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TO: Honorable Abel Herrero, Chair, House Committee On Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB153 by Taylor, Van (Relating to the definition of intoxicated for purposes of certain weapons offenses.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Penal Code to expand the definition of "intoxicated" for purposes of certain weapons offenses. Under current statute, intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly selling a firearm or ammunition for a firearm to any person who is intoxicated is a Class A misdemeanor and the burden of supervision and confinement of convicted offenders rests with counties. Therefore, it is assumed this change would not have a significant fiscal impact on state correctional agencies' workloads and programs or the demand for their resources and services.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2013, and only apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

Local Government Impact

The bill may lead to more blood alcohol tests being given and more convictions under Subsection 46.06 (a)(3), Penal Code; however, any fiscal impact to units of local government is not anticipated to be significant.

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