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Assemblyman Bill Quirk

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Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials

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Dear Honorable Bill Quirk,

I am terribly concerned with the possibility of passage of Assembly Bill 2787 and the unintended consequence that will occur.

1. Almost all freshwater fishermen use lead weights that are less than 2 ounces in weight. Then too, many fishing lures use lead weight to decrease buoyancy such as lead head mini-jigs and small spinning lures. The cost of alternate material for weights is far more expensive and have not provided an acceptable substitute for lead.
2. The cost of fishing is becoming more expensive every year with the cost of licenses and fishing gear. To add another layer of expense will only cause less participation in the Sport.
3. The reduction of the number of fishermen, participating in the sport, adds additional unintended consequences to the total picture. There will be a reduction in revenue for the Travel and Hotel/Motel industry. Fewer sales in Fishing Tackle and the loss of jobs and business failures in small mom and pop Tackle/bait stores. Please consider the failure of large National Retailers such as Sports Authority and the recent BK of the Country's largest wholesale sporting goods company, Marrice Wholesale. Possibly even the removal of fishing tackle displays in Large Box Retailers, for more profitable lines of merchandise is a possibility.
4. Other unintended consequences include fishermen purchasing weights from Neighboring States, the hoarding and panic buying of existing lead weights, and even the manufacture of weights from scrap lead supplies such as wheel weights.

I know of no scientific California study, that has shown a direct cause and effect relationship of damage or harm to the environment or wildlife populations, from the use of small fishing weights. Until such studies are completed, verified, tabulated and given wide circulation for study and comment, the proposed legislation is far too premature.

I strongly request you consider the unintended consequences of this proposed legislation and delay action on its consideration until all studies and considerations have been completed.

Respectfully,



Douglas Elliott