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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2064

**Introduced by Assembly Members John A. Pérez and Bass
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Ammiano, Bradford, Cook, Eng,
Feuer, Fong, Fuentes, Furutani, Galgiani, Gilmore, Jones, Ma,
Saldaña, Swanson, Torlakson, and Torres)**

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An act to add Section 50802.6 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2064, as amended, John A. Pérez. Emergency Housing Shelter Operations Grant Account: notice of funding availability.

Existing law establishes the Emergency Housing and Assistance Fund, a continuously appropriated fund, that appropriates money to the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purposes of carrying out the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program. Existing law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to issue a notice or notices of funding availability to potential applicants and designated local boards as soon as possible after funding becomes available for the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program.

This bill would require the Department of Finance to make a timely determination as to the amount of General Fund moneys ~~in the Emergency Housing Shelter Operations Grant Account~~ within the

Emergency Housing and Assistance Fund. The bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to issue a notice of funding availability to potential applicants and local boards, as applicable, indicating the amount of General Fund moneys—in the ~~Emergency Housing Shelter Operations Grant Account~~, as determined by the Department of Finance, that is available for the shelter operations program, no later than 30 days after the effective date of the bill *and to grant awards pursuant to the notice within 180 days of its receipt.*

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. 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) In recent years, California has seen a substantial increase in
4 its homeless population as a result of the national economic
5 downturn.

6 (b) The state’s homeless population includes many of our
7 society’s most vulnerable, including children, emancipated foster
8 youth, the unemployed, families undergoing home foreclosure or
9 other severe financial stress, individuals with mental health and
10 drug addiction issues, and veterans (who make up approximately
11 20 percent of the state’s homeless population).

12 (c) The Department of Housing and Community Development,
13 through the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program, awards
14 facility operations grants from the Emergency Housing and
15 Assistance Fund for emergency shelters, transitional housing
16 projects, and supportive services to assist homeless individuals
17 and families.

18 (d) It is critically important that these facility operations grants
19 be made available as soon as possible to fund the shelters, projects,
20 and services necessary to alleviate the unfortunate plight of the
21 many Californians who are currently homeless.

22 SEC. 2. Section 50802.6 is added to the Health and Safety
23 Code, to read:

24 50802.6. (a) For purposes of this section, the Department of
25 Finance shall make a timely determination as to the amount of

1 General Fund moneys in ~~the Emergency Housing Shelter~~
2 ~~Operations Grant Account within~~ the Emergency Housing and
3 Assistance Fund.

4 (b) No later than 30 days after the effective date of the act adding
5 this section, the Department of Housing and Community
6 Development shall issue a notice of funding availability to potential
7 applicants and local boards, as applicable, indicating the amount
8 specified in subdivision (a) that is available for the shelter
9 operations program. *The department shall grant awards pursuant*
10 *to the notice of funding availability within 180 days after issuing*
11 *that notice.*

12 SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
13 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within
14 the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into
15 immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

16 In order to make funds available for shelter operations as soon
17 as possible, it is necessary for this act to take effect immediately.