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Councilmember, District 4

ACTION CALENDAR
April 2, 2013
(Continued from March 19, 2013)

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Jesse Arreguín

Subject: Support Assembly Bill 187, Ammunition Tax

RECOMMENDATION:
Adopt a Resolution supporting Assembly Bill 187, introduced by Assemblymember Rob Bonta, which levies a tax on all ammunition sold in retail stores and gun shows to fund crime prevention in high-crime areas. Copies of the Resolution should be sent to Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, State Senator Loni Hancock, Assembly Speaker John A. Perez, and Assemblymembers Nancy Skinner and Rob Bonta.

BACKGROUND:
According to the FBI, 68% of all murders in California are committed with a firearm (FBI Uniform Crime Reports). Assembly Bill 187, authored by Assemblymember Rob Bonta, establishes a logical nexus between firearms and homicide by establishing a tax on ammunition to fund crime-prevention in high-crime areas in the State.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:
NONE

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Attachments:
1. Resolution
2. Copy of Assembly Bill 187.

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RESOLUTION NO.

SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL 187 (BONTA), WHICH ESTABLISHES A TAX ON ALL AMMUNITION SOLD IN RETAIL STORES AND GUN SHOWS TO FUND CRIME PREVENTION IN HIGH-CRIME AREAS

WHEREAS, 68% of murders in California are committed with a firearm; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley strongly supports AB 187, which will bolster public safety through increasing the costs of ammunition and funding for crime prevention.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council hereby supports Assembly Bill 187, introduced by Assemblymember Rob Bonta, which establishes a tax on ammunition to fund public safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, State Senator Loni Hancock, Assembly Speaker John A. Perez, and Assemblymembers Nancy Skinner and Rob Bonta.

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL No. 187

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonta

January 28, 2013

An act relating to ammunition.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 187, as introduced, Bonta. Ammunition.

Existing law prohibits that a handgun ammunition vendor, as defined, from selling, offering for sale, or displaying for sale, any handgun ammunition in a manner that allows that ammunition to be accessible to a purchaser without the assistance of the vendor or employee thereof. Existing law requires, subject to exceptions, that handgun ammunition vendors obtain a thumbprint and other information from ammunition purchasers, as specified.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish a tax on all ammunition sold in retail stores and gun shows in the state and direct tax revenue to a fund to prevent crime in high-crime areas of the state.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature that would enact
2 legislation to establish a tax on all ammunition sold in retail stores
3 and gun shows in the state and direct the revenue from the tax to

1 a high-crime prevention fund for crime prevention efforts in
2 high-crime areas of the state.

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