

Introduced by Senator Wieckowski

February 27, 2015

An act to amend Section 1101.1 of the Civil Code, relating to water conservation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 768, as introduced, Wieckowski. Water-conserving plumbing fixtures.

Existing law requires the replacement of plumbing fixtures that are not water conserving, as defined as noncompliant plumbing fixtures, in residential and commercial real property built and available for use on or before January 1, 1994, as specified. Existing law provides findings and declarations regarding these requirements, including that there is a pressing need to address water supply reliability issues caused by growing urban areas.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these findings and declarations.

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 1101.1 of the Civil Code is amended to
- 2 read:
- 3 1101.1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:
- 4 (a) Adequate water supply reliability for all uses is essential to
- 5 the future economic and environmental health of California.

1 (b) Environmentally sound strategies to meet future water supply
2 and wastewater treatment needs are key to protecting and restoring
3 aquatic resources in California.

4 (c) There is a pressing need to address water supply reliability
5 issues ~~raised~~ *caused* by growing urban areas.

6 (d) Economic analysis by urban water agencies has identified
7 urban water conservation as a cost-effective approach to addressing
8 water supply needs.

9 (e) There are many water conservation practices that produce
10 significant energy and other resource savings that should be
11 encouraged as a matter of state policy.

12 (f) Since the 1991 signing of the “Memorandum of
13 Understanding Regarding Urban Water Conservation in
14 California,” many urban water and wastewater treatment agencies
15 have gained valuable experience that can be applied to produce
16 significant statewide savings of water, energy, and associated
17 infrastructure costs. This experience indicates a need to regularly
18 revise and update water conservation methodologies and practices.

19 (g) To address these concerns, it is the intent of the Legislature
20 to require that residential and commercial real property built and
21 available for use or occupancy on or before January 1, 1994, be
22 equipped with water-conserving plumbing fixtures.

23 (h) It is further the intent of the Legislature ~~that to encourage~~
24 retail water suppliers ~~are encouraged~~ to provide incentives,
25 financing mechanisms, and funding to assist property owners with
26 these retrofit obligations.