

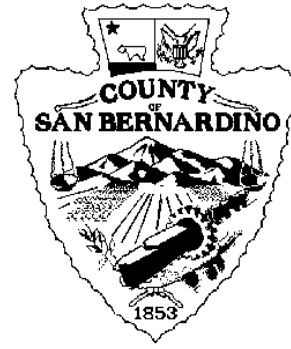
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Supervisors Support Another Measure to Bar Sex Offenders from Ice Cream Trucks

SAN BERNARDINO – The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Tuesday voted to support Assembly Bill 307, introduced by Assemblyman Paul Cook of Yucaipa, which would require background checks prior to the issuance of a license to operate an ice cream truck. In May of last year, the County adopted a proposal by Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt to prevent licenses from being issued to convicted sex offenders. AB 307 would require Counties statewide to adopt similar measures.

“While our ordinance currently prohibits registered sex offenders from operating ice cream trucks in San Bernardino County, expansion statewide makes sense,” said Supervisor Mitzelfelt. “All of California’s children deserve the same protections we’ve implemented in our County.”

If passed, AB 307 would prohibit cities and counties from issuing a business license to operate an ice cream truck to registered sex offenders.

“Achieving a safe community for our children requires a cooperative effort between parents, local leaders and state elected officials,” added Mitzelfelt. “I would like to thank Assemblymember Cook for his leadership in bringing this bill forward.”

Assemblyman Cook proposed the bill last year after parents in a Riverside County neighborhood found out their local ice cream truck driver was a registered sex offender. The parents were alarmed to find out, after reporting the incident to police, that it was not against the law for the man to operate the truck. Several other incidents of sex offenders operating ice cream trucks have been reported in other communities around the nation.

There are more than 250 ice cream trucks operating in San Bernardino County.