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**AB-2516 Dams: reservoir restrictions.** (2017-2018)

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**Assembly Bill No. 2516**

**CHAPTER 543**

An act to amend Section 6429 of the Water Code, relating to dams and reservoirs.

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 2516, Eggman. Dams: reservoir restrictions.

Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to supervise the maintenance and operation of dams and reservoirs as necessary to safeguard life and property. Existing law authorizes the department to impose reservoir restrictions and to levy property liens on an owner of a dam who fails to comply with certain provisions relating to dam safety or any approval, order, rule, regulation, or requirement of the department.

This bill would require the department to post, and update annually, on its Internet Web site a report containing the name of each reservoir subject to a restriction and the reservoir's associated downstream hazard potential classification, the effective date of the reservoir restriction, the reason for the restriction, and any actions, planned or completed, that the dam owner reports to address the restriction. The bill, if no reservoir restrictions are in effect, would require the department to post this fact on its Internet Web site.

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

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 6429 of the Water Code is amended to read:

**6429.** (a) The department may impose reservoir restrictions and levy property liens on an owner of a dam who fails to comply with any of the provisions of this part or any approval, order, rule, regulation, or requirement of the department.

(b) (1) The department shall post, and update annually, on its Internet Web site a report containing all of the following:

(A) The name of each reservoir subject to a restriction imposed pursuant to subdivision (a) and the reservoir's associated downstream hazard potential classification.

(B) The effective date of the reservoir restriction.

(C) The reason for the restriction.

(D) Any actions, planned or completed, that the dam owner reports to the department to address the restriction.

(2) If no reservoir restrictions are in effect, the department shall post this fact on its Internet Web site.