

The California Constitution authorizes the Governor to declare a fiscal emergency and to call the Legislature into special session for that purpose. The Governor issued a proclamation declaring a fiscal emergency, and calling a special session for this purpose, on January 10, 2008.

This bill would state that it addresses the fiscal emergency declared by the Governor by proclamation issued on January 10, 2008, pursuant to the California Constitution.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 8318 is added to the Government Code,
2 to read:

3 8318. (a) To the extent not prohibited by federal law, an
4 individual 18 years of age or older shall, as a condition of
5 eligibility, provide evidence of his or her United States citizenship
6 or right to lawfully reside in the United States when applying to a
7 government entity for a public benefit funded, in whole or part,
8 by state moneys.

9 (b) For purposes of this section, “evidence of his or her United
10 States citizenship or right to lawfully reside in the United States”
11 is any of the following:

12 (1) A California driver’s license or an identification card that
13 is issued by the state that meets any applicable document and
14 issuance requirements of federal law.

15 (2) A United States passport.

16 (3) A permanent resident alien card issued by the United States
17 government.

18 (c) This section shall not apply to state-funded emergency
19 medical care, emergency disaster relief, or any other state-funded
20 benefit that does not require an application.

21 SEC. 2. This act addresses the fiscal emergency declared by
22 the Governor by proclamation on January 10, 2008, pursuant to
23 subdivision (f) of Section 10 of Article IV of the California
24 Constitution.

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