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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE - 2017-2018 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 431

Introduced by Assembly Member Bigelow

February 13, 2017

An act to amend Section 15301 of the Government Code, relating to temporary shelter.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 431, Bigelow. Armories: homeless shelter.

Existing law requires the Military Department to make certain state armories available to specified cities and counties for the purpose of providing temporary shelter for homeless persons from October 15 to April 15, inclusive, each year. Existing law authorizes the Adjutant General to use alternate armories as may be necessary to meet the operational needs of the Military Department and authorizes any county or city to use any armory within its jurisdiction subject to the approval of the Adjutant General.

This bill would delete the list of armories to be made available and instead require the Adjutant General, upon request by a county or city, to make state-owned armories available for the purpose of providing temporary shelter for homeless persons for the above-described time period, unless the requested armory is not available due to operational requirements, in which case the bill would require, if practicable, the Adjutant General to provide an alternative state-owned armory for this use.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 15301 of the Government Code is amended to read:

- **15301.** (a) The Adjutant General shall, upon request by a county or city, make one or more state-owned armories available to the county or city for the purpose of providing temporary shelter for homeless persons during the period from October 15 through April 15 each year, unless the requested armory is not available due to operational requirements.
- (b) If the Adjutant General determines that the requested armory is not available due to operational requirements, the Adjutant General shall, if practicable, provide an alternative state-owned armory for this use by the requesting county or city.
- (c) Subject to appropriation in the annual Budget Act, the Adjutant General may increase or decrease the number of days of operation among all of the armories funded in any year to best meet cold weather demands as they develop. The Adjutant General shall periodically report to the counties authorized to receive funds on the ongoing availability of remaining funded shelter days.