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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1250

Introduced by Assembly Member Bloom

February 27, 2015

An act to amend Section 35554 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1250, as amended, Bloom. Vehicles: buses: ~~gross axle weight~~.

Existing law, operative January 1, 2016, provides that the gross weight on any one axle of a bus shall not exceed 20,500 pounds. Existing law exempts from this limitation a transit bus procured through a solicitation process pursuant to which a solicitation was issued before January 1, 2013. A violation of this provision is a crime.

This bill would exempt from the weight limitation transit buses procured through a solicitation process pursuant to which a solicitation was issued before January 1, 2016. *This bill would also establish certain weight limitations for transit buses procured through a solicitation process pursuant to which a solicitation was issued at a specified time. The bill would provide that these provisions do not authorize the operation of a transit bus on a bridge if the gross weight of the bus exceeds the single vehicle maximum weight limit to which that bridge was designed, except as specified. Because a violation of these provisions would be a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.*

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 35554 of the Vehicle Code, as amended
2 by Section 2 of Chapter 263 of the Statutes of 2014, is amended
3 to read:
4 35554. (a) (1) Notwithstanding Section 35550, the maximum
5 gross weight on any one axle of a bus shall not exceed 20,500
6 pounds.
7 (2) This subdivision does not apply to a transit bus procured
8 through a solicitation process pursuant to which a solicitation was
9 issued before January 1, 2016.
10 (b) A transit bus is not subject to Section 35550.
11 (c) *Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the following provisions*
12 *shall apply to a transit bus:*
13 (1) *The unladen weight on any one axle of a transit bus procured*
14 *through a solicitation process pursuant to which a solicitation was*
15 *issued between January 1, 2016, and December 31, 2017, shall*
16 *not exceed 25,000 pounds.*
17 (2) *The unladen weight on any one axle of a transit bus procured*
18 *through a solicitation process pursuant to which a solicitation was*
19 *issued between January 1, 2018, and December 31, 2019, shall*
20 *not exceed 24,000 pounds.*
21 (3) *The unladen weight on any one axle of a transit bus procured*
22 *through a solicitation process pursuant to which a solicitation was*
23 *issued between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2021, shall*
24 *not exceed 23,000 pounds.*
25 (4) *The unladen weight on any one axle of a transit bus procured*
26 *through a solicitation process pursuant to which a solicitation was*
27 *issued on or after January 1, 2022, shall not exceed 22,000 pounds.*
28 (d) *Nothing in this article shall be construed to authorize the*
29 *operation of a transit bus on a bridge if the gross weight of the*

1 *transit bus exceeds the single vehicle maximum weight limit to*
2 *which that bridge was designed, unless the agency owning and*
3 *operating the transit bus has obtained a permit from the agency*
4 *owning the bridge to operate such a transit bus on that bridge.*

5 *SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to*
6 *Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because*
7 *the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school*
8 *district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or*
9 *infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty*
10 *for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of*
11 *the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within*
12 *the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California*
13 *Constitution.*