

**Introduced by Senator Padilla**

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 7—Relative to large capacity ammunition magazines.

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SJR 7, as introduced, Padilla. Large Capacity Ammunition Feeding Device Act.

This measure would memorialize the Legislature's support of the proposed federal Large Capacity Ammunition Feeding Device Act.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Large capacity ammunition magazines have been  
2 used in numerous mass shootings, including in Tucson on January  
3 8, 2011, Virginia Tech on April 16, 2007, Fort Hood on November  
4 5, 2009, Columbine High School on April 20, 1999, San Francisco  
5 at 101 California Street on July 1, 1993, and the Long Island  
6 Railroad on December 7, 1993. In total, 91 people died and 114  
7 were injured in these attacks; and

8 WHEREAS, According to Tucson law enforcement, large  
9 capacity ammunition magazines increased the lethality of the  
10 Tucson attack on January 8, 2011. The shooter was able to rapidly  
11 fire at least 30 shots from one ammunition magazine, hitting 19  
12 people, including United States Representative Gabrielle Giffords,  
13 and killing six others, including a 9-year-old girl and a federal  
14 judge; and

1 WHEREAS, The attack was limited to the capacity of the  
2 shooter’s ammunition magazine; when it was empty the shooter  
3 was stopped while attempting to reload another large capacity  
4 ammunition magazine. A large capacity ammunition magazine  
5 enabled the shooter to fire more than three times the rounds of a  
6 standard ammunition magazine; and

7 WHEREAS, Ammunition magazines containing more than 10  
8 rounds were banned under the Federal Assault Weapons Act, which  
9 Congress did not renew in 2004; and

10 WHEREAS, Only six states and the District of Columbia  
11 currently limit the capacity of ammunition magazines; and

12 WHEREAS, On January 18, 2011, United States Representative  
13 Carolyn McCarthy introduced H.R. 308, the Large Capacity  
14 Ammunition Feeding Device Act, and on January 25, 2011, United  
15 States Senator Frank Lautenberg introduced S. 32, the Large  
16 Capacity Ammunition Feeding Device Act, both of which prohibit  
17 the transfer, possession, and import of large capacity ammunition  
18 magazines; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*  
20 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature of the State of California  
21 hereby supports H.R. 308, the Large Capacity Ammunition Feeding  
22 Device Act, introduced by United States Representative Carolyn  
23 McCarthy and S. 32, the Large Capacity Ammunition Feeding  
24 Device Act, introduced by United States Senator Frank Lautenberg;  
25 and be it further

26 *Resolved,* That the Legislature urges the President and the  
27 Congress of the United States to enact the Large Capacity  
28 Ammunition Feeding Device Act; and be it further

29 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
30 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United  
31 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to each  
32 Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the  
33 United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.