

Assembly Bill No. 587

CHAPTER 392

An act relating to antiterrorism, and making an appropriation therefor.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 587, Karnette. Antiterrorism: 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, ½ of the moneys in the fund is required to be allocated to the Office of Emergency Services to be used solely for antiterrorism activities, as defined, and ½ of the moneys 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 appropriate \$5,000,000 from the fund. Two million five hundred thousand dollars of that money would be appropriated to the Office of Emergency Services for disbursement in the 2007–08, 2008–09, and 2009–10 fiscal years to the California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Program. The program would be required to expend that money to develop, in cooperation with the State Fire Marshal, antiterrorism training courses and reimburse fire agencies for antiterrorism training activities. The remaining \$2,500,000 would be appropriated to the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training for expenditure in the 2007–08, 2008–09, and 2009–10 fiscal years. The commission would be required to expend that money to develop antiterrorism training courses and reimburse local law enforcement agencies and eligible state law enforcement agencies for antiterrorism training activities.

Appropriation: yes.

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

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) The terror attacks of September 11, 2001, have highlighted the need for training and coordination among first responders to deal effectively with the threat of potential or imminent attack and to be able to effectively respond to attacks that occur.

(b) California, with its vast terrain, large population, and high value targets, should do all that it can to protect its assets and critical infrastructure against foreign and domestic terror threats.

(c) Law enforcement officers and firefighters are our first line of defense against the threat of terrorism. Their brave and dedicated work is what keeps the state safe from potentially horrific acts that could cost countless lives, and millions, if not billions, of dollars.

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

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

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

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

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

SEC. 2. Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the Antiterrorism Fund created pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 5066 of the Vehicle Code, pursuant to the following schedule:

(a) Two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) to the Office of Emergency Services, for disbursement in the 2007–08, 2008–09, and 2009–10 fiscal years to the California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Program. The California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Program shall expend that money to develop, in cooperation with the State Fire Marshal, antiterrorism training courses and reimburse fire agencies for antiterrorism training activities, in accordance with Section 8588.11 of the Government Code.

(b) Two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) to the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, for expenditure in the 2007–08, 2008–09, and 2009–10 fiscal years. The Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training shall expend that money to develop antiterrorism training courses and reimburse local law enforcement agencies and state law enforcement agencies that employ peace officers and that

participate in and comply with the Peace Officer Standards and Training Program, for antiterrorism training activities.

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