

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1782

Introduced by Assembly Member Muratsuchi

January 8, 2018

An act to add Section 424.7 to the Government Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1782, as introduced, Muratsuchi. Surfing.

Existing law establishes the state flag and the state's emblems, including, among other things, the golden poppy as the official state flower and the California redwood as the official state tree.

This bill would establish surfing as the official state sport.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:
3 (a) Surfing is an iconic California sport, and is home to a number
4 of world-famous surf breaks like Malibu, Trestles, Mavericks,
5 Rincon, Steamer Lane, and Huntington, which are destinations for
6 both domestic and international surfers.
7 (b) Every year, California surf breaks host numerous domestic
8 and international surf events, including the International Surf
9 Festival in the Cities of Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach,
10 Redondo Beach, and Torrance, the U.S. Open of Surfing in

1 Huntington Beach, and Mavericks Big Wave Surf Contest in Half
2 Moon Bay.

3 (c) California is home to the Surfers' Hall of Fame, the
4 International Surfing Museum, and the California Surf Museum.

5 (d) California's coastline spans 1,100 miles and its beaches and
6 coastal areas generate \$1.15 trillion in economic activity annually.

7 SEC. 2. Section 424.7 is added to the Government Code, to
8 read:

9 424.7. Surfing is the official state sport.