

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 19, 2000
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 31, 2000
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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 13, 2000
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 27, 2000

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2536

Introduced by Assembly Member Scott *Members Scott and Wright*
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Jackson and Torlakson)

February 24, 2000

An act relating to crime prevention, *making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2536, as amended, Scott. Crime prevention.

Existing law establishes various crime prevention programs.

This bill would require the Department of Justice to produce television spots in both English and Spanish regarding recent changes in firearm laws, ~~the target market of which shall be the public, and would require the Department of Justice to also develop television spots on techniques aimed at reducing firearm injury and death and~~

a gun owner's responsibilities regarding safe storage of a firearm, as specified. This bill would also appropriate \$125,000 from the General Fund for purposes of the bill.

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

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

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

1 SECTION 1. The Department of Justice shall do all of
2 the following:

3 ~~(a) Produce television spots in both English and~~
4 ~~Spanish addressing changes in the firearms laws. The~~
5 ~~target market of the spots shall be the public.~~

6 ~~(b) Develop television spots on techniques aimed at~~
7 ~~reducing firearm injury and death.~~

8 (a) Produce public service announcements in both
9 English and Spanish to inform the public on:

10 (1) Changes in firearms laws and how to obtain more
11 information on current laws.

12 (2) A gun owner's responsibilities for the safe storage
13 of a firearm as included in the Department of Justice
14 Basic Firearms Safety Course and Section 12080 of the
15 Penal Code.

16 (b) No publicly elected official shall be identified with
17 or involved in the public service announcements.

18 SEC. 2. The sum of one hundred twenty-five
19 thousand dollars (\$125,000) is hereby appropriated from
20 the General Fund to the Department of Justice for the
21 purposes of this act.

22 SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for
23 the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,
24 or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the
25 Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts
26 constituting the necessity are:

1 *In order to protect the public safety by ensuring that*
2 *the public is informed regarding current firearms laws*
3 *and safe firearms storage practices.*

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