

Senate Bill No. 72

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CHAPTER ____

An act to amend Section 30620 of the Public Resources Code, relating to coastal resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 72, McPherson. Coastal development permit fees: coastal access grants.

Existing law, the California Coastal Act of 1976, authorizes the California Coastal Commission to require a reasonable filing fee and the reimbursement of expenses for the processing by the commission of any application for a coastal development permit, as specified.

Existing law vests authority in the State Coastal Conservancy to provide for coastal access.

This bill would require that coastal development permit fees collected by the commission be deposited in the Coastal Access Account, which the bill would create in the State Coastal Conservancy Fund. The money in the account would be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act, to the State Coastal Conservancy for grants to public agencies and private nonprofit entities or organizations for the development, maintenance, and operation of new or existing facilities that provide public access to the shoreline of the sea, as defined in the act. The bill would require any grant funds not expended for those purposes to revert to the account.

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

SECTION 1. Section 30620 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

30620. (a) By January 30, 1977, the commission shall, consistent with this chapter, prepare interim procedures for the submission, review, and appeal of coastal development permit applications and of claims of exemption. These procedures shall include, but are not limited to, the following:



(1) Application and appeal forms.

(2) Reasonable provisions for notification to the commission and other interested persons of any action taken by a local government pursuant to this chapter, in sufficient detail to ensure that a preliminary review of that action for conformity with this chapter can be made.

(3) Interpretive guidelines designed to assist local governments, the commission, and persons subject to this chapter in determining how the policies of this division shall be applied in the coastal zone prior to the certification of local coastal programs. However, the guidelines shall not supersede, enlarge, or diminish the powers or authority of the commission or any other public agency.

(b) Not later than May 1, 1977, the commission shall, after public hearing, adopt permanent procedures that include the components specified in subdivision (a) and shall transmit a copy of those procedures to each local government within the coastal zone and make them readily available to the public. The commission may thereafter, from time to time, and, except in cases of emergency, after public hearing, modify or adopt additional procedures or guidelines that the commission determines to be necessary to better carry out this division.

(c) (1) The commission may require a reasonable filing fee and the reimbursement of expenses for the processing by the commission of any application for a coastal development permit under this division and, except for local coastal program submittals, for any other filing, including, but not limited to, a request for revocation, categorical exclusion, or boundary adjustment, submitted for review by the commission.

(2) Any coastal development permit fees collected by the commission under paragraph (1) shall be deposited in the Coastal Access Account, which is hereby created in the State Coastal Conservancy Fund. The money in the account shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act, to the State Coastal Conservancy for grants to public agencies and private



nonprofit entities or organizations for the development, maintenance, and operation of new or existing facilities that provide public access to the shoreline of the sea, as defined in Section 30115. Any grant funds that are not expended for those purposes shall revert to the account. Nothing in this paragraph authorizes an increase in fees or creates any new authority on the part of the commission.

(d) With respect to any appeal of an action taken by a local government pursuant to Section 30602 or 30603, the executive director shall, within five working days of receipt of an appeal from any person other than members of the commission or any public agency, determine whether the appeal is patently frivolous. If the executive director determines that an appeal is patently frivolous, the appeal shall not be filed unless a filing fee in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300) is deposited with the commission within five working days of the receipt of the executive director's determination. If the commission subsequently finds that the appeal raises a substantial issue, the filing fee shall be refunded.



Approved _____, 1997

Governor

