

**Assembly Bill No. 207**

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Passed the Assembly June 2, 1995

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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Passed the Senate August 30, 1995

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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This bill was received by the Governor this \_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 1995, at \_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_M.

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*Private Secretary of the Governor*



## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_

An act to amend Section 244 of the Penal Code, relating to crimes.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 207, Rogan. Felony assault and battery: flammable substances.

Existing law provides that every person who willfully and maliciously places or throws, or causes to be placed or thrown, upon the person of another, any of several caustic substances, with the intent to injure or disfigure the person, is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for 2, 3, or 4 years.

This bill would add any flammable substance, as defined, to the list of substances to which that provision would apply. Because the bill would expand the scope of an existing crime, the 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.

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

SECTION 1. Section 244 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

244. Any person who willfully and maliciously places or throws, or causes to be placed or thrown, upon the person of another, any vitriol, corrosive acid, flammable substance, or caustic chemical of any nature, with the intent to injure the flesh or disfigure the body of that person, is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for two, three or four years.



As used in this section, “flammable substance” means gasoline, petroleum products, or flammable liquids with a flashpoint of 150 degrees Fahrenheit or less.

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

Notwithstanding Section 17580 of the Government Code, unless otherwise specified, the provisions of this act shall become operative on the same date that the act takes effect pursuant to the California Constitution.



Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 1995

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*Governor*

