

Assembly Bill No. 1767

CHAPTER 536

An act to amend Section 33211.6 of the Public Resources Code, relating to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1767, Holden. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy: property destruction: fines.

Existing law establishes the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy in the Natural Resources Agency and prescribes the membership, functions, and duties of the conservancy with regard to the preservation, protection, and management of specified lands in the Santa Monica Mountains. Existing law makes it a misdemeanor to dump any refuse matter, except pursuant to a specified permit, on property owned or managed by the conservancy, and posted against that dumping, or to injure, deface, or destroy any property owned or managed by the conservancy, and makes those crimes punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 6 months, or both that fine and imprisonment.

This bill would increase the maximum fine for those crimes to \$1,500.

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

SECTION 1. Section 33211.6 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

33211.6. (a) Dumping any refuse matter, except by permit signed by the executive director or the executive director's authorized representative, on property owned or managed by the conservancy, and posted against that dumping, shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500), or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, or both that fine and imprisonment.

(b) Injuring, defacing, or destroying any property owned or managed by the conservancy or any of the natural features thereof, shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500), or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, or both that fine and imprisonment.

(c) Violation of the posted conditions of use on any property owned or managed by the conservancy is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding 90 days, or by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both that fine and imprisonment, except

that at the time a particular action pursuant to this section is commenced, the judge may, considering the recommendation of the prosecuting attorney, reduce the charged offense from a misdemeanor to an infraction. A person convicted of the offense after a reduction shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100), nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500).

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