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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025–26 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1160

Introduced by Assembly Member Wilson

February 20, 2025

An act to ~~amend Section 50022.4 of~~ *add Section 7073.5 to the Government Code, relating to local government law enforcement.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 1160, as amended, Wilson. ~~Local government: adoption of ordinances: penalty clauses: Military equipment.~~

Existing law requires a law enforcement agency, as defined, to obtain specific approval of a governing body prior to acquiring military equipment, as specified. Existing law defines “military equipment” to include an unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicle.

This bill would prohibit a law enforcement agency from purchasing, on or after January 1, 2027, an unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicle unless the vehicle contains an option to turn off any data collection programs that are not necessary for the vehicle to function or the law enforcement agency uses an American data storage company, as defined, to house all data collected, including, but not limited to, video and photographic images, as specified, or both.

~~Existing law generally authorizes a local agency to enact an ordinance that adopts a code by reference if specified form and procedural requirements are met. Existing law prohibits, however, the adoption by reference of a penalty clause in a code that is not of existing ordinances of the adopting agency. Existing law instead requires those penalty~~

clauses to be set forth in full, and published, in the adopting ordinance to be enacted.

~~This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the provision prohibiting adoption by reference of any penalty clause.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 7073.5 is added to the Government Code,
2 to read:

3 7073.5. (a) A law enforcement agency shall not purchase an
4 unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicle
5 unless one or both of the following conditions are met:

6 (1) The vehicle contains an option to turn off any data collection
7 programs that are not necessary for the vehicle to function.

8 (2) The law enforcement agency uses an American data storage
9 company to house all data collected, including, but not limited to,
10 video and photographic images.

11 (b) The restriction and conditions pursuant to subdivision (a)
12 shall only apply to an unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial
13 or ground vehicle purchased on or after January 1, 2027, and
14 shall not restrict a law enforcement agency's ability to maintain
15 ownership or possession of an unmanned, remotely piloted,
16 powered aerial or ground vehicle purchased prior to January 1,
17 2027.

18 (c) For purposes of this section, an "American data storage
19 company" means a partnership, corporation, limited liability
20 company, or other business entity formed under the laws of, and
21 headquartered in, this state or the laws of any other state of the
22 United States or the District of Columbia, that provides services
23 related to storing digital data, including, but not limited to, through
24 cloud storage, and has adopted security measures to protect stored
25 data from unauthorized access, modification, or destruction, and
26 that has dedicated servers or hard drives located in the United
27 States.

28 ~~SECTION 1. Section 50022.4 of the Government Code is~~
29 ~~amended to read:~~

30 ~~50022.4. After the hearing, the legislative body may amend,~~
31 ~~adopt or reject the adopting ordinance in the same manner in which~~

1 it is empowered to act in the case of other ordinances; and, except
2 as to the adoption of a code of existing ordinances of the adopting
3 agency, nothing in this article shall be deemed to permit the
4 adoption by reference of any penalty clauses that may appear in
5 any code that is adopted by reference. A penalty clause may be
6 enacted only if set forth in full, and published, in the adopting
7 ordinance. It is further provided that all changes or additions to
8 any code made by the legislative body shall be published in the
9 manner which is required for ordinances.

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