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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 612**

**Introduced by Assembly ~~Member Jackson~~ *Members Jackson  
and Wiggins***

(Principal coauthor: Senator O’Connell)

February 19, 1999

An act to amend Sections 15301, ~~15301.3~~, and 15301.5 of the Government Code, relating to armories, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 612, as amended, Jackson. Armories: homeless shelters.

~~(1) Existing~~

*Existing law until March 15, 1999, requires the Military Department to make certain state armories available to specified cities and counties for use by homeless persons for emergency shelter purposes as a temporary measure to allow adequate time for governmental entities to make other homeless shelter arrangements.*

*This bill would extend this requirement until March 15, 2003 delete the provision that limits the use of those armories as a temporary measure to allow adequate time for governmental entities to make other homeless shelter arrangements.*

~~(2) Existing law requires a county or city obtaining a license from the Military Department to use a state armory as~~



~~a temporary homeless shelter to be responsible for all costs of providing that shelter and to reimburse the department for all costs of providing the armory for shelter operations.~~

~~This bill instead would require the state to reimburse counties and cities for those costs and would require the Legislature to appropriate funds in the annual Budget Act for this purpose.~~

~~(3) The~~

~~The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.~~

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

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

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 15301 of the Government Code~~  
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3 ~~is amended to read:~~  
4 15301. (a) The El Centro armory in Imperial County;  
5 the Culver City, Glendale, Inglewood, Long Beach on 7th  
6 Street, Pomona, and Sylmar armories, and the West Los  
7 Angeles armory on Federal Avenue, in Los Angeles  
8 County; the Merced armory in Merced County; the  
9 Fullerton and Santa Ana armories in Orange County; the  
10 Indio and Riverside armories in Riverside County; the  
11 Escondido and Vista armories in San Diego County; the  
12 San Mateo armory in San Mateo County; the Santa  
13 Barbara and Santa Maria armories in Santa Barbara  
14 County; the Gilroy and Sunnyvale armories, and the San  
15 Jose armory on Hedding Street, in Santa Clara County;  
16 the Santa Cruz and Watsonville armories in Santa Cruz  
17 County; the Redding armory in Shasta County; the  
18 Petaluma and Santa Rosa armories in Sonoma County;  
19 and the Oxnard armory in Ventura County, shall be made  
20 available to these counties or any city in these counties for  
21 the purpose of providing temporary shelter for homeless  
22 persons during the period from December 1 through  
23 March 15 each year, ~~as a temporary measure to allow~~  
24 ~~adequate time for government entities in these counties~~  
25 ~~to develop other suitable homeless shelter arrangements.~~



1 If severe weather conditions exist between November 1  
2 through March 31, the Military Department may extend  
3 the use of the armories to include November 1 to  
4 December 1 and March 15 to March 31.

5 (b) If the communities in Calexico, Chico, Corona, El  
6 Cajon, Roseville, or San Rafael require the use of the  
7 armories in those communities as emergency shelters, the  
8 county or city may request use of the armories through  
9 the Office of Emergency Services, if the county or city has  
10 exhausted all other available resources for housing  
11 homeless persons.

12 is amended to read:

13 ~~15301. (a) The El Centro armory in Imperial County;~~  
14 ~~the Culver City, Glendale, Inglewood, Long Beach on 7th~~  
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25 ~~Santa Cruz and Watsonville armories in Santa Cruz~~  
26 ~~County; the Redding armory in Shasta County; the~~  
27 ~~Petaluma and Santa Rosa armories in Sonoma County;~~  
28 ~~and the Oxnard armory in Ventura County shall be made~~  
29 ~~available to these counties or any city in these counties for~~  
30 ~~the purpose of providing temporary shelter for homeless~~  
31 ~~persons during the period from December 1 through~~  
32 ~~March 15 each year, as a temporary measure until March~~  
33 ~~15, 2003, to allow adequate time for government entities~~  
34 ~~in these counties to develop other suitable homeless~~  
35 ~~shelter arrangements. If severe weather conditions exist~~  
36 ~~between November 1 through March 31, the Military~~  
37 ~~Department may extend the use of the armories to~~  
38 ~~include November 1 to December 1 and March 15 to~~  
39 ~~March 31.~~



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2 ~~Cajon, Roseville, or San Rafael require the use of the~~  
3 ~~armories in those communities as emergency shelters, the~~  
4 ~~county or city may request use of the armories through~~  
5 ~~the Office of Emergency Services, if the county or city has~~  
6 ~~exhausted all other available resources for housing~~  
7 ~~homeless persons.~~

8 ~~SEC. 2. Section 15301.3 of the Government Code is~~  
9 ~~amended to read:~~

10 ~~15301.3. (a) Any county or city authorized in Section~~  
11 ~~15301 electing to use a state armory or armories for the~~  
12 ~~purpose of this chapter, in consultation with the~~  
13 ~~Community Advisory Committee appointed pursuant to~~  
14 ~~Section 438 of the Military and Veterans Code or, if no~~  
15 ~~committee has been appointed, in consultation with the~~  
16 ~~Adjutant General, shall obtain a license from the Military~~  
17 ~~Department with the following requirements:~~

18 ~~(1) The county or city obtaining a license shall be~~  
19 ~~solely responsible for measures required to comply with~~  
20 ~~state and local health and safety codes during the license~~  
21 ~~periods.~~

22 ~~(2) The county or city obtaining a license shall be~~  
23 ~~solely responsible for alternative housing arrangements,~~  
24 ~~including relocation measures and transportation, for~~  
25 ~~homeless persons housed in state armories during the~~  
26 ~~license periods, upon notification from the Military~~  
27 ~~Department that the armory or armories shall be~~  
28 ~~required for military activities or emergency purposes as~~  
29 ~~announced by the Governor. The Military Department or~~  
30 ~~the Governor shall determine the evacuation deadline.~~

31 ~~(3) The county or city obtaining a license shall be~~  
32 ~~responsible for providing uniformed security personnel~~  
33 ~~from one hour before the shelter opens until one hour~~  
34 ~~after lights out. The county or city shall also ensure that~~  
35 ~~officers from the local law enforcement agency with~~  
36 ~~jurisdiction over the armory will conduct periodic visits~~  
37 ~~to the armory on each night of operation.~~

38 ~~(4) The county or city obtaining a license shall be~~  
39 ~~responsible for providing janitorial service from a~~  
40 ~~licensed contractor or qualified civil service employees in~~



1 ~~order to meet state health and sanitation standards for~~  
2 ~~restrooms and shower facilities.~~

3 ~~(b) The state shall reimburse any county or city that~~  
4 ~~has used a state armory pursuant to this chapter for all~~  
5 ~~costs of providing shelter in the armory to homeless~~  
6 ~~persons during the license periods, including, but not~~  
7 ~~limited to, all costs incurred pursuant to paragraphs (1)~~  
8 ~~to (4), inclusive, of subdivision (a), all legal liabilities, all~~  
9 ~~costs for minor emergency repairs, including, but not~~  
10 ~~limited to, plumbing and electrical work, and all costs of~~  
11 ~~providing the armory for shelter operations, including,~~  
12 ~~but not limited to, utilities, building maintenance and~~  
13 ~~repair, and administrative costs. The Legislature shall~~  
14 ~~appropriate in the annual Budget Act the funds required~~  
15 ~~for purposes of this subdivision.~~

16 ~~SEC. 3.—~~

17 *SEC. 2.* Section 15301.5 of the Government Code is  
18 amended to read:

19 15301.5. County governments utilizing the Armory  
20 Temporary Emergency Shelter Program pursuant to this  
21 chapter shall provide a report no later than June 30, 2000,  
22 to the Governor, the Senate Committee on  
23 Governmental Organization, the Assembly Committee  
24 on Local Government, and the Senate and Assembly  
25 Budget Committees, describing the progress toward  
26 providing alternative emergency shelters in lieu of the  
27 Armory Temporary Emergency Shelter Program. The  
28 report shall describe recent activities, planned activities,  
29 obstacles and proposed solutions to the obstacles. If the  
30 report is not provided by June 30, 2000, armories shall not  
31 be made available to the local government for the  
32 Armory Temporary Emergency Shelter Program after  
33 July 1, 2000.

34 ~~SEC. 4.—~~

35 *SEC. 3.* This act is an urgency statute necessary for  
36 the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,  
37 or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the  
38 Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts  
39 constituting the necessity are:



- 1 In order to provide adequate shelter for the homeless,
- 2 it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

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