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ALCOHOL (25)

AB 87 Blakeslee

Chapter 674, Statutes of 2007

Requires all wines produced or bottled from any sub-appellation located within the current Paso Robles appellation to carry the designation "Paso Robles" on the label.

AB 323 Evans

Chapter 131, Statutes of 2007

Allows brand owners that hold certain wholesale/retail licenses to donate and pour wine at nonprofit fundraising events.

AB 345 Saldana

Assembly G.O. Committee

Provides that, for calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, the State Board of Equalization (BOE) shall calculate the total amount of all surtaxes, interest, and penalties that would be collected as a result of a reclassification of any alcoholic beverage from beer to a distilled spirit, specified.

AB 346 Beall

Senate Floor

Requires the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to promulgate regulations, on or before July 1, 2008, to require that any malt beverage container sold within this state to bear a label regarding its alcohol content and its status as an alcoholic beverage, if ABC determines the container design can be visually confused with a container for a beverage that does not contain alcohol, as specified.

AB 413 Ruskin

Assembly G.O. Committee

Changes the mailing method an applicant for a retail license to sell alcoholic beverages, may use to notify residents and owners of real property within a 500-foot radius.

AB 663 Galgiani

Chapter 745, Statutes of 2007

Extends an existing tied-house exception pertaining to the general prohibition against advertising arrangements between retail, wholesale and manufacturer licensees to include an outdoor professional sports facility with a fixed seating capacity of at least 4,200 (Banner Island Ballpark home of the Stockton Ports Class A baseball team) located in San Joaquin County.

AB 776 **Aghazarian**

Chapter 221, Statutes of 2007

Grants a tied house exemption for a professional sports team owned or co-owned by the off-sale retail licensee who is a tenant of, and plays its home games in, an arena with a fixed seating capacity in excess of 10,000 seats located in San Joaquin County.

AB 892

Evans

Assembly Appropriations Committee

Provides that a wine, as described, is entitled to the appellation of origin "California," or a geographical subdivision thereof, if the wine meets specified criteria, including the requirement that 100% of the wine's volume is derived as specified and described.

AB 951

Jones

Chapter 19, Statutes of 2007

Prohibits possession of alcoholic beverages whether open or closed, on non-motorized vessels along the American River between Hazel Avenue and Watt Avenue bridges during three summer holiday periods – Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day. Also, requires Sacramento County to provide notice on the land portion along the American River that violation is punishable as an infraction during these holidays.

AB 960

Hancock

Assembly G.O. Committee

Authorizes a county or city to provide for a reasonable amortization period and termination of, or imposition of conditions on legal nonconforming uses pursuant to, a validly enacted zoning ordinance. These provisions would apply to premises that had been used in the exercise of rights and privileges conferred by the retail license at a time prior to the effective date of the zoning ordinance that are located in areas of undue concentration, as defined.

AB 982

Price

Senate G.O. Committee

Permits a distilled spirits wholesaler to purchase the advertising space and time from, or on behalf of, an on-sale retail licensee subject to existing and defined conditions (a current Tied-House exemption for designated locations and/or facilities).

AB 1245

Torrico

Assembly G.O. Committee

Current law authorizes an incorporated beer manufacturer's trade association to conduct beer tastings on behalf of one or more licensed manufacturers for groups of individuals unaffiliated with a sponsoring nonprofit organization, provided that the participants do not exceed 100 in number at a beer-tasting event. This bill would increase the number of participants to 200, as provided.

AB 1445

Plescica

Assembly G.O. Committee

Expands the permitted services relating to the rotating, restocking, and rearranging of alcoholic beverages within the licensed premises of the off-sale retail licensee. This bill would exclude specified actions from the permitted services.

AB 1569

Mendoza

Senate Floor

Removes beer from an existing provision of law that allows for alcoholic beverages that have been involved in a fire, wreck or catastrophe to be labeled as damaged merchandise and then sold to licensees after being granted authorization to be sold from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

AB 1596 Price Senate Appropriations Committee

Requires the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to prepare and submit a report to the Legislature relative to enforcement staffing levels for district offices, including recommendations on the level of funding necessary to support appropriate enforcement.

AB 1598 Price Chapter 149, Statutes of 2007

Creates a new exception to the existing prohibition against the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages on the grounds of a public school to enable culinary arts programs at a campus of a California Community College to buy, use, sell or consume wine or beer only in connection with a sponsored dinner, course of instruction, or meal demonstration.

AB 1658 Runner Chapter 743, Statutes of 2007

Increases the fines for trying to purchase alcohol by persons under 21 years old and manufacturing of false IDs and licenses, as specified.

AB 1739 Assembly G.O. Committee Chapter 744, Statutes of 2007

Makes substantive, clarifying and technical changes to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act (Act) relative to the use of minors as decoys. Requires a law enforcement agency to notify the ABC when the use of a minor decoy results in the issuance of a citation. Creates a tied-house exemption to allow an employee of a licensee who is the spouse of an on-sale licensee, if the on-sale licensee does not purchase, offer for sale, or promote, regardless of source, any of the brands of alcoholic beverages that are produced, bottled, processed, imported, rectified, distributed, represented, or sold by a licensee that employs the spouse of the on-sale licensee. Allows an alcoholic beverage manufacturer or importer to purchase advertising space and time from, or on behalf of, an on-sale retail licensee at specified arenas and stadiums in California for a "safe ride home program," as specified.

SB 108 Wiggins Chapter 246, Statutes of 2007

Modifies an existing provision of law that allows wine orders to be taken at wine tasting events held by specified non-profit organizations to include three additional types of non-profit organizations: civic leagues; social organizations; and, voluntary employees' beneficiary associations.

SB 169 Negrete McLeod Assembly G.O. Committee

Establishes, within the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, a framework to determine fair market value to be paid to an existing beer wholesaler by a successor beer wholesaler when distribution rights to a brand are canceled and that right is granted to a successor beer wholesaler.

SB 351 Negrete McLeod Assembly Floor

Extends a tied-house exception to allow a licensed beer manufacturer, winemaker, or distilled spirits manufacturer to purchase advertising from an on-sale licensee in order to promote "safe ride home" programs at specified stadiums and arenas.

SB 520

Senate G.O. Committee

Chapter 349, Statutes of 2007

Provides a narrow Tied-House exception allowing certain alcohol manufacturers and distributors to sponsor events or purchase advertising space from a live entertainment company that has its principal place of business in the County of Los Angeles, and also, prohibits junk dealers or recyclers from purchasing or receiving aluminum beer kegs with marks indicating ownership, unless the kegs are being provided directly by the owner.

SB 574

Negrete McLeod

Chapter 350, Statutes of 2007

Establishes within the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, a framework to determine fair market value to be paid to an existing beer wholesaler by a successor beer wholesaler when distribution right is granted to a successor beer wholesaler.

SB 696

Yee

Assembly Appropriations Committee

Amends an existing provision of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act to enable restricted service lodging establishments to expand the manner in which they may sell beer and wine to their guests.

SB 762

Cox

Chapter 193, Statutes of 2007

Adds a new section to the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Act, which authorizes the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control issue 10 new original on-sale general licenses for bona fide public eating-places in the county of Mono.

EMERGENCY SERVICES (27)

AB 35 **Ruskin**

Vetoed by Governor

Requires the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) to adopt regulations establishing sustainable building standards for the construction and renovation of state buildings.

AB 38 **Nava**

Senate Public Safety Committee

Consolidates the Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the Office of Homeland Security (OHS) into a new cabinet level Department of Emergency Services and Homeland Security responsible for overseeing and coordinating emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and homeland security activities.

AB 64 **Berg**

Senate Appropriations Committee

Enacts the Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act and establishes procedures to facilitate out-of-state health and veterinary professionals to assist Californians in an emergency.

AB 283 **Jeffries**

Assembly Appropriations Committee

Changes the filing requirements for fire companies in unincorporated areas and allows them to file with the Office of Emergency Services (OES) rather than the local county recorder's office.

AB 292 **Blakeslee**

Chapter 492, Statutes of 2007

Extends the sunset date on the Nuclear Planning Assessment Special Account (account) from July 1, 2009 to July 1, 2019 and the repeals date from January 1, 2010 to January 1, 2020. Revises the funding levels payable from the account beginning fiscal year 2009-10.

AB 319 **Nava**

Vetoed by Governor

Creates the California Tsunami Hazard Preparedness and Mitigation Steering Committee (steering committee) to guide tsunami hazard preparation activities and requires the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to establish a statewide tsunami hazard preparedness and mitigation program to assist local governments in preparing for, responding to, and mitigating the effects of tsunamis.

AB 409 **Hayashi**

Assembly G.O. Committee

Existing law provides that any person who violates specified provisions relating to fire protection, or any order, rule, or regulation made pursuant to those provisions, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or by both. This bill would raise the fine described above to a minimum of not less than \$500 and a maximum of not more than \$1,000.

AB 476 De La Torre

Assembly Appropriations Committee

Increases the fines for violating state fireworks laws from \$1,000 to not less than \$2,000 and not more than \$5,000, and authorizes the impounding of vehicles used to transport "dangerous fireworks" by the State Fire Marshal (SFM).

AB 525 De Leon

Senate Floor

Requires the Director of the Office of Homeland Security, in conjunction with the Director of the Office of Emergency Services and other stakeholders to examine the utilization of federal funding options for the development of a State Emergency Operations Center for the Southern California region.

AB 527 Torrico

Vetoed by Governor

Required the Department of General Services, in partnership with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (California Energy Commission or CEC) to adopt a state plan to include new, emerging energy efficient technologies in public buildings.

AB 587 Karnette

Chapter 392, Statutes of 2007

Appropriates five million dollars from the Antiterrorism Fund to develop antiterrorism training courses and to reimburse local fire agencies, in 2007-08, 2008-09, and 2009-10 fiscal years, local law enforcement agencies, and antiterrorism training activities.

AB 615 Torrico

Assembly Appropriations Committee

Requires the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to consider the needs of people with limited English proficiency in creating emergency and disaster response plans.

AB 759 Karnette

Senate Human Services Committee

Requires every residential care facility for the elderly (RCFE) that is licensed to care for not more than six residents, to have an approved, operable automatic fire sprinkler system on and after July 1, 2011, if they are licensed as of July 1, 2010. Requires every facility for which a license is newly issued on or after July 1, 2010, to have an approved, operable automatic fire sprinkler system on and after the date of issuance.

AB 791 Jeffries

Assembly G.O. Committee

Creates the California Public Safety Agency (CPSA) on January 1, 2009 to be supervised by the Secretary of the California Public Safety Agency, as specified.

AB 903 Houston

Chapter 400, Statutes of 2007

Provides that a private nonprofit organization that is eligible for specified disaster assistance under federal law would be eligible for state assistance for distribution of supplies, and other disaster or emergency assistance activities resulting in extraordinary cost. Direct the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to adopt regulations for this purpose.

AB 988 Calderon

Assembly G.O. Committee

Authorizes the Department of Homeland Security and the Office of Emergency Services, as appropriate, and to the extent permissible by federal law, to include nonprofit organizations in the allocation of federal homeland security grant funds. The bill would also require the department and the office, as appropriate, and to the extent permissible by federal law, to grant priority to training of local law enforcement personnel in the allocation of funds from applicable federal homeland security grants, subject to specified criteria.

AB 1196 Gaines

Chapter 30, Statutes of 2007

Exempts firefighters who use flame-throwing devices in the scope of their employment from having to obtain a permit from the State Fire Marshal to possess or use flamethrowers.

AB 1202 Richardson

Assembly Appropriations Committee

Provides for the administration of the Proposition 1B California Port Security Grant Program (CPSGP) by the Office of Homeland Security (OHS).

AB 1564 Nava

Chapter 414, Statutes of 2007

Extends from January 1, 2008, to January 1, 2013, the operation of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. In addition, the bill prohibits the state from giving or receiving assistance for any condition resulting from a labor controversy.

AB 1595 Lieber

Assembly Appropriations Committee

Creates the Terrorism Prevention and Civil Liberties Protection Oversight Committee in the Department of Justice (DOJ) to advise and assist the state in preventing terrorist attacks while protecting civil liberties and human rights. The committee is required to report annually to the governor and the Legislature on the progress they have made toward meeting their specified purpose.

ACR 48 Blakeslee

Res. Chapter 53, Statutes of 2007

Memorializes the 150th anniversary of the January 9, 1857 Fort Tejon Earthquake. Describes the devastating effects the 1857 earthquake had on the Southern California region. Acknowledges that 36 million Californians reside and work in earthquake prone areas in the state. In light of the 150th anniversary, the California Legislature announces its resolve to better inform the public and raise awareness of earthquake safety. The Legislature will continue to study, plan, prepare support and fund future actions that will withstand the next inevitable earthquake.

AJR 6

Nava

Senate Rules Committee

Memorializes the President of the United States (U.S.) to expeditiously declare as a federal natural disaster area the portions of this state affected by severe freezing conditions and consequent frost damage that occurred in January 2007 to allow critical relief to this state's small-business owners, farmers, and workers.

SB 296

Dutton

Chapter 197, Statutes of 2007

Provides a new funding mechanism for the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to implement the Public-Private Partnership for Emergency Services Program.

SB 544

Cox

Assembly Appropriations Committee

Makes substantive changes to the existing law relating to the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the process of approving and introducing fire alarm equipment and devices into the marketplace.

SB 548

Hollingsworth

Chapter 127, Statutes of 2007

Extends the July 1, 2007 sunset for the Disaster Response-Emergency Operations Account (DREOA) to January 1, 2009 and declares an urgency.

SB 828

Padilla

Vetoed by Governor

Requires the State Fire Marshal, in conjunction with recognized statewide fire investigation entities to update and amend standards and procedures for accelerant detecting canines and their handlers, as specified. Requires these standards and procedures to be updated and amended on or before January 1, 2009, and to consider information from publications by recognized statewide fire investigation entities, as specified.

SB 839

Calderon

Chapter 563, Statutes of 2007.

Revises the penalties for possession and transportation of dangerous fireworks, as specified, and establishes a fund from the proceeds of all fines and fees collected related to dangerous fireworks violations earmarked for enforcement of dangerous fireworks law.

GAMBLING (12)

AB 356 Mendoza

Chapter 493, Statutes of 2007

Authorizes the California Gambling Control Commission (CGCC) to delegate to staff the approval of articles of incorporation, statements of limited partnership, and other entity filings that are required to specifically state that gambling is one of the purposes for which the business entity is formed. Increases, from 3 to 5, the number of collection rates that may be established per table in a card club.

AB 560 Richardson

Assembly G.O. Committee

Existing law regulates legal gaming in California and prohibits the California Gambling Control Commission, until January 1, 2015, from issuing a gambling license for a gambling establishment that was not licensed to operate on December 31, 1999, except as specified. This bill would provide that these provisions do not preclude the sale or transfer of an interest in a card club that was in good standing to operate on December 31, 1999, provided that the card club remains in the same local jurisdiction and within boundaries that have been pre-approved by that local jurisdiction. AB 560 provides that these provisions do not preclude a change in the location of a gambling establishment within the same local jurisdiction and within boundaries that have been pre-approved by that local jurisdiction.

AB 723 DeVore

Assembly G.O. Committee

Requires each owner of a gambling enterprise who is licensed by the commission to ensure that signs are posted in conspicuous locations on the gambling premises indicating the toll-free telephone number for immediate crisis management maintained by the Office of Problem and Pathological Gambling.

AB 733 Calderon

Senate Floor

Transfers responsibility for maintaining and providing information on the list of people that are excluded or ejected from various gambling establishments to the Division of Gambling Control within the Department of Justice from the California Gambling Control Commission.

AB 1251 Tran

Senate G.O. Committee

Gives a player up to one year to claim prize money for a jackpot or grand prize won in a multi-state lottery game. Declares that the provisions of this bill further the purposes of the California State Lottery Act (Lottery Act) of 1984.

AB 1314 Strickland

Assembly G.O. Committee

Changes the definition of bingo to provide that the card may be either paper or electronic. Because this bill would change the definition of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

AB 1336 Bass

Assembly Appropriations Committee

Requires the Office of Problem and Pathological Gambling (OPG), within the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (DADP), to develop a grant program to provide problem gambling training reimbursement grants to substance abuse prevention and treatment facilities.

AB 1339 Torrico

Vetoed by Governor

Requires the Office of Problem Pathological Gambling (OPG) within the Department of Alcohol and Drug Problems (DADP) to develop a statewide strategic plan for the prevention, intervention, treatment, and research of the problem and pathological gambling in California, and creates a nine member advisory board.

AB 1588 Soto

Assembly G.O. Committee

Decreases the percentage of gross receipts from charitable raffles required to go to beneficial or charitable purposes from 90% to 50% for a 50/50 cash raffle, as defined, and from 90% to 60% for a dream home raffle, as defined. It would place certain restrictions on any noncash prize purchased in connection with a dream home raffle.

SB 152 Florez

Vetoed by Governor

Allows a city, county, or city and county that have a gambling ordinance in effect on January 1, 2007, prohibiting more than 12 tables, to modify its ordinance to increase the number of gambling tables by an amount not to exceed 45%, without having to obtain voter approval.

SB 289 Vincent

Chapter 294, Statutes of 2007

Authorizes the California Gambling Control Commission to deem a person suitable to hold a state gambling license even if the person has a specified financial interest in a business that conducts gambling activities outside the state that would violate California law if conducted within the state.

SB 730 Florez

Chapter 438, Statutes of 2007

Provides for a number of changes to the licensing renewal process for gambling clubs under the Gambling Control Act in an effort to somewhat streamline the process and eliminate some of the current requirements.

INDIAN GAMING (7)

AB 91 **Garcia**

Assembly G.O. Committee

Beginning with the 2008-09 fiscal year, increase the above quarterly amount required to be transferred from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund to the Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Trust Fund to an amount sufficient for each eligible tribe to receive \$500,000. The bill would increase the total fiscal year amount that each eligible tribe may receive under these provisions to \$2,000,000.

AB 1265 **Cook**

Assembly G.O. Committee

Allow an Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee to select grants to the California Department of Transportation for the purposes authorized by these provisions.

AB 1389 **Torrico**

Assembly G.O. Committee

Require that the amount deposited in each eligible county's County Tribal Casino Account be determined based on the number of gaming devices located in that county. Eliminate that distinction between the funds that are required to be used for grants to local agencies impacted by tribes that are paying into the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund and those that are required to be used for grants to local agencies impacted by tribes that are not paying into that fund. Existing law requires that a certain portion of the funds in an Individual Tribal Casino Account be used for discretionary grants to local jurisdictions impacted by tribes, irrespective of any nexus to impacts from any particular tribal casino. This bill would require, instead, that these discretionary grants be awarded to mitigate impacts from tribal casinos.

AB 1697 **Richardson**

Assembly G.O. Committee

Require that, if there are insufficient funds in the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund to fully fund payments to eligible recipient tribes from the Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Trust Fund in accordance with these provisions, moneys from payments made by tribes to the General Fund pursuant to any tribal-state gaming compact be transferred to the Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Trust Fund in an amount equal to the deficiency.

AB 1738 **Coto**

Chapter 42, Statutes of 2007

Approves Memorandums of Agreement (MOA) between the State of California and Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (Agua Caliente), Morongo Band of Mission Indians (Morongo), Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians (Pechanga), and the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, respectively.

AB 1740 **Assembly G.O. Committee**

Assembly Floor

Clarifies references in the Government Code related to "eligible recipient Indian tribes" as it relates to the distribution of Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Trust Fund (RSTF) monies.

Provides a mechanism to ensure that payments from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund to the Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Trust Fund (IGRSTF) to Tribes eligible to receive these payments, will receive these payments, will receive them by taking moneys from payments made by Tribes to the General Fund made pursuant to any amended Tribal-State Compact, and transferring specified payments to the IGRSTF covering any deficiency as described.

HORSE RACING (21)

AB 241 Price

Chapter 594, Statutes of 2007

Increases up to 45 mini-satellite wagering sites throughout the State, as defined, that would be able to offer wagering on horse racing via satellite wagering in the northern, central and southern racing zones, as specified. This bill authorizes any fair to operate a satellite wagering facility on leased premises within the boundaries of that fair, as specified. In addition, allows satellite wagering operations to be conducted at racetracks that have closed in the central zone, under certain conditions.

AB 649 Ma

Chapter 605, Statutes of 2007

Increases, beginning January 1, 2008, the minimum jockey riding fees which are paid to professional jockeys who compete in horse races.

AB 688 Portantino

Assembly G.O. Committee

Spot bill relating to Advance Deposit Wagering (ADW).

AB 765 Evans

Chapter 613, Statutes of 2007

Extends authorization for horse racing's Advance Deposit Wagering (ADW) law indefinitely. In addition, provides that fairs and racing associations conducting racing at a fair may, with California Horse Racing Board approval, deduct an additional one percent from its handle, to be used for maintenance and improvements at a fair's racetrack inclosure.

AB 813 Portantino

Senate G.O. Committee

Repeals the January 1, 2008, "sunset provision" for advance deposit wagering (ADW) operations in California.

AB 1016 Plescia

Senate Judiciary Committee

Allow a lien holder with a lien on a racehorse, as specified, to sell the racehorse if the lien holder determines in good faith that the value of the racehorse is \$4,000 or less, the amount of the lien is at least 50 percent of the value of the racehorse, the owner does not object to the sale within a specified 14-day time period, and the lien holder follows specified procedures for the public sale of a race horse.

AB 1156 Levine

Assembly G.O. Committee

Require a satellite wagering facility, if a wagerer's winnings are subject to federal income tax withholding, to determine if the wagerer is listed in the California Child Support Automation System and, if the wagerer is delinquent in his or her child support obligations, to withhold from the wagerer's winnings the amount of any delinquency. Requires the facility to forward the amount withheld to the Department of Child Support Services.

AB 1286 Richardson

Chapter 202, Statutes of 2007

Authorizes the Alameda County Fair and the Los Angeles County Fair to operate 2 additional satellite-wagering facilities off the fairgrounds, with certain approval and conditions, as specified.

AB 1289 Price

Senate G.O. Committee

Extends the sunset provision relating to Advance Deposit Wagering (ADW) from January 1, 2008, to January 1, 2011, and adds a requirement that employees who operate and administer ADW on a daily basis shall work in California.

AB 1308 Torrico

Chapter 410, Statutes of 2007

Provides that a thoroughbred association or fair, subject to approval by the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB), may deduct from the total amount handled in the pari-mutuel pool for any type of wager, an amount of not less than 10 percent nor more than 25 percent at the joint request of the thoroughbred association or fair and the horsemen's organization for the meeting of the thoroughbred association or fair accepting the wager, also specifies that the amount deducted shall be distributed as specified.

AB 1345 Plescia

Assembly G.O. Committee

Creates the Special Trust Fund for the Economic Stabilization of Horse Racing, into which a portion of the funds generated from gaming activities authorized pursuant to all new tribal-state compacts that are ratified, or existing compacts that are amended, on or after January 1, 2007, would be deposited. The bill would specify how the moneys in that fund would be disbursed annually.

AB 1616 Garrick

Chapter 417, Statutes of 2007

Makes substantive changes to existing provisions of Horse Racing Law pertaining to referral of certain enforcement proceedings alleging use of prohibited substances.

AB 1690 Villines

Assembly G.O. Committee

Provide that if the horse racing venue in San Mateo County at which thoroughbred race meetings were conducted in 2005 ceases to operate as a venue for thoroughbred race meetings in any subsequent year, the board shall license thoroughbred racing associations in the northern zone so as to minimize or eliminate simultaneous live racing during fair racing meetings in the northern zone conducted in the same calendar period.

AB 1736 **Assembly G.O. Committee** Chapter 444, Statutes of 2007

Extends "sunset" provisions in current law relating to the marketing of the California Horse Racing Industry (NTRA and CMC) and adds the Travers Stakes to the group of specific stake races which are exempt from the 23-race per day limit on imported races, as specified.

SB 125 **Harman** Chapter 72, Statutes of 2007

Provides cleanup language for a bill (SB 746) enacted in 2006, and specifies the split of impact fees for both the harness and quarter horse racing industry, as defined.

SB 249 **Negrete McLeod** Chapter 75, Statutes of 2007

Authorizes a thoroughbred racing association to provide promotional supplements to purses at its race meet for the benefit of thoroughbred horse owners.

SB 317 **Denham** Chapter 77, Statutes of 2007

Requires applicants for license as an official veterinarian to pass both a written and oral exam, and would establish qualifications for persons to be admitted to the official veterinarian exam, as specified.

SB 379 **Denham** Chapter 443, Statutes of 2007

Adds the Dubai World Cup race to a specified list of races that would be exempted from the 23 race per day limit on imported races for satellite wagering in California.

SB 436 **Vincent** Assembly Governmental Organization

Clarifies that the distribution for impact fees received by the quarter Horse racing association is the same as that of the Harness racing association, 50 percent to purses and 50 percent as commissions.

SB 863 **Yee** Assembly Floor

Provides that no more than three members of the board who are licensed to participate in the horse racing industry by the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) may serve on the board at any one time. Requires the CHRB to promulgate and adopt regulations regarding conflicts of interest and ethics for the board, as specified.

SB 921 **Vincent** Chapter 155, Statutes of 2007

Increases from \$50,000 to \$100,000 the penalty for violating the prohibition against administering unauthorized substances to horses entered in a horse race.

OFFICIAL ACTS (3)

AB 933

Jeffries

Chapter 142, Statutes of 2007

Repeals obsolete statutes relating to salaries of elected officials and makes other technical, clarifying, and code maintenance changes to salaries and titles of state officials.

SB 282

Cox

Chapter 293, Statutes of 2007

Establishes the State Fair Leasing Authority made up of representatives from the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Finance, the Department of General Services, the California Exposition and State Fair (Cal-Expo) and four appointed members. The goal of this Authority is to enter into leases or other agreements for the use of the State Fair Race Track or any other owned or controlled by the fair. In addition, the authority is to prepare a master plan for the long-range comprehensive development and improvement of the Cal-Expo as specified.

SB 864

Cogdill

Assembly Public Safety

(Re-referred to A/Public Safety Committee)

Enacts the "Keep them in Jail Alternatives Act," which authorizes sheriffs in counties where jail overcrowding has reached "crisis levels" to house inmates in temporary jails or treatment facilities, as specified, if the county in which the sheriff has jurisdiction is experiencing overcrowding conditions.

OUTDOOR ADVERTISING (5)

AB 830 **Ma** Senate Transportation & Housing Committee

Allows a sign (billboard) along landscaped highways to be converted to a digital advertising display, subject to specified conditions.

AB 1117 **Benoit** Senate Rules Committee

Allows advertising displays to be erected by a city or county to advertise businesses operated in a redevelopment project area or a business improvement district if they are within 1,000 feet of the project area and the signs meet certain conditions.

AB 1608 **Solorio** Assembly G.O. Committee

Prohibits advertising of any fast food product on any outdoor billboard within 1,500 feet of any public or private elementary school, middle school, or high school, or public playground.

SB 715 **Lowenthal** Chapter 81, Statutes of 2007

Prohibits the California Department of Transportation from regulating noncommercial copy contained on advertising displays that are subject to the Outdoor Advertising Act.

PUBLIC RECORDS (4)

AB 721 Maze Assembly Appropriations Committee

Requires that state agencies respond to public records requests from members of the Legislature immediately, and under no circumstances shall the response take more than three days.

AB 1136 Strickland Assembly G.O. Committee

The California Public Records Act requires state and local agencies to make their records available during regular business hours and, upon request, to provide a copy of a record upon payment of any applicable fee, unless an exemption from disclosure applies. This bill would provide that, in responding to a request for records pursuant to these provisions, a state or local agency shall provide to the requester all disclosable records that are reasonably described by the requester.

AB 1393 Leno Vetoed by Governor

Requires specified information to be included on state agencies Web sites, as specified. Establishes an advisory board within the Department of Justice (DOJ) to oversee a standard for posting requests on Web sites of state agencies, as specified.

SB 449 Aanestad Chapter 578, Statutes of 2007

Adds 17 crimes to the list of sex offenses that qualify for the protection of victims' names and addresses form disclosure under the Public Records Act, makes a conforming change in the Penal code.

Open Meetings (3)

SB 190

Yee

Chapter 523, Statutes of 2007

Modifies current law governing the meetings of the Regents of the University of California and the California State University Board of Trustees and clarifies the requirements for meetings that must be open and public. The bill requires that actions on executive compensation, as specified, occur in open, public meetings.

SB 519

Senate G.O. Committee

Chapter 92, Statutes of 2007

Amends the Bagley-Keene Act to authorize a state body to hold a special meeting for the purposes of appointing an "interim executive officer."

SB 964

Romero

Vetoed by Governor

Prohibits a majority of the members of a legislative body from using a series of communications of any kind, directly or through intermediaries, to discuss, deliberate or take action on any item of business that is required by the Ralph M. Brown Act to be conducted in public.

TOBACCO (5)

AB 1585 **Lieber** Chapter 445, Statutes of 2007

Includes gift certificates, gift cards, or other similar offers in the definition of nonsale distribution, or giving away at no or nominal cost, of cigarettes or smokeless tobacco, which is prohibited in public places by anyone in the business of selling or distributing smokeless tobacco or cigarettes.

AB 1617 **Desaulnier** Vetoed by Governor

Prohibits transportation of cigarettes to persons in California except when such shipments are made either to an entity that is licensed by the Board of Equalization for tobacco transactions or to certain other specified entities, and broadens the definition of bidis, a prohibited tobacco product.

SB 7 **Cogdill** Chapter 425, Statutes of 2007

Makes it an infraction for a person to smoke a cigar, cigarette or pipe in a vehicle, whether in motion or at rest, in which there is a minor.

SB 624 **Padilla** Chapter 653, Statutes of 2007

Increases the civil penalties under the Stop Tobacco Access to Kids Enforcement (STAKE) Act and expands the agencies that are permitted to carry out investigations of illegal tobacco sales to minors under the STAKE Act, from the Department of Public Health to include the Attorney General and other state and local agencies.

SB 625 **Padilla** Chapter 654, Statutes of 2007

Establishes a \$100 reinstatement fee upon retailers that engage in the sale of cigarettes and tobacco products in this state but fail to renew the necessary licenses.