

Senate Joint Resolution No. 7

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 63

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 7, 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly,
That the Legislature of the State of California hereby supports H.R. 308, the Large Capacity Ammunition Feeding Device Act, introduced by United

States Representative Carolyn McCarthy and S. 32, the Large Capacity Ammunition Feeding Device Act, introduced by United States Senator Frank Lautenberg; and be it further

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

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