

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JANUARY 3, 2000

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 447

Introduced by Assembly Member Washington

February 16, 1999

An act to ~~amend Section 13520 of, and to add Section 13521 to,~~ the Penal Code, relating to peace officer training, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 447, as amended, Washington. Peace Officer Training: Elder Abuse.

Existing law establishes in the State Treasury, a Peace Officers' Training Fund, to provide grants to local governments and districts for the purpose of training peace officers. ~~Existing law also authorizes the State Department of Health Services to collect civil penalties from nursing home facilities for violations of federal, state, and regulatory law. Those penalties are used to offset any costs incurred by the state to conduct inspections and enforcement actions against long-term health facilities.~~

~~This bill would require that the above-mentioned civil penalties collected by the department from nursing home facilities be deposited in *appropriate an unspecified sum from the General Fund* to the Peace Officers' Training Fund—~~as necessary and used to fund continuing education programs for police officers and deputy sheriffs relating to elder abuse. The bill would also require that the funds be allocated and to~~~~

establish separate units within the local law enforcement agencies to handle elder abuse cases and to sponsor elder abuse detection and prevention.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 13520 of the Penal Code is~~
2 ~~amended to read:~~

3 ~~13520. (a) There is hereby created in the State~~
4 ~~Treasury a Peace Officers' Training Fund, which is~~
5 ~~hereby appropriated, without regard to fiscal years,~~
6 ~~exclusively for costs of administration and for grants to~~
7 ~~local governments and districts pursuant to this chapter.~~

8 ~~(b) Civil penalties collected by the State Department~~
9 ~~of Health Services pursuant to Chapter 2.4 (commencing~~
10 ~~with Section 1417.1) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety~~
11 ~~Code for violations by a nursing facility shall be deposited~~
12 ~~in the Peace Officers' Training Fund in amounts as~~
13 ~~necessary for the purposes described in Section 13521.~~

14 ~~SEC. 2.~~

15 *SECTION 1.* Section 13521 is added to the Penal
16 Code, to read:

17 13521. The commission shall allocate funds pursuant
18 to this article for the following purposes:

19 (a) To fund continuing education programs for police
20 officers and deputy sheriffs relating to elder abuse.

21 (b) To fund a separate unit within the local police or
22 sheriff's department that would specialize in handling
23 elder abuse cases and would be responsible for sponsoring
24 elder abuse detection and prevention programs
25 throughout the community.

26 *SEC. 2. The _____ sum _____ of*
27 _____

28 *(\$_____)* is hereby appropriated from the General
29 *Fund to the Peace Officers' Training Fund created in*



- 1 *Section 13520 of the Penal Code, for the purposes set forth*
- 2 *in Section 13521 of the Penal Code.*

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