
THIRD READING

Bill No: AB 1533
Author: Wicks (D)
Amended: 7/10/25 in Assembly
Vote: 27 - Urgency

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE: Senate Rule 28.8

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 74-0, 7/17/25 - See last page for vote

SUBJECT: Claims against the state: appropriation

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This bill, an urgency measure, appropriates \$672 to the Department of General Services (DGS) for the payment of two government claims.

ANALYSIS:

Existing law requires DGS to administer the Government Claims Program, which processes claims for money or damages against the state.

This bill appropriates \$672 from the General Fund and special funds to DGS for the payment of two claims accepted by the Government Claims Program. Both of these claims are for reissuance of stale-dated warrants (expired checks). The individual claim amounts are \$600.00 and \$72.00, respectively.

Background

Prior to 2016, the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (board) was responsible for specific claims against the state, including erroneous conviction claims, certain state employee claims, and reissuance of stale-dated warrants. Existing law, as enacted by SB 836 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 31, Statutes of 2016) now requires state agencies, with some exceptions, to pay claims from their existing appropriations. SB 836 also renamed the board the California Victim Compensation Board, which retains authority over

the administration of erroneous conviction claims, and transferred the responsibility for approving government claims to DGS.

The re-issuance of stale-dated warrants (expired checks) is the most prevalent claim accepted by DGS's Government Claims Program. For stale-dated warrants, the State Controller must confirm the check was not cashed and that more than three years has passed since the check was issued and the monies have reverted to the General Fund or to the relevant special fund. An appropriation is needed to reissue the payment for these warrants.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: Yes Fiscal Com.: Yes Local: No

According to the Senate Appropriations Committee:

- One-time General Fund appropriation in the amount of \$600 to DGS for the re-issuance of an expired check issued by the Franchise Tax Board for a golden state stimulus check.
- One-time appropriation of \$72.00 from the Motor Vehicle Account to DGS for the re-issuance of an expired check related to a vehicle license fee rebate.

SUPPORT: (Verified 8/26/25)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 8/26/25)

None received

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 74-0, 7/17/25

AYES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Castillo, Chen, Connolly, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Elhawary, Ellis, Flora, Fong, Gabriel, Garcia, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Hadwick, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Hoover, Irwin, Jackson, Kalra, Krell, Lackey, Lee, Lowenthal, Macedo, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Patel, Patterson, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Ransom, Celeste Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Sanchez, Schiavo, Schultz, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Ta, Tangipa, Valencia, Wallis, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Rivas

NO VOTE RECORDED: Alvarez, Berman, Gallagher, Papan, Zbur

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