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SB634 Signed into Law

California Senate Bill 634 was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on October 10, 2025, and was formally chaptered into the California Statutes on the same date

According to the **official legislative record**, SB 634 passed both chambers of the California Legislature, was enrolled and presented to the Governor, received approval, and was **chaptered by the Secretary of State on October 10, 2025**

This date marks when the bill became law. The legislation is codified as **Chapter 521, Statutes of 2025**, adding sections 11145.1 and 53069.44 to the California Government Code

SB 634 prohibits local jurisdictions and state agencies from adopting or enforcing ordinances or regulations that penalize individuals for acts related to basic survival or assistance to people experiencing homelessness

It applies to all cities, including charter cities, and was authored by Senator Sasha Renée Pérez

Under the Article XI,Section 7 of the state constitution, a **local ordinance (such as Shasta County's anti-tent, or anti-camping ordinance) is only enforceable** if it is **not** in **"direct conflict," "expressly or implied,"** with a **state law** (such as **California Law SB634**) **rendering it "invalid and unenforceable."**

Section 3690, subdivision (a),of Government Code "**expressly permits"** invalid city ordinances to be "**redressed by civil action**."

We must do everything in our power to redress and upgrade the inhumane local ordinances, policies and practices that constitute the Homeless Sweeps, for they are in conflict with the expressed and implied stipulations CA LAWSB634, and have thus been rendered "Invalid and unenforceable."

Key Excerpts of CA634:

CA Law SB634 Section "The Legislature finds and declares…coupled with structural and institutional (discrimination)…" "…experienced **historical and continued discrimination,** and **excessive penalties** related to homelessness **contribute to and exacerbate (discriminatory)** outcomes in housing and **criminal justice."**

Section 1

(7) Arresting , fining , and jailing people experiencing homelessness for the act of living outside and conducting life-sustaining activities does not contribute to ending their homelessness.

(8) A growing body of research suggests that these responses to homelessness add additional barriers to ending someone's homelessness, including causing people to lose touch with case managers, family, and friends seeking to assist them to find housing.

(13) Criminalization also adds risks to the **community-based service provider** organizations and community members working with the population experiencing homelessness, **hindering the responsiveness** of both publicly funded and other community-based responses to end homelessness.

(b) It is, therefore, the intent of the Legislature in enacting this act to do both of the following: (1) Limit penalties that local and state governments may pursue for the performance of acts related to experiencing homelessness,

including conducting life-sustaining activities, for the purpose of removing hindrances to ending California's homeless crisis.

Section 2

a. (13) **Criminalization** also **adds risks** to the **community-based service provider** organizations and community members working with the population experiencing homelessness, hindering the responsiveness of both publicly funded and other community-based responses to end homelessness.

SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and **declares that ensuring a compassionate, evidence-based approach to ending homelessness is a matter of statewide concern rather than a municipal affair** as that term is used in Section 5 of Article XI of the California Constitution. Therefore, Section 2 of this act, adding Section 53069.44 to the Government Code, **applies to all cities, including charter cities.**