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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 418**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Mullin**

February 15, 2013

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An act to add Section ~~8548.6~~ 6532.5 to the Government Code, relating to ~~state government~~. *local government finance.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 418, as amended, Mullin. ~~California Whistleblower Protection Act: state agency: Internet: Joint Exercise of Powers Act.~~

*The Joint Exercise of Powers Act generally authorizes 2 or more public agencies, by agreement, to jointly exercise any power common to them under specified conditions.*

*This bill would authorize the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County, subject to certain requirements of the California Constitution and approval by a majority of its membership, to impose a parcel tax, assessment, or property-related fee or charge on real property for the purpose of managing stormwater pollution.*

*This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute.*

~~The California Whistleblower Protection Act establishes procedures under which a state employee may report improper governmental activities or make a protected disclosure to the State Auditor and prohibits retaliation or reprisal against a state employee for these acts. The act requires the State Auditor to investigate and report on improper governmental activities, as defined.~~

~~This bill would require a state agency to post a graphical link, as specified, to the State Auditor’s Internet Web page that contains information on how to file a complaint to the State Auditor under the act. The bill would require the graphical link to include the phone number that the public and a state employee may use to make a complaint to the State Auditor under the act.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~yes-no~~. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 6532.5 is added to the Government Code,  
2 to read:

3 6532.5. For the purpose of managing stormwater pollution as  
4 specified in an approved National Pollutant Discharge Elimination  
5 System permit issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution  
6 Control Act (33 U.S.C. Sec. 1251 et seq.) and upon the approval  
7 by a majority of its membership, the City/County Association of  
8 Governments of San Mateo County, with respect to real property,  
9 may do any of the following:

10 (a) Subject to Section 4 of Article XIII A and to Article XIII C  
11 of the California Constitution, impose a parcel tax upon that real  
12 property in accordance with Article 3.5 (commencing with Section  
13 50075) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 1 of Title 5.

14 (b) Subject to Article XIII D of the California Constitution,  
15 impose an assessment upon that real property.

16 (c) Subject to Section 6 of Article XIII D of the California  
17 Constitution, impose a property-related fee or charge.

18 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law  
19 is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable  
20 within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California  
21 Constitution because of the unique responsibilities of the  
22 City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County  
23 with regard to managing stormwater pollution in accordance  
24 federal law.

25 ~~SECTION 1. Section 8548.6 is added to the Government Code,~~  
26 ~~to read:~~

27 ~~8548.6. A state agency shall post a graphical link on the~~  
28 ~~homepage of its Internet Web site to the State Auditor’s Internet~~  
29 ~~Web page that contains information on how to file a complaint to~~

1 ~~the State Auditor under the California Whistleblower Protection~~  
2 ~~Act (Article 3 (commencing with Section 8547)). The graphical~~  
3 ~~link shall include the telephone number that the public and a state~~  
4 ~~employee may use to make a complaint to the State Auditor under~~  
5 ~~the California Whistleblower Protection Act (Article 3~~  
6 ~~(commencing with Section 8547)).~~

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