

Assembly Bill No. 500

CHAPTER 212

An act to add Section 35655.5 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 500, Corbett. Vehicles: maximum weight limit: I-580.

(1) Existing law authorizes the Department of Transportation to declare and fix a weight limit for a highway under its jurisdiction that is less than the maximum weight limits otherwise authorized under the Vehicle Code, upon determining that the highway will not sustain those maximum weights and, after conducting a public hearing on the issue, determining the maximum weight that the highway will sustain. The department is prohibited from establishing a maximum weight limit that is less than 16,000 pounds.

This bill, notwithstanding existing law, would prohibit any vehicle, as described, with a gross weight of 9,000 pounds or more from being operated on the segment of Interstate Highway Route 580 (I-580) that is located between Grand Avenue in the City of Oakland and the city limits of the City of San Leandro. This prohibition would not apply to passenger buses or paratransit vehicles. Because a violation of this prohibition would be an infraction under other provisions of existing law, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program by creating a new infraction.

The bill would require the Department of Transportation to erect suitable signs at each end of the specified portion of highway and at any other points that the department deems necessary to give adequate notice of the specified weight limit.

(2) 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 35655.5 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

35655.5. (a) Notwithstanding this article or any other provision of law, no vehicle, as described in Sections 410 and 655, with a gross



weight of 9,000 pounds or more, shall be operated on the segment of Interstate Route 580 (I-580) that is located between Grand Avenue in the City of Oakland and the city limits of the City of San Leandro. This subdivision does not apply to passenger buses or paratransit vehicles.

(b) The Department of Transportation shall erect suitable signs at each end of the portion of highway described in subdivision (a) and at any other points that the department deems necessary to give adequate notice of the weight limit imposed under this section.

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.

