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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 587**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Karnette  
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Torrico)**

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An act to amend Section 5066 of the Vehicle Code, relating to antiterrorism, *and making an appropriation therefor.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 587, as amended, Karnette. Antiterrorism: ~~Office of Emergency Services; report.~~ *training courses and activities.*

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to make available for issuance the California memorial license plate. Additional fees other than the base fees are required for the issuance, renewal, retention, or transfer of California memorial license plates. Existing law requires 85% of the additional revenue derived from the issuance, renewal, transfer, and substitution of California memorial license plates to be deposited in the Antiterrorism Fund. Upon appropriation by the Legislature,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the money in the fund is required to be allocated to the Office of Emergency Services to be used solely for antiterrorism activities, *as defined, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the money in the fund is required to be used solely for antiterrorism activities. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to, hiring and training additional law enforcement, fire protection, and public health personnel, and response training for*

*existing and additional law enforcement, fire protection, and public health personnel.*

~~This bill would require the Office of Emergency Services, in conjunction with the Office of Homeland Security and other state agencies as appropriate, to annually report to the Legislature, on March 1 of each year, how the Office of Emergency Services complies with, administers, and plans to comply with and administer that requirement. appropriate \$4,000,000, from the fund. \$2,000,000 of that money would be appropriated to the Office of Emergency Services for disbursement in the 2008–09, 2009–10, and 2010–11 fiscal years to the California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Program. The program would be required to expend that money to develop antiterrorism training courses and reimburse local fire agencies for antiterrorism training activities. The remaining \$2,000,000 would be appropriated to the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training for expenditure in the 2008–09, 2009–10, and 2010–11 fiscal years. The commission would be required to expend that money to develop antiterrorism training courses and reimburse local law enforcement agencies for antiterrorism training activities.~~

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

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

- 1     SECTION 1. *The Legislature finds and declares all of the*
- 2     *following:*
- 3     (a) *The terror attacks of September 11, 2001, have highlighted*
- 4     *the need for training and coordination among first responders to*
- 5     *deal effectively with the threat of potential or imminent attack and*
- 6     *to be able to effectively respond to attacks that occur.*
- 7     (b) *California, with its vast terrain, large population, and high*
- 8     *value targets, should do all that it can to protect its assets and*
- 9     *critical infrastructure against foreign and domestic terror threats.*
- 10    (c) *Law enforcement officers and firefighters are our first line*
- 11    *of defense against the threat of terrorism. Their brave and*
- 12    *dedicated work is what keeps the state safe from potentially horrific*
- 13    *acts that could cost countless lives, and millions, if not billions,*
- 14    *of dollars.*

1 (d) The Legislature and the Governor's office are committed to  
2 providing our first responders with the best training and equipment  
3 to safeguard the state.

4 (e) Prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery are the  
5 foundations of California's strategy to combat terrorism, and  
6 preventing acts of terrorism relies on well-trained first responders.  
7 Prevention relies on the ability of law enforcement officers and  
8 firefighters to identify and report indicators of terrorist activity.

9 (f) A recent survey conducted by the Commission on Peace  
10 Officer Standards and Training underscored the need for additional  
11 terrorism training for law enforcement agencies throughout the  
12 state.

13 (g) The Office of Emergency Services and the Office of  
14 Homeland Security have identified the need for additional  
15 terrorism-related training to be provided to the state's firefighters.

16 (h) The California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee  
17 has assembled a compendium of courses to meet firefighter training  
18 objectives concerning terrorism, that will enhance the state's  
19 ability to prevent, prepare, and respond to an act of terrorism.

20 SEC. 2. Four million dollars (\$4,000,000) is hereby  
21 appropriated from the Antiterrorism Fund created pursuant to  
22 paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 5066 of the Vehicle  
23 Code, pursuant to the following schedule:

24 (a) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the Office of Emergency  
25 Services, for disbursement in the 2008–09, 2009–10, and 2010–11  
26 fiscal years to the California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship  
27 Program. The California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship  
28 Program shall expend that money to develop antiterrorism training  
29 courses and reimburse local fire agencies for antiterrorism training  
30 activities, in accordance with Section 8588.11 of the Government  
31 Code.

32 (b) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the Commission on  
33 Peace Officer Standards and Training, for expenditure in the  
34 2008–09, 2009–10, and 2010–11 fiscal years. The Commission  
35 on Peace Officer Standards and Training shall expend that money  
36 to develop antiterrorism training courses and reimburse local law  
37 enforcement agencies for antiterrorism training activities.

38 SECTION 1. ~~Section 5066 of the Vehicle Code is amended to~~  
39 ~~read:~~

1 5066. ~~(a) The department, in conjunction with the Department~~  
2 ~~of the California Highway Patrol, shall design and make available~~  
3 ~~for issuance pursuant to this article the California memorial license~~  
4 ~~plate. Notwithstanding Section 5060, the California memorial~~  
5 ~~license plate may be issued in a combination of numbers or letters,~~  
6 ~~or both, as requested by the applicant for the plates. A person~~  
7 ~~described in Section 5101, upon payment of the additional fees~~  
8 ~~set forth in subdivision (b), may apply for and be issued a set of~~  
9 ~~California memorial license plates.~~

10 ~~(b) In addition to the regular fees for an original registration or~~  
11 ~~renewal of registration, the following additional fees shall be paid~~  
12 ~~for the issuance, renewal, retention, or transfer of the California~~  
13 ~~memorial license plates authorized pursuant to this section:~~

14 ~~(1) For the original issuance of the plates, fifty dollars (\$50).~~

15 ~~(2) For a renewal of registration of the plates or retention of the~~  
16 ~~plates, if renewal is not required, forty dollars (\$40).~~

17 ~~(3) For transfer of the plates to another vehicle, fifteen dollars~~  
18 ~~(\$15).~~

19 ~~(4) For each substitute replacement plate, thirty-five dollars~~  
20 ~~(\$35).~~

21 ~~(5) In addition, for the issuance of an environmental license~~  
22 ~~plate, as defined in Section 5103, the additional fees required~~  
23 ~~pursuant to Sections 5106 and 5108 shall be deposited~~  
24 ~~proportionately in the funds described in subdivision (c).~~

25 ~~(c) The department shall deposit the additional revenue derived~~  
26 ~~from the issuance, renewal, transfer, and substitution of California~~  
27 ~~memorial license plates as follows:~~

28 ~~(1) Eighty-five percent in the Antiterrorism Fund, which is~~  
29 ~~hereby created in the General Fund.~~

30 ~~(A) (i) Upon appropriation by the Legislature, one-half of the~~  
31 ~~money in the fund shall be allocated by the Controller to the Office~~  
32 ~~of Emergency Services to be used solely for antiterrorism activities.~~  
33 ~~The office shall not use more than 5 percent of the money~~  
34 ~~appropriated to it for administrative purposes.~~

35 ~~(ii) The Office of Emergency Services, in conjunction with the~~  
36 ~~Office of Homeland Security and other state agencies as~~  
37 ~~appropriate, shall annually report to the Legislature how the Office~~  
38 ~~of Emergency Services complies with, administers, and plans to~~  
39 ~~comply with and administer the requirements of clause (i). The~~  
40 ~~Office of Emergency Services shall submit the report to the~~

1 Legislature on March 1 of each year with the report required by  
2 paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section 8879.23 of the  
3 Government Code.

4 (B) Upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget  
5 Act or in another statute, one-half of the money in the fund shall  
6 be used solely for antiterrorism activities.

7 (2) Fifteen percent in the California Memorial Scholarship Fund,  
8 which is hereby established in the General Fund. Money deposited  
9 in this fund shall be administered by the Scholarshare Investment  
10 Board, and shall be available, upon appropriation in the annual  
11 Budget Act or in another statute, for distribution or encumbrance  
12 by the board pursuant to Article 21.5 (commencing with Section  
13 70010) of Chapter 2 of Part 42 of the Education Code.

14 (d) The department shall deduct its costs to administer, but not  
15 to develop, the California memorial license plate program. The  
16 department may utilize an amount of money, not to exceed fifty  
17 thousand dollars (\$50,000) annually, derived from the issuance,  
18 renewal, transfer, and substitution of California memorial license  
19 plates for the continued promotion of the California memorial  
20 license plate program of this section.

21 (e) For the purposes of this section, “antiterrorism activities”  
22 means activities related to the prevention, detection, and emergency  
23 response to terrorism that are undertaken by state and local law  
24 enforcement, fire protection, and public health agencies. The funds  
25 provided for these activities, to the extent that funds are available,  
26 shall be used exclusively for purposes directly related to fighting  
27 terrorism. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to, hiring  
28 support staff to perform administrative tasks, hiring and training  
29 additional law enforcement, fire protection, and public health  
30 personnel, response training for existing and additional law  
31 enforcement, fire protection, and public health personnel, and  
32 hazardous materials and other equipment expenditures.

33 (f) Beginning January 1, 2007, and each January 1 thereafter,  
34 the department shall determine the number of currently outstanding  
35 and valid California memorial license plates. If that number is less  
36 than 7,500 in any year, then the department shall no longer issue  
37 or replace those plates.

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