

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 467

Introduced by Assembly Member Chang

February 23, 2015

An act to amend Section 12519 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to explosives.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 467, as introduced, Chang. Pyrotechnic devices: model rockets.

Existing law authorizes the State Fire Marshal to issue and renew licenses for the manufacture, import, export, sale, and use of all fireworks and pyrotechnic devices. Existing law provides that a license shall not be required for the retail sale, use, or discharge of model rocket engines. Existing law requires the State Fire Marshal to classify all fireworks and pyrotechnic devices and prohibits the importation, sale, or offering for sale prior to the classification. Existing law requires all fire works or toy propellant devices containing pyrotechnic compositions that the State Fire Marshal finds come within the definition of a “model rocket” or “model rocket engine” to be classified as model rocket engines. Existing law prohibits a person from launching a model rocket from a site without first securing authorization from the authority having jurisdiction. Existing law defines a model rocket as a toy or educational device that weighs not more than 500 grams, including the engine and any payload, that is propelled by a model rocket engine.

This bill would increase the maximum weight of a model rocket to not more than 1500 grams.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 12519 of the Health and Safety Code is
2 amended to read:

3 12519. “Model rocket” means ~~any~~ a toy or educational device
4 ~~which~~ that weighs not more than ~~500~~ 1500 grams, including the
5 engine and any payload, that is propelled by a model rocket
6 engines: engine.