

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING
AB 2337 (Lackey)
As Amended April 23, 2026
Majority vote

SUMMARY

Adds theft committed by a peace officer under color of authority to the definition of "serious misconduct" for purposes of ineligibility for, or revocation of, peace officer certification.

Major Provisions

COMMENTS

According to the Author

"AB 2337 will add theft by a peace officer under color of authority to the list of activities that constitute "serious misconduct." I recognize that this theft is a serious breach of public trust, and this bill will help it by increasing accountability and holding our law enforcement to a higher standard."

Arguments in Support

According to the *Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office*, the sponsor of the bill, "Theft under color of authority, while rare, is a significant betrayal of the public's trust and causes a loss of confidence in the criminal justice system. Because of the seriousness of the betrayal of public trust and the harm it causes to the public's confidence in our criminal justice system, this crime should be treated as grand theft regardless of the dollar value."

Arguments in Opposition

None submitted.

FISCAL COMMENTS

According to the Assembly Appropriations Committee, "Ongoing General Fund costs of approximately \$500,000 annually to POST for additional law enforcement consultant positions to investigate decertification cases under the new tenth definition of serious misconduct, based on POST's projection of 100 to 150 additional cases per year. This cost estimate reflects POST's assessment that the new definition would capture single-instance, non-egregious theft cases that do not meet the "sufficiently egregious or repeated" threshold under existing paragraph (6) of Penal Code Section 13510.8(b), and would therefore expand the universe of decertification investigations beyond what POST currently conducts."

VOTES

ASM PUBLIC SAFETY: 9-0-0

YES: Schultz, Alanis, Mark González, Haney, Harabedian, Lackey, Nguyen, Ramos, Sharp-Collins

ASM APPROPRIATIONS: 15-0-0

YES: Wicks, Hoover, Aguiar-Curry, Calderon, Caloza, Dixon, Fong, Mark González, Krell, Pacheco, Pellerin, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Ta, Tangipa

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