

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**April 27, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Charles Perry, Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** SB1777 by Garcia (Relating to the imposition of a criminal penalty for the violation of a rule adopted or order issued under the Flood Control and Insurance Act.), **As Introduced**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Water Code adding that a person commits an offense if the person violates a rule adopted or order issued under the subchapter. The offense would be punishable as a Class C misdemeanor.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

**Local Government Impact**

A Class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500. Costs associated with enforcement and prosecution could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact. In addition to the fine, punishment can include up to 180 days of deferred disposition.

**Source Agencies:**

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