

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 579**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Melendez**

February 20, 2013

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An act to amend Section 288.7 of the Penal Code, relating to sex offenses.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 579, as introduced, Melendez. Sex offenses against children.

Existing law provides that any person who is 18 years of age or older and who engages in sexual intercourse or sodomy with a child who is 10 years of age or younger is guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a term of 25 years to life. Existing law provides that any person who is 18 years of age or older and who engages in oral copulation or sexual penetration, as defined, with a child who is 10 years of age or younger is guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a term of 15 years to life.

This bill would technical, nonsubstantive changes to those 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 288.7 of the Penal Code is amended to  
2 read:  
3 288.7. (a) Any person *who is* 18 years of age or older *and* who  
4 engages in sexual intercourse or sodomy with a child who is 10

1 years of age or younger is guilty of a felony and shall be punished  
2 by imprisonment in the state prison for a term of 25 years to life.  
3 (b) Any person *who is* 18 years of age or older *and* who engages  
4 in oral copulation or sexual penetration, as defined in Section 289,  
5 with a child who is 10 years of age or younger is guilty of a felony  
6 and shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a  
7 term of 15 years to life.