

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2389

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal

February 24, 2012

An act to amend Section 51.7 of the Civil Code, relating to personal rights.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2389, as introduced, Bonnie Lowenthal. Personal rights: freedom from violence.

Existing law sets forth various personal rights and provides that all persons within California have the right to be free from violence, or intimidation by the threat of violence, because of, among other characteristics, their race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, political affiliation, or sex.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

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. Section 51.7 of the Civil Code is amended to
2 read:
3 51.7. (a) All persons within the jurisdiction of this state have
4 the right to be free from any violence, or intimidation by threat of
5 violence, committed against their persons or property because of
6 *any* political affiliation, or on account of any characteristic listed
7 or defined in subdivision (b) or (e) of Section 51, or *any* position

1 in a labor dispute, or because another person perceives them to
2 have one or more of those characteristics. The identification in
3 this subdivision of particular bases of discrimination is illustrative
4 rather than restrictive.

5 (b) This section does not apply to statements concerning
6 positions in a labor dispute which are made during otherwise lawful
7 labor picketing.