Assembly Bill No. 1399

CHAPTER 128

An act to add Section 50084.5 to the Government Code, relating to local government.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 1399, Anderson. Local officials.
Existing provisions of the California Constitution prohibit the Legislature from making any gift of public money or thing of value to any person, and this prohibition applies to local government. Existing law specifies the duties of various local officials.

This bill would prohibit a local official, subject to specified exceptions, from making available to an immediate family member, as defined, a vehicle or credit card provided by the local agency that the local official represents.

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

SECTION 1. Section 50084.5 is added to the Government Code, to read:

50084.5. (a) (1) A local official, whether elected or appointed, shall not make available to an immediate family member a public vehicle owned or operated by, or a credit card issued by, the local agency that the local official represents except in the case of medical emergency.

(2) For purposes of this section, “immediate family member” means a spouse, child, in-law, parent, or sibling of the local official.

(b) This section shall not apply to a local official if the legislative body of the local agency that the local official represents has adopted an ordinance, resolution, or other measure that prohibits the conduct described in subdivision (a).