

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 2, 2009

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 635

Introduced by Assembly Member V. Manuel Perez

February 25, 2009

~~An act relating to firefighters.~~ *An act to add Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 13065) to Part 1 of Division 12 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to firefighting.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 635, as amended, V. Manuel Perez. Fire protection: ~~respiratory equipment.~~ *air purifying devices.*

Existing law establishes the State Board of Fire Services in the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Existing law requires the board to recommend the establishment of minimum standards with respect to specified elements of fire protection, including fire equipment.

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require that wildland fire respiratory equipment be provided to firefighters and that would prohibit a public agency from restricting firefighters in the use of that equipment in a wildland fire provide that a state or local agency shall not prohibit a firefighter from using an air purifying device during a wildland fire.~~

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. Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 13065)
2 is added to Part 1 of Division 12 of the Health and Safety Code,
3 to read:

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CHAPTER 2.5. FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT

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7 13065. A state or local agency, including a city, county, city
8 and county, or district, shall not prohibit a firefighter from using
9 an air purifying device during a wildland fire.

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11 ~~legislation that would require that wildland fire respiratory~~
12 ~~equipment be provided to firefighters and that would prohibit a~~
13 ~~public agency from restricting firefighters in the use of that~~
14 ~~equipment in a wildland fire.~~