

**Introduced by Senator Fuller**

February 6, 2013

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An act to amend Section 10506 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to state game refuges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 175, as introduced, Fuller. State game refuges: possession of weapons.

Existing law generally prohibits the use or possession is in a game refuge of a firearm, BB device, crossbow, or bow and arrow capable of being used to take birds or mammals. However, existing law permits the possession of a firearm, BB device, crossbow and bolts, or bow and arrow by a person when traveling through any state game refuge when the firearms are taken apart or encased and unloaded and the bows are unstrung or stored separately from any arrow or bolt. Existing law requires that when the traveling is done on a route other than a public highway or other public thoroughfare or right of way, specified notice be given to the Department of Fish and Wildlife at least 24 hours before that traveling.

This bill would exempt certain peace officers, whether active or honorably retired, and any person licensed to carry a concealed firearm from the above travel and notice requirements as they relate to a firearm.

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 10506 of the Fish and Game Code is
- 2 amended to read:

1     ~~10506. Nothing in this code prohibits~~  
2     10506. (a) *Notwithstanding Section 10500*, the possession of  
3 firearms, BB devices as defined in Section 16250 of the Penal  
4 Code, crossbows and bolts, or bows and arrows *is permitted* by  
5 persons when traveling through any game refuges when the  
6 firearms are taken apart or encased and unloaded and the bows are  
7 unstrung or stored separately from any arrow or bolt. When the  
8 traveling is done on a route other than a public highway or other  
9 public thoroughfare or right of way, notice shall be given to the  
10 department at least 24 hours before that traveling. The notice shall  
11 give the name and address of the person intending to travel through  
12 the refuge, the name of the refuge, the approximate route, and the  
13 approximate time when that person intends to travel through the  
14 refuge.  
15     (b) *The travel and notice of requirements in subdivision (a) as*  
16 *they relate to a firearm do not apply to a peace officer listed in*  
17 *Section 830.1 or 830.2, or subdivision (a) of Section 830.33, of*  
18 *the Penal Code, whether active or honorably retired, or to a person*  
19 *licensed to carry a concealed firearm pursuant to subdivision (a)*  
20 *of Section 26150 of the Penal Code.*  
21     (c) *Notwithstanding subdivision (b), a concealed firearm shall*  
22 *not be used to take game in a game refuge.*