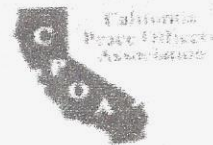




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Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
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Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The California Police Chiefs Association and the California Peace Officers' Association are joining together in requesting that you veto Assembly Bill 1347, which will significantly weaken current law with respect to the operation of pet stores.

AB 1347 sets out enforcement instructions to peace officers that are burdensome, confusing and, as a practical matter, make enforcement of the law problematical. In effect, law enforcement is required to give what amounts to a "fix-it ticket" no matter how egregious the violations. If those violations are not remedied, law enforcement is only permitted to issue an infraction (which carries no criminal record consequence). If a second violation occurs within 12 months of the first, only another infraction will ensue. Presumably, if that second violation occurred within 12 months and a day of the first, the peace officer would be back to the "fix-it ticket". It is only on the third violation, that a misdemeanor can be filed.

Put simply, this bill ties law enforcement's hands. The essence of effective public safety is to permit professional peace officers the discretion to evaluate conduct and make an appropriate judgment. AB 1347, with its detailed and confusing labyrinth of sanctions, flies in the face of best law enforcement practices. For this reason, the California Police Chiefs Association and the California Peace Officers' Association respectfully requests your veto of this measure.

Sincerely,

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CC: Chris Ryan, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor