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AB 2760: Prohibiting Taser Gloves in Law Enforcement

SUMMARY

AB 2760 protects public health and safety by prohibiting federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies from purchasing, possessing, or using taser gloves and other substantially similar wearable conducted-energy devices subject to a study assessing the impacts by January 1, 2029.

Unlike traditional conducted-energy weapons, these taser gloves can administer repeated and constant electrical shocks, raising significant concerns about unnecessary pain, adverse health outcomes, and oversight concerns. The bill sunsets January 1, 2030.

BACKGROUND

Taser gloves are an emerging use-of-force technology that has not been widely evaluated for its safety or public health impacts. Because the weapon is built into a glove, officers can administer repeated electrical shocks during a single physical encounter.

Although manufacturers market these devices as "nonlethal," its misuse can have devastating consequences. A pending lawsuit alleges that a 43-year-old man died after being shocked 27 times with taser gloves and an additional 13 times with a taser while in custody. An internal investigation found that two of the glove shocks lasted between 45 and 99 seconds, far exceeding the manufacturer's recommended 15-second limit.[1]

Amnesty International has documented the use of electric shock devices as instruments of torture and has recommended that governments "cease use of, decommission and destroy any stockpiles of such prohibited electric shock weapons."[2]

By prohibiting taser gloves, California can protect against the misuse of these devices, keeping Californians safe and reaffirm accountable use-of-force practices.

THIS BILL

AB 2760 will:

- Prohibit state and local law enforcement agencies from purchasing, possessing, or using taser gloves and substantially similar wearable conducted-energy devices.
- Prohibit the use of state funds to acquire these devices.
- Protect Californians from unnecessary health risks associated with wearable electrical pain-compliance technologies.

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