

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1166

Introduced by Assembly Member Blumenfield

February 22, 2013

An act to add the heading of Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 99500) to Title 20 of, and to add Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 99504) to Title 20 of, the Government Code, relating to international relations.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1166, as introduced, Blumenfield. International relations: trade and economic development: Israel.

Existing law requires the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to develop and implement an International Trade and Investment Program, as specified. Existing law authorizes the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to establish an international trade and investment office outside of the United States if 2 conditions occur.

This bill would establish the California and Israel Trade and Economic Development Act of 2013 to facilitate greater economic development and job creation opportunities for this state. The bill would express the intent of the act to formalize an economic relationship between this state and Israel and to build a framework to explore new research and development opportunities in the innovation economy.

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. The Legislature finds and declare all of the
2 following:

3 (a) The development of trade and economic relations between
4 this state and Israel would provide opportunities for economic
5 growth and job creation in this state.

6 (b) That a partnership between this state and Israel would
7 provide for further collaboration in research and development
8 programs.

9 (c) That this state and Israel have an opportunity to partner on
10 life sciences and clean and alternative energy research.

11 SEC. 2. The heading of Chapter 1 (commencing with Section
12 99500) is added to Title 20 of the Government Code, to read:

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14 CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS
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16 SEC. 3. Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 99504) is added
17 to Title 20 of the Government Code, to read:

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19 CHAPTER 2. THE CALIFORNIA AND ISRAEL TRADE AND
20 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2013
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22 99504. (a) This act shall be known and may be cited as the
23 California and Israel Trade and Economic Development Act of
24 2013.

25 (b) The purpose of this act is to facilitate greater economic
26 development and job creation opportunities for this state.

27 (c) It is the intent of this act to formalize an economic
28 relationship between this state and Israel and to build a framework
29 to explore new research and development opportunities in the
30 innovation economy.

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