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To all Interested Parties:

The following summary of legislation reviewed by the Assembly Committee on Governmental Organization during the 2019-2020 legislative session includes a brief description of all bills and the status of those bills at the end of the legislative session. Additionally, this booklet contains copies of the Governor's veto messages for those bills that were vetoed.

Jurisdiction of the Committee primarily includes the following subjects: Indian gaming, horse racing, card clubs, alcohol, tobacco, the Lottery, outdoor advertising, and state open meeting law. Policy from the committee affects key industries that employ thousands of Californians in areas such as gambling/entertainment, horse racing, tourism, wine production, etc. Revenues generated from these industries in the form of taxes and fees generate significant sources of revenues for all levels of government. These range from income and employment taxes, to excise fees charged to alcohol and tobacco products.

For the full text of all versions of any bill, committee analysis, and history including votes, you may access the Assembly's web page at www.assembly.ca.gov.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the Members of the Committee on Governmental Organization for their service. I appreciate the time and dedication of my colleagues to understand these important issues and their contributions to healthy debate during committee hearings.

If you have questions or would like additional information about the bills summarized in this report, or if you have questions about the Assembly Committee on Governmental Organization, please feel free to contact the committee staff at (916) 319-2531.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Gray", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Adam Gray, Chair
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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

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Alcoholic Beverage Control

AB 205 (Daly) Alcoholic beverages: beer

This bill revises the definition of “beer” for purposes of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act to provide that beer may be produced using honey, fruit, fruit juice, fruit concentrate, herbs, spices, and other food materials, as adjuncts in fermentation.

Status: Chapter 60, Statutes of 2019

AB 436 (Aguiar-Curry) Alcoholic beverages: tied-house restrictions: advertising: City of Napa

This bill extends an existing Tied-house exception in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act pertaining to the general prohibition against advertising arrangements between retail, wholesale, and manufacturer to include a performing arts venue Napa Valley Opera House and adjacent performance area located in the City of Napa.

Status: Chapter 175, Statutes of 2019

AB 475 (Kiley) Alcoholic beverage licenses: on-sale beer and wine paint and sip license

This bill would authorize the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to issue a newly created on-sale beer and wine paint and sip license to a person that has premises for the primary purpose of art classes that are scheduled in a bona fide manner for a fee.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 546 (Bigelow) Alcoholic Beverage Control: licenses

This bill clarifies that a licensee transferring a license to another premise that is either in the process of being constructed, or in the process of construction, must follow the existing 30-day notification requirement.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

AB 609 (Levine) Beer manufacturers: sale of draught beer

This bill exempts a licensed premise operated by a licensed beer manufacturer from a current requirement in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act that requires on-sale retail licensees that give, sell, or otherwise dispense draught beer to include specified information regarding the beer upon the faucet, spigot, or outlet from which the beer is drawn or in the place of service or consumption.

Status: Passed the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee but was amended out of the committee’s jurisdiction in the Senate.

AB 840 (Dahle) Alcoholic beverages: license: imports

This bill allows the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to create and issue a special on-sale general license to a person who owns or operates a facility that is partially located in the County of Placer and partially located in the County of Washoe, State of Nevada (Cal Neva Resort & Casino).

Status: Chapter 355, Statutes of 2019

AB 860 (Berman) Alcoholic beverages: tied-house restrictions

This bill clarifies that an alcohol retailer is not obligated to buy or sell a distilled spirits wholesaler's products because the wholesaler pays the retailer for marketing data.

Status: Passed the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee but was amended out of the committee's jurisdiction in the Senate.

AB 1133 (Low) Beer: premiums, gifts, and free goods

This bill allows, until January 1, 2023, a beer manufacturer to give up to five cases of glassware – a total of 120 pieces – to an on-sale retail licensee, as specified, and allows an on-sale retail licensee to accept, without direct or indirect charge, up to 10 cases of glassware – a total of 240 pieces – per licensed location from licensed beer manufactures.

Status: Chapter 623, Statutes of 2019

AB 1265 (R. Rivas) Alcoholic beverage licenses: donations

This bill expands an existing Tied-house exception within the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act to allow a distilled spirits wholesaler that also holds a beer and wine wholesaler license to donate or sell beer, wine, or distilled spirits to certain nonprofit organizations.

Status: Chapter 18, Statutes of 2019

AB 1308 (Cunningham) Students in hotel management or culinary arts programs: tastings

This bill allows a qualified student to taste, but not consume, an alcoholic beverage and exempts the student and the qualified academic institution in which the student is enrolled from criminal prosecution if the qualified academic institution has established an Associate's degree or a Bachelor's degree program in hotel management or culinary arts.

Status: Chapter 457, Statutes of 2019

AB 1311 (Ting) Neighborhood-restricted special on-sale general licenses: transfers

This bill authorizes the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to allow specified alcoholic beverage licenses in the City and County of San Francisco to be transferred within the same neighborhood.

Status: Chapter 358, Statutes of 2019

AB 1370 (Chiu) Alcoholic beverage licenses: nonprofit arts foundation

This bill authorizes the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to issue a special on-sale general license to Saint Joseph's Church in San Francisco.

Status: Chapter 191, Statutes of 2019

AB 1541 (Gray) Alcoholic beverages: beer manufacturers and wholesalers: distribution

This bill would extend the period of time that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Appeals Board has to enter its order from 60 to 90 days after the filing of an appeal.

Status: Senate Governmental Organization

AB 1825 (Committee on Governmental Organization) Alcoholic beverage control

This bill would allow specified licensees that hold more than one of the specified licenses for a single premise to have alcoholic beverages that are authorized under those licenses at the same time anywhere within the premises for purposes of production and storage, as specified. In addition, this bill expands an existing Tied-house exception (Los Angeles Stadium at Hollywood Park), to allow for the advertising of alcohol within the retail, entertainment, commercial, and mixed-use development which includes the stadium and performance venue.

Status: Chapter 696, Statutes of 2019

AB 2085 (Cunningham) Tied-house restrictions: donations of alcoholic beverages: returns

This bill would permit a licensee authorized to give or sell alcoholic beverages to accept the return of an alcoholic beverage from the nonprofit corporation, organization, or association in connection with an event conducted under a seasonal or temporary license issued by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control if, at the termination of the period of the license, the nonprofit corporation, organization, or association has alcoholic beverages remaining.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 2451 (Chiu) Alcoholic beverages: tied-house restrictions: advertising: theaters

This bill would allow beer manufacturers, winegrowers, distilled spirits rectifiers, craft distillers, distilled spirits manufacturers, or distilled spirits manufacturer's agents to purchase advertising space and time, in connection with described events, from, or on behalf of, on-sale retail licensees, as described above, at a for-profit theater with specified characteristics located in the City and County of San Francisco.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 2459 (Bigelow) Alcoholic beverage licenses: Counties of Mariposa and Napa

This bill would authorize the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to issue up to 10 additional new original on-sale general licenses in Mariposa County and up to 10 additional new original on-sale general licenses per year in Napa County for a period of five years (up to 50 licenses in total).

Status: Chapter 53, Statutes of 2020

AB 2608 (Bigelow) Alcoholic beverage control: licenses

This bill would require a licensee transferring a license issued by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to follow specified notification requirements.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 2627 (Mayes) Alcoholic beverages: wine blenders

This bill would remove the agents of wine blenders from the general application of winegrower provisions in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act to wineblenders.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organizational Committee

AB 2694 (Stone) Wine labels: Santa Cruz Mountains

This bill would require any wine bottled on or after January 1, 2023, labeled with an American Viticultural Area established pursuant to federal law that is located entirely within the “Santa Cruz Mountains” viticultural area to bear the designation “Santa Cruz Mountains” on the label in specified type size as determined by the size of the wine container.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 2752 (Bauer-Kahan) Winegrowers: tasting rooms

This bill would revise the prohibition described above to allow a winegrower or brandy manufacturer to sell wine or brandy to consumers, or to engage in winetasting activities, at up to 2 licensed branch premises.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 2957 (R. Rivas) Winegrowers and brandy manufacturers: exercise of privileges: locations

This bill would allow winegrowers or brandy manufacturers to sell and deliver wine to consumers in containers supplied, furnished, or sold by the consumer away from their licensed premises.

Status: Senate Governmental Organization Committee

AB 3102 (Gray) Alcoholic Beverages: tied-house restrictions

This bill clarifies that a licensed retailer is not obligated to buy or sell the alcoholic beverage products of a distilled spirits wholesaler when selling marketing data to that wholesaler.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 3139 (Gray) Alcoholic beverages: licensees

This bill makes changes to existing provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act relating to licensees and the operation of destroyed premises following a fire or other act of God, as well as the transfer of a license back to the location of the destroyed premises. The bill also provides a Tied-house exception to a for-profit theater with specified characteristics located in the City and County of San Francisco (the Orpheum and Golden Gate Theaters). In addition, this bill extends a current Tied-house exception that allows specified licensees to serve on the board of trustees, as specified, to a nonprofit theater company operating a theater in the City of Modesto.

Status: Chapter 175, Statutes of 2020

AB 3259 (Bloom) Alcoholic beverage control: licenses: nonprofit cultural film exhibition companies

This bill would authorize the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to issue a special on-sale general license to a nonprofit cultural film exhibition company. The bill would authorize these nonprofit cultural film exhibition companies to sell and serve alcoholic beverages to ticketholders only during, and 2 hours before and one hour after, a bona fide film exhibition of the company.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 3301 (O'Donnell) Alcoholic beverages: licenses: arts and crafts workshops

This bill would allow service of wine or beer by an arts and crafts workshop if certain requirements are met. The bill would require that there be no extra charge or fee for the beer or wine, that the servings be restricted to specified amounts, and that the wine or beer only be provided during business hours and in no case later than 10 p.m.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

SB 21 (Dodd) Alcoholic beverages: brewpub-restaurant licenses

This bill lowers the required minimum brewing production of a brewpub-restaurant licensee from 200 barrels per year to 100 barrels per year.

Status: Chapter 362, Statutes of 2019

SB 58 (Wiener) Alcoholic beverages: hours of sale

This bill would authorize the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to create a pilot program, beginning January 1, 2022, and before January 2, 2027, to issue an additional hours license to an on-sale licensee in a qualified city (Cathedral City, Coachella, Fresno, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Oakland, Palm Springs, Sacramento, San Francisco, and West Hollywood) that would allow the selling, giving, or purchasing of alcoholic beverages at the licensed premises between the hours of 2 a.m. and 3 a.m.

Status: Failed passage on Assembly Floor

SB 264 (Glazer) Wine growers: tasting rooms

This bill authorizes a licensed winegrower to operate two off-site tasting rooms under its winegrower license.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee - Held under submission

SB 352 (Dodd) Alcoholic beverage licenses: on-sale general licenses for bona fide eating places

This bill authorizes the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, in a county that has reached its limit of on-sale general licenses, to issue up to 10 additional new and original on-sale general licenses for bona fide eating places following the year the limit is reached.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee - Held under submission

SB 420 (Archuleta) Alcoholic beverage licensees: beer and wine importers, beer and wine importers general, and beer and wine wholesalers

This bill removes the beer and wine importer license, the beer and wine importer's general license, and the beer and wine wholesaler license and replaces them with a separate beer or wine license, as specified, and makes relating changes within the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act with regard to the privileges and restrictions of these licenses.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

SB 432 (Nielsen) Alcoholic beverages: distilled spirits: instruction

This bill would allow a distilled spirits wholesaler, rectifier, brandy manufacturer, or craft distiller to furnish distilled spirits and the equipment, materials, and utensils that may be required for use in connection with the instruction or courses of instruction. Furthermore, this bill authorizes rectifiers and brandy manufacturers to instruct licensees and their employees, on the subject of distilled spirits.

Status: Chapter 178, Statutes of 2020

SB 543 (Pan) Pedicabs

This bill removes the sunset date on existing law authorizing individuals on a pedicab, as defined, to consume alcohol on the pedicab under certain conditions.

Status: Chapter 280, Statutes of 2019

SB 717 (Jones) Advertising

This bill authorizes a craft distiller to purchase advertising space from, or on behalf of, an on-sale retail licensee subject to the same conditions as other alcohol manufacturers.

Status: Chapter 671, Statutes of 2019

SB 788 (Committee on Governmental Organization) Alcoholic beverages: appeals: decision: tied-house restrictions

This bill clarifies that an emergency order issued by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) is not a final decision. The bill also provides the Superior Court jurisdiction to review an emergency decision issued by ABC.

Status: Chapter 257, Statutes of 2019

SB 918 (Committee on Governmental Organization) Alcoholic beverages: special nonprofit sales license: wine labels

This bill clarifies a provision in current law that allows the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to issue a special nonprofit sales license to the University of California Davis. This bill also requires any wine bottled on or after January 1, 2023 and labeled with an American Viticulture Area that is located entirely within the County of Mendocino to bear the designation “Mendocino County” on the label.

Status: Chapter 362, Statutes of 2020

Emergency Services (Excluding medical emergencies)

AB 41 (Gallagher) Disaster relief: Camp fire

Under current law, the California Disaster Assistance Act provides that the state share for disaster project allocations to local agencies is no more than 75% of total state eligible costs, except for specified events for which the state share is up to 100% of state eligible costs. This bill would have provided that the state share is up to 100% of total state eligible costs connected with the Camp Fire that started on November 8, 2018, in the County of Butte.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee - Held under submission

AB 247 (Dahle) Disaster relief: Carr and Klamathon fires

Under existing law, the California Disaster Assistance Act provides that the state share for disaster project allocations to local agencies is no more than 75% of total state eligible costs, except for specified events for which the state share is up to 100% of state eligible costs.

This bill would have provided that the state share is up to 100% of total state eligible costs connected with the Klamathon fire that started on July 5, 2018, in the County of Siskiyou, and the Carr fire that started on July 23, 2018, in the County of Shasta.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee - Held under submission

AB 291 (Chu) Local Emergency preparedness and hazard mitigation fund

This bill would have established a new state fund to support staffing, planning and other mitigation projects to help local governments become better prepared for disasters.

Status: Senate Governmental Organization Committee

AB 429 (Nazarian) Seismically vulnerable buildings

This bill would have required the Alfred E. Alquist Seismic Safety Commission to identify funding to create an inventory of potentially seismically vulnerable buildings in 29 counties.

Status: Senate Inactive File

AB 477 (Cervantes) Emergency preparedness: vulnerable populations

This bill would require a county, or a city and county, to include representatives from the access and functional needs population, as defined, in the next regular update to its emergency plan.

Status: Chapter 218, Statutes of 2019

AB 486 (Limón) Disaster preparedness: local government: animal wildfire evacuation plan

This bill requires a city or county that requires a kennel license or permit within its jurisdiction to require, as a condition for obtaining that license or permit, the kennel owner to submit an animal natural disaster evacuation plan.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee - Held under submission

AB 911 (Rodriguez) Office of Emergency Services: emergency information system

This bill requires the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services to complete a study to determine the feasibility of developing a statewide system that would enable all Californians to voluntarily provide vital health and safety information, with an encrypted connection, to be made available to all first responders in an emergency if a "911" call is placed.

Status: Chapter 686, Statutes of 2019

AB 1375 (Bigelow) Disaster relief: dead and dying tree removal: allocation to local agencies

This bill increases, from 75% to 90%, the state's share of disaster-related costs connected with the tree removal in high hazard zones pursuant to a governor-declared emergency in 2015.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee - Held under submission

AB 1499 (Flora) Interoperability systems

This bill requires the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services to create a new grant program for communication interoperability systems – systems that allow emergency responders and schools to better communicate with each other – on the campuses of K-12 schools, community colleges, and public colleges and universities.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee - Held under submission

AB 1548 (Gabriel) California State Nonprofit Security Grant Program

This bill establishes the California State Nonprofit Security Grant Program to improve the physical security of nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack due to ideology, beliefs, or mission.

Status: Chapter 734, Statutes of 2019

AB 1555 (Gloria) Police radio communications: encryption

This bill would require a law enforcement agency that operates encrypted police radio communications, or a joint powers authority that operates encrypted police radio communications on behalf of a law enforcement agency, to provide access to the encrypted communications to a duly authorized representative of any news service, newspaper, or radio or television station or network, upon request.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 1601 (Ramos) Office of Emergency Services: behavioral health response

This bill establishes, within the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, a behavioral health deputy director who must coordinate with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) on the delivery of trauma-related support to individuals affected by a natural disaster or states of emergency. The bill also requires DHCS to request necessary federal and state waivers to ensure individuals receive health care services during an emergency.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee - Held under submission

AB 1754 (Jones-Sawyer) Office of Emergency Services: California Olympic and Paralympic Public Safety Command

This bill would require the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services to establish the California Olympic and Paralympic Public Safety Command to facilitate public safety and security at the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles, California.

Status: Chapter 693, Statutes of 2019

AB 1855 (Frazier) Residential care facilities for the elderly: emergency and disaster plan.

This bill would require, by July 1, 2022, the State Department of Social Services, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, and the Department of Technology, in partnership with the private sector, to develop and implement a secure online emergency management database with an emergency disaster technology tool to be maintained by the department and accessible by emergency response personnel, and would require licensed residential care facilities for the elderly to upload their emergency and disaster plans to the database by July 1, 2023.

Status: Assembly Human Services Committee. This bill was also double-referred to the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee.

AB 1857 (Chen) Emergency Services: contracts

The California Emergency Services Act includes various provisions intended to mitigate the effects of emergencies and to generally protect the health and safety and preserve the lives and property of the people of the state. Among other things, the act authorizes the Governor to expend any appropriation for support of the act to carry out its provisions.

This bill would require the Governor to submit a copy of any contract executed with moneys authorized for expenditure, as described above, to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and members of the Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review and the Assembly Committee on Budget within 72 hours of the contract becoming final.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 1916 (Chu) Proclaimed state and local emergencies: proclamations, communications, and materials: translation

This bill would require all proclamations, communications, materials, and announcements made by the Governor or a state agency related to a duly proclaimed state of emergency to be made available in all languages spoken by a substantial number of non-English-speaking people. The bill would define the term “substantial number of non-English-speaking people” to mean a group of people that do not speak English or have limited English proficiency and make up 3 percent or more of the state’s population.

This bill would also require each county to translate all emergency-related proclamations, communications, materials, and announcements made by the county related to a duly proclaimed state of emergency or a local emergency duly proclaimed by the county into all languages spoken by 1,000 or more of the county’s residents.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 1945 (Salas) Emergency Services: first responders

The bill defines a "first responder" in the California Emergency Services Act as an employee of the state or a local public agency who provides emergency response services, including any of the following: a peace officer; a firefighter; paramedic; an emergency medical technician; and a public safety dispatcher or public safety tele-communicator.

Status: Chapter 68, Statutes of 2020

AB 2026 (Gabriel) Security planning: major sporting and entertainment events

This bill would require the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services to prepare for the planning, resourcing, management, and delivery of safety and security at the potential 2026 FIFA World Cup hosting sites in the City of Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay area.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 2047 (Aguiar-Curry) Emergency services: Alzheimer’s disease: dementia

This bill requires individuals with Alzheimer's disease and dementia be integrated into each county's emergency response plan during the next plan update and requires each county emergency plan to integrate how the access and functional needs population is served by emergency communications and emergency sheltering.

Status: Senate Governmental Organization Committee

AB 2054 (Kamlager) Emergency services: community response: grant program

This bill establishes the Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems (C.R.I.S.E.S.) Act pilot grant program to expand the participation of community organizations in emergency response for vulnerable populations and requires the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services to establish and administer the C.R.I.S.E.S. grant program with the goal of making grants to community organizations.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

AB 2064 (Patterson) Emergency preparedness: access and functional needs

This bill requires the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to develop, in coordination with organizations representing the access and functional needs population, a guidance document for local governments. This bill also requires Cal OES to review the emergency plans of all local governments to determine if they are consistent with this guidance document and, upon request, to provide necessary technical assistance.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee - Held under submission

AB 2178 (Levine) Emergency services

This bill includes "deenergization," defined as a planned public safety power shutoff consistent with the requirements of the Public Utilities Code, in the list of conditions constituting a state of emergency and a local emergency.

Status: Senate Governmental Organization Committee

AB 2213 (Limón) Office of Emergency Services: planning guidance: telecommunications

This bill requires the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and California Volunteers, in coordination with Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, to develop planning guidance to identify volunteers and donation management resources that could assist in responding to or recovering from disasters.

Status: Chapter 98, Statutes of 2020

AB 2386 (Bigelow) Office of Emergency Services: disaster council plans

This bill would require the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) to annually review a minimum of 10 emergency plans to determine if the plans substantially conform to or exceed specified recommendations made by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The bill would require OES to prioritize in its review a plan submitted from a county determined to be at a high risk of wildfire disaster.

Status: Chapter 254, Statutes of 2020

AB 2428 (Fong) Emergency services: emergency and natural disaster preparedness: access and functional needs

This bill would require the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services to work with representatives from the access and functional needs population, as defined, when updating the State Emergency Plan.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 2507 (Bigelow) California Cybersecurity Integration Center: representatives

Existing law establishes the California Cybersecurity Integration Center (Cal-CSIC) within the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. Existing law requires Cal-CSIC to be comprised of representatives from, among others, the Office of Emergency Services, the Office of Information Security in the Department of Technology, the State Threat Assessment Center, the Department of the California Highway Patrol, the Military Department, the Office of the Attorney General, the California Health and Human Services Agency, and the California Utilities Emergency Association.

This bill would add the Department of General Services as one of the organizations whose representatives comprise the Cal-CSIC.

Status: Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee

AB 2568 (Maienschein) Disaster preparedness: local government: animal wildfire evacuation plan

This bill would require a city or county that requires a kennel license or permit to operate a kennel within its jurisdiction, to require, as a condition for obtaining the kennel license or permit, that the kennel owner create and submit to the city or county an animal natural disaster evacuation plan for any kennel covered by the license or permit.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 2593 (Boerner Harvath) Emergency services: first responders

This bill would, for purposes of the California Emergency Services Act, define “first responder” as an employee of the state or a local public agency who provides emergency response services, including a peace officer, a firefighter, a paramedic, an emergency medical technician, and rescue service personnel, including an open water lifeguard or harbor patrol officer, or an emergency manager.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 2614 (Smith) Emergency services: counties: large animals

This bill would require a county and its office of emergency services, in consultation with relevant county departments, offices, and commissions, including those responsible for food and agriculture, to make available to the public emergency preparedness informational materials for livestock, horses, and other large animals. The bill would require these materials to include, among other things, addresses and contact information for designated shelters and facilities, best practices for stocking emergency animal husbandry supplies, transport of animals, and identification of animals.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 2654 (Cervantes) Emergency plan: access and functional needs: cities and counties

This bill would also require the 10 most populous cities in the state, according to data from the United States Census Bureau, to, in their next update to their emergency plans, integrate access and functional needs into their emergency plans and include representatives of the access and functional needs population when making the updates. The bill would also include foster youth in the definition of the access and functional needs population.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 2730 (Cervantes) Access and functional needs: local government: agreement for emergency management and transportation

This bill authorizes transportation entities that provide paratransit services to enter into an agreement with adjacent transportation entities for purposes of permitting the adjacent district, commission, or authority to borrow, for compensation, paratransit vehicles and drivers in the event of an emergency that requires the evacuation and relocation of the access and functional needs population in the jurisdiction or service area of the adjacent district, commission, or authority.

Status: Chapter 256, Statutes of 2020

AB 2908 (Low) Navigation applications: traffic: very high fire hazard severity zones

This bill would prohibit a company that provides a navigation application from directing traffic within a one-mile radius of an area identified by the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection as a very high fire hazard severity zone. The bill would require that company to include a notification on the application that warns drivers using the application that a specified emergency event is occurring in the area described above.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 2941 (Flora) Firefighters Procedural Bill of Rights Act: temporary, seasonal firefighters.

Existing law, the Firefighters Procedural Bill of Rights Act, grants certain employment rights to firefighters, as defined. Among other things, the act requires that, when a firefighter is under investigation and is interrogated by the firefighter's commanding officer, or another member of the employing agency, on matters that could lead to punitive action, the interrogation be conducted pursuant to certain requirements. This bill would include in the definition of "firefighter" a temporary, seasonal firefighter employed by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 2968 (Rodriguez) County emergency plans: best practices

This bill requires the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) to, by January 1, 2022, establish best practices for counties developing and updating a county emergency plan. The bill requires OES to establish a review process, by January 1, 2022, for a county to request the office to review a county's emergency plan.

Status: Chapter 257, Statutes of 2020

AB 2981 (Aguiar-Curry) Emergency plans: local government: technical assistance and after action reports

This bill would require the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services to provide, upon request, technical assistance to any city or county emergency plan with statewide emergency planning guidance and federal emergency planning guidance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The bill would require the office to prioritize a plan submitted from a rural county or rural city when providing this technical assistance.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 3198 (Gray) Emergency services: staffing grant program

This bill would direct the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services to establish and administer a grant program entitled the California Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response, upon appropriation of sufficient funds by the Legislature, to augment California's firefighting mutual aid system.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 3267 (Smith) Office of Emergency Services: State Emergency Plan

This bill would require the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) to coordinate with representatives of the access and functional needs population when the office updates the State Emergency Plan. The bill would require OES to complete an after-action report within 180 days after each declared disaster.

Status: Chapter 260, Statutes of 2020

SB 160 (Jackson) Emergency services: cultural competence

This bill requires a county to integrate cultural competence into its emergency plan, upon the next update to its emergency plan, and requires counties to provide a forum for community engagement in geographically diverse locations in order to engage with culturally diverse communities.

Status: Chapter 402, Statutes of 2019

SB 209 (Dodd) Wildfires: California Wildfire warming Center: fire-weather monitoring

This bill requires the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to jointly establish and lead the Wildfire Forecast and Threat Intelligence Integration Center.

Status: Chapter 405, Statutes of 2019

SB 290 (Dodd) Natural disasters: insurance and related alternative risk transfer products: Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties

This bill authorizes the Governor to purchase insurance, reinsurance, insurance linked securities or other related alternative risk-transfer products for the State of California to help mitigate against costs incurred by the state in response to a mudslide, wildfire or flood.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee - Held under submission

SB 292 (Rubio) Wildfire risk reporting

This bill would require the Insurance Commissioner to conduct a study, to be provided to the Legislature by July 1, 2022, addressing wildfire and insurance issues, including market-based approaches.

Status: Assembly Inactive File

SB 465 (Bates) San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station: emergency planning funding

This bill requires Southern California Edison (SCE), the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the State Controller's Office (SCO) to ensure that local governments receive continued funding for costs incurred in carrying out activities for the safety and welfare of the communities surrounding the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS).

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee - Died on Suspense File

SB 601 (Morrell) State agencies: license fee waiver

This bill authorizes any state agency that issues any business license to establish a process for a person or business that has been displaced or is experiencing economic hardship as a result of an emergency, as defined, to submit an application for reduction or waiver fees required by the agency to obtain a license, renew or activate a license, or replace a physical license for display.

Status: Chapter 854, Statutes of 2019

SB 668 (Rubio) Fire hydrants: water suppliers: regulations

The bill would require the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services to establish emergency response and recovery plans in coordination with urban water suppliers. The bill would also require an urban water supplier to review and revise its disaster preparedness plan every 5 years.

Status: Assembly Floor

SB 670 (McGuire) Telecommunications: community isolation outage: notification

This bill requires telecommunications service providers to submit a specified outage notification to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) when a telecommunications outage impacting 911 service and emergency notifications occurs. This bill makes OES responsible for notifying the appropriate county offices of emergency services, public safety answering points and sheriffs for areas affected by an outage.

Status: Chapter 412, Statutes of 2019

SB 773 (Skinner) Emergencies: State 911 Advisory Board

This bill, commencing on June 1, 2021, would revise membership on the State 911 Advisory Board by (1) reducing one representative appointed on the recommendation of the California Police Chiefs Association, one representative appointed on the recommendation of the California State Sheriffs' Association, and one representative appointed on the recommendation of the CalNENA Executive Board, except that any member in those categories whose term began before June 1, 2021, may serve out their term as set forth in existing law at the pleasure of the Governor, and (2) adding one representative of the California Welfare Directors Association, one county public guardian, and one county mental health professional, all 3 of whom will serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

SB 794 (Jackson) Emergency services: telecommunications

This bill would expand California's emergency notification program to include cities and universities, by clarifying that emergency alerting authorities may use wireless telephone subscriber data to enroll residents in local alerting systems and authorizes county social service departments to share contact information of seniors and disabled individuals with emergency responders to facilitate mandatory evacuations.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

SB 1199 (McGuire) Commission on Home Hardening

This bill establishes the Commission on Home Hardening, as specified, with the responsibility of developing a three-tiered certification system of fire prevention levels for structures in a Wildland Urban Interface environment; and requires residential property insurers to consider the three-tiered certification system and certified wildfire community hardening standards in setting rates and issuing insurance.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

Gambling

AB 208 (Cristina Garcia) Gaming Policy Advisory Committee

This bill would have increased the membership of the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee, California Gambling Control Commission, from 10 to 12 members, and would have required the committee to be composed of 5 representatives of controlled gambling licensees, 5 members of the general public, and 2 representatives from the Department of Justice.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 501 (Bigelow) Gaming Policy Advisory Committee

This bill would increase the membership of the California Gambling Control Commission from 10 to 12 members, and would require the committee to be composed of 5 representatives of controlled gambling licensees, 5 members of the general public, and 2 representatives from the Department of Justice. The bill would require the executive director to convene the committee at least twice annually, rather than from time to time, for the purpose of discussing those gambling policy matters and any other gambling-related issue.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 649 (Cristina Garcia) Gambling Control Act: persons under 21 years of age

This bill permits a person between 18 and 20 years of age to work in a gambling establishment in job classifications that entail providing services on and off the gaming floor that are not involved in the play of controlled game.

Status: Chapter 432, Statutes of 2019

AB 1082 (Low) Gambling: Gambling Control Act

This bill, for purposes of the Gambling Control Act, removes from the definition of applicant, a person who is about to apply for a state gambling license, or other specified licenses, permits, or approvals.

Status: Chapter 122, Statutes of 2020

AB 1827 (Committee on Government Organization Committee) California Gambling Control Commission

This bill requires the California Gambling Control Commission to post a public record of each of its votes on its Internet Web site.

Status: Senate Inactive File

AB 1918 (Christina Garcia) Gambling: work permits.

Existing law allows the California Gambling Control Commission to issue a temporary work permit that is valid for a period of time specified by the commission, to a person applying to be a gambling enterprise employee or independent agent pending completion of the applicant's background investigation and official action by the commission.

This bill would limit the period for a temporary work permit to 180 days.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 2096 (Gallagher) Gambling Control Act: licensing: corporations

This bill would increase the time period, under the Gambling Control Act for individuals to apply for a license from 30 to 35 calendar days after they become an officer, director, or key employee.

Status: Senate Governmental Organization Committee

AB 2097 (Gallagher) California Gambling Control Commission

This bill reduces, from 60 days to 45 days, the time for a Governor to fill any vacancy in the California Gambling Control Commission.

Status: Senate Governmental Organization Committee

AB 2098 (Gallagher) Gaming Policy Advisory Committee

This bill would increase the membership on the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee from 10 to 12 members.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 2771 (Salas) Gambling Control Act

This bill would allow the California Gambling Control Commission to take action to grant or deny a license at a regular meeting and would require an evidentiary hearing only if requested by an applicant, upon denial.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 2911 (Patterson) Gambling Control Act

This bill would require the California Gambling Control Commission and the Department of Justice, when increasing a fee amount, to include a clear statement justifying the need for the fee increase and explaining how the funds will be used, in the regulation updating the fee.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 3169 (Gipson) Gambling Control Act: licenses

This bill would establish a portable gaming license for employees of gambling enterprises and extends the length of a renewal of a key employee license to three years.

Status: Senate Governmental Organization Committee

AB 3170 (Gipson) Gambling Policy Advisory Committee

This bill would require the executive director to convene the Gambling Policy Advisory Committee at least twice annually, rather than from time to time, for the purpose of discussing those gambling policy matters and any other relevant gambling-related issue.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

ACA 16 (Gray) Gambling

This urgency measure would authorize the Legislature by statute to authorize and provide for the regulation of sports wagering.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

SB 286 (Committee on Governmental Organization) Gambling

This bill would require the California Gambling Control Commission to post a public record of each of its votes on its internet website and updates code references.

Status: Passed the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee but was amended out of the committee's jurisdiction on the Assembly Floor.

Horse Racing

AB 482 (Quirk) California Horse Racing Board: racing weeks multiyear calendar: evening races

This bill would give the California Horse Racing Board the authority to allocate racing weeks based on a multiyear calendar to an applicant. The bill would also authorize the board, when proposed start time temperatures present a serious risk to horses, jockeys, or other backstretch employees and at the request of the racing association or fair, to authorize races scheduled for daytime hours to be run in the evening.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 759 (Bigelow) Horse Racing: minisatellite wagering facilities

This bill would have various technical and non-substantive changes to provisions of law related to horse racing.

Status: Passed the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee but was amended out of the committee's jurisdiction in the Senate.

AB 771 (B. Rubio) Horse Racing: license to conduct a horse race meeting: felony

This bill would provide that any person who, directly or indirectly, holds or conducts for profit any horse racing meeting without the proper licenses or approval from the board is guilty of a felony.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 1050 (Cooper) California Horse Racing Board: public records: votes

This bill would require the California Horse Racing Board to post the record of its vote on its internet website.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 1473 (Gray) Horse racing: takeouts: disclosure to patrons

This bill requires each racing association or fair to inform patrons, through the official program, of the takeout being applied to the handle for the racing meeting.

Status: Senate Inactive File

AB 1635 (Gray) Horse racing: out-of-state thoroughbred races: Pegasus World Cup Invitational

This bill would add the "Pegasus World Cup Invitational" to the group of stake races which are exempt from the 50-race per day limit on imported races in California.

Status: Senate Governmental Organization Committee

AB 1828 (Committee on Governmental Organization) California Horse Racing Board: public records: votes

This bill requires the California Horse Racing Board to post the record of every vote taken on its Internet Web site.

Status: Senate Inactive File

AB 1974 (Gray) Horse racing: welfare and safety of racehorses and jockeys

This bill makes various changes to the Horse Racing Law by imposing new and additional horse racing health and safety requirements to be enforced by the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) and codifies with certain modifications existing horse racing health and safety standards and regulations. For instance: Requires horses that are unsound or lame to be immediately placed on the Veterinarian's List and establishes specified criteria around time periods when a horse must remain on the list. Authorizes the CHRB to adopt rules and regulations. Establishes criteria for examination of thoroughbreds and quarter horses to determine eligibility and appropriateness to enter a race. Requires all horses at licensed thoroughbred, fair, or quarter horse race meets to be subject to veterinary monitoring during morning training and establishes specified prohibitions on trainers for the application of medications. Authorizes track stewards to subject horses that ship in on racing days to video surveillance. Requires a racing association to provide a location within the inclosure where a veterinarian can observe a horse jogging in a circle in both directions. Requires the CHRB to establish and maintain a whistleblower program. Establishes the Horse and Jockey Safety and Welfare Account in the State Treasury. The bill requires that moneys from specified license fees, penalty or fine moneys imposed pursuant to the Horse Racing Law be deposited in that account and be continuously appropriated without regard to fiscal years for allocation by the Department of Finance to the board for equine safety measures to improve the integrity and safety of horse racing that include, among other things, contracting for additional state veterinarians, stewards, and infrastructure support related to the safety and welfare of racehorses and jockeys.

Status: Chapter 251, Statutes of 2020

AB 2177 (Kalra) Horse racing: equine medication, welfare, and safety

This bill would require the California Horse Racing Board to adopt rules and regulations for the welfare and safety of equines that are used for the purpose of horse racing and to convene and oversee a panel of independent veterinarians and stewards to review the medical, training, and racing histories of horses entered to race and be authorized to deem a horse unfit to run. The bill would also require the board to adopt regulations on the authorized use of minerals, vitamins, or other supplements and would require the board to only authorize uses that are in the best interest of the welfare and safety of the horse. Additionally, it requires the board to adopt rules and regulations for the welfare and safety of equines that are used for the purpose of horse racing and to convene and oversee a panel of independent veterinarians and stewards to review the medical, training, and racing histories of horses entered to race and be authorized to deem a horse unfit to run. The bill would also require the board to adopt regulations on the authorized use of minerals, vitamins, or other supplements and would require the board to only authorize uses that are in the best interest of the welfare and safety of the horse.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 2336 (Cooper) Horse racing: California Horse Racing Board: public records: votes

This bill would require the California Horse Racing Board to post the record of its vote on its internet website.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 2403 (Bigelow) Horseracing: California Horse Racing Board: membership: jockey member

This bill would require that at least one member of the California Horse Racing Board be a jockey.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 2615 (Chau) Horse racing: equine postmortem examinations: fatal racehorse injuries

Existing regulations of the California Horse Board (CHRB) require that, if a horse suffers a fatal injury on a racetrack in training or in competition, or dies or is euthanized within an area under the jurisdiction of the board, the horse undergo a postmortem examination at a diagnostic laboratory that is under contract with the board to determine the injury or sickness that resulted in euthanasia or natural death, as provided. Those regulations also provide for additional necropsy examinations requested by the owner or trainer, require the diagnostic laboratory to file a written report with the executive director of the board, the equine medical director, and the official veterinarian upon completion of the postmortem examination, and require that each owner and trainer accept responsibility for the postmortem examination as a requisite for maintaining their occupational license.

This bill would codify these provisions as part of the Horse Racing Law.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 2938 (Arambula) Horse racing: satellite wagering: use of license fees: earthquake and animal welfare projects

This bill would specify that health and safety repair projects at fairs also includes earthquake projects.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 3108 (Gray) Horse Racing: quarter horse racing

This bill would allow a licensed quarter horse racing association that is conducting a live racing meeting in this state to accept wagers on a quarter horse stakes race with a purse equal to or greater than \$75,000.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 3165 (Gray) Horse Racing: minisatellite wagering facilities

This bill makes various technical and non-substantive changes to provisions of law related to horse racing.

Status: Senate Governmental Organization Committee

SB 469 (Dodd) Horse racing: health and safety

This bill authorizes the California Horse Racing Board to immediately suspend a license to conduct a horse racing meeting when necessary to protect the health and safety of horses and riders.

Status: Chapter 22, Statutes of 2019

SB 800 (Dodd) Horse racing: veterinary medical records: racehorse fatalities: racehorse drug testing

This bill authorizes veterinarians to make available the entire medical records of racehorses to specified parties involved in horse racing; requires the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) to publish on a weekly basis all horse fatalities that occur within a licensed facility, as specified; and requires the CHRB to post results of non-confidential official racehorse drug test samples within five business days of the confirmed negative split sample test result.

Status: Chapter 252, Statutes of 2020

Indian Gaming

AB 753 (E. Garcia) Tribal Gaming: compact ratification: Cabazon Band of Mission Indians

This bill would ratify a specified amendment to the tribal-state gaming compact entered into between the State of California and the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, executed on August 21, 2019.

Status: Chapter 683, Statutes of 2019

AB 1333 (Dahle) Tribal gaming: compact ratification: Susanville Indian Rancheria

This bill ratifies the tribal-state gaming compact between the State of California and the Susanville Indian Rancheria, California, executed on October 19, 2018.

Status: Chapter 688, Statutes of 2019

AB 1826 (Committee on Governmental Organization) Tribal gaming: local agencies

This bill deletes obsolete provisions in law relating to the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund for allocations which were stipulated for previous fiscal years.

Status: Senate Inactive File

AB 1960 (Mayes) Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund

This bill would appropriate \$13 million from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund to the California Gambling Control Commission to provide grants to local agencies impacted by tribal gaming for the 2020–21 fiscal year.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

SB 674 (McGuire) Tribal gaming: compact ratification

This bill ratified the tribal-state gaming compact entered into between the State of California and the Hoopa Valley Tribe, executed on October 19, 2018.

Status: Chapter 706, Statutes of 2019

SB 869 (Dodd) Tribal gaming: compact ratification

This bill ratifies separate tribal-state gaming compacts between the State of California and the Ione Band of Miwok Indians, the Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California, the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians, the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, the Tolowa Dee-ni Nation, and the Tule River Indian Tribe of California.

Status: Chapter 171, Statutes of 2020

Lottery

AB 1464 (Gray) California State Lottery: audits

This bill would require the State Controller to, every three years, conduct an audit of the California State Lottery Commission's administrative operating expenses for the prior fiscal year.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee - Held under submission

AB 2513 (Kiley) California State Lottery

This bill would prohibit the California State Lottery Commission (Commission) from expending any revenues of the lottery on advertising or promotion for the lottery and would make conforming changes. The bill also requires the Commission to ensure that the overall estimated odds of winning some prize or prizes in a particular lottery game are posted at locations where lottery tickets for that game are sold.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

ACA 23 (Gray) Lottery prizes: personal income tax

This urgency measure would apply the Personal Income Tax Law rates, constitutional income tax rates, and laws regarding administration of the income tax to a prize awarded by the lottery that is in an amount equal to or greater than \$1,000.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

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and State Treasurer**

AB 1242 (Irwin) Information Security

This bill would require each state agency to comply with the policies and procedures issued by the Office of Information Security and would define state agency for these purposes to mean every state office, officer, department, division, bureau, board, and commission, except for the California State University.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee - Held under submission

Open Meeting Laws

AB 2028 (Aguiar-Curry) State agencies: meetings

This bill removes an exemption in existing law thereby requiring that a state body make an agenda item that had already been discussed by a committee of the state body open to public comment, as specified.

Status: Senate Inactive File

SB 53 (Wilk) Open meetings

This bill modifies the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act to require two-member advisory committees of a state body to hold open, public meetings if specified conditions are met.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee - Held under submission

State Fire Marshal

AB 38 (Wood) Low-cost fire prevention retrofits, oversight, and mitigation

This bill requires sellers to disclose to buyers that properties located in a high or very fire hazard severity zone to provide a disclosure notice, as specified, to the buyer with information relating to fire hardening improvements on the property. The bill also requires the California Natural resources Agency to in consultation with the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Forest Management Task Force to review the regional capacity of each county that contains a very high fire hazard severity zone to improve forest health, fire resilience, and safety. Lastly, the California Office of Emergency Services to enter into a joint powers agreement with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to administer a comprehensive wildfire mitigation and assistance program to encourage cost-effective structure hardening and facilitate vegetation management, contingent upon appropriation by the Legislature.

Status: Chapter 391, Statutes of 2019

AB 1298 (Mullin) Fire protection: fire official certifications and continuing education.

This bill would require, with exceptions, fire inspectors, fire marshals, and fire plans examiners, as defined, employed by a state or local public agency, to complete one year of verifiable experience in the appropriate field, and within a specified time frame thereafter, to obtain certification from the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The bill would require a person who is employed as a fire inspector, fire marshal, or fire plans examiner to complete a minimum of 45 hours of continuing education for every 3-year period of employment in that capacity. The bill would require the state or the local public agency to bear the costs of certification and continuing education.

Status: Amended and re-referred from Assembly Governmental Organization Committee to Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee

AB 1631 (Gray) Fire protection: volunteer firefighters: training

This bill requires the Office of the State Fire Marshal to hire at least five training officers for weekend and evening training classes held for volunteer fire departments. This bill requires the state to reimburse volunteer firefighters for the costs of attending training classes at a local community college if the Fire Marshal is unable to provide those classes.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee - Held under submission

AB 2531 (Quirk) Fire protection: fire dampers, smoke dampers, and smoke control systems

This bill would establish the Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Fire Damper, Smoke Damper, and Smoke Control System Inspection Verification Program. The bill would require that the owner of a building equipped with HVAC fire dampers, smoke dampers, or a smoke control system has any fire dampers and smoke dampers inspected and tested, as specified, by a qualified inspector, as defined, no less than once after the first year of installation and once every 4 years thereafter. The bill would require that the owner of a hospital have the hospital's fire dampers and smoke dampers inspected and tested, as specified, by a qualified inspector no less than once after the first year of installation and once every 6 years thereafter.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

ACR 102 (Bigelow) Mass timber products

This measure would urge the Office of the State Fire Marshal to adopt rules for the use of mass timber products for residential and commercial building construction.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

SB 169 (Jackson) Pipeline safety: records

This bill would revise and recast those provisions and would authorize the State Fire Marshal, for purposes of carrying out the requirements of state or federal law relating to hazardous liquid pipeline safety, to require the owner or operator of a pipeline to establish and maintain records, make reports, and provide any information that the State Fire Marshal reasonably requires, as provided.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

SB 190 (Dodd) Fire safety: building standards: defensible space program

This bill requires the Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM) to develop a model defensible space program, as specified; requires the SFM to develop and make available a Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Fire Safety Building Standards Compliance training; and, requires the SFM to develop a WUI Products listing of products and construction assemblies that comply with the WUI Fire Safety building standards.

Status: Chapter 404, Statutes of 2019

State Holidays, Seals, and Official Acts

AB 7 (Chu) Daylight Savings

This bill, which is an urgency measure, would have set California's standard time to year-round daylight-saving time by advancing one hour commencing at 2 a.m. on the second Sunday of the March, upon federal government authorization.

Status: Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee

AB 177 (Low) Election Day Holiday

This bill would have made the Tuesday after the first Monday in November in an even-numbered year a state holiday.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee - Held under submission

AB 1951 (Salas) State flag: retirement

This bill would provide that when the flag is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 2073 (Eduardo Garcia) Youth Development and Engagement Month

This bill would require the Governor to annually proclaim the month of January as Youth Development and Engagement Month.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

Tobacco

AB 131 (Cunningham) Advertising by manufacturers of electronic smoking devices

This bill would have prohibited an electronic smoking device manufacturer from advertising or promoting electronic smoking devices to encourage usage by persons under 21 years of age.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 739 (McCarty) Flavored tobacco products

This bill would prohibit a tobacco retailer from selling, offering for sale, or possessing with the intent to sell or offer for sale, a flavored tobacco product, as defined. The bill would make a violation of this prohibition an infraction punishable by a fine of \$250 for each violation.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 1625 (R. Rivas) Unflavored tobacco list

This bill would require the Attorney General to establish and maintain on the Attorney General's internet website a list of tobacco product brand styles that lack a characterizing flavor.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 1626 (R.Rivas) Cigarettes: administration: Attorney General

This bill transfers the authority to administer the California Fire Safety and Firefighter Protection Act from the Office of the State Fire Marshal to the Attorney General. This bill also authorizes the Attorney General's office to develop rules and regulations to enforce the Fire Safety Act.

Status: Senate Judiciary Committee

AB 1627 (R. Rivas) Cigarette Tobacco Directory

This bill provides the Department of Justice with additional authority over maintaining the California Tobacco Directory and ensuring compliance with the escrow statutes of the Master Settlement Agreement.

Status: Senate Judiciary Committee

AB 1639 (Gray) Tobacco and cannabis products

This bill would, among other things, would create various advertising, promotion, packaging, and selling prohibitions on electronic cigarettes in California. Requires a retailer to check the identification of any tobacco purchaser using age verification software or an age verification device. Increases the civil penalties against any person, firm, or corporation that sells, gives, or in any way furnishes tobacco products to persons under 21 years of age. Increases retail penalties for selling tobacco products to underage individuals. Prohibits a person under the age of 21 from entering a tobacco store, as defined. Requires the California Department of Public Health to conduct random, onsite sting operations of at least 20% of the total number of licensed tobacco retailers and, as defined.

Status: Senate Health Committee

AB 2913 (R. Rivas) Unflavored tobacco list

This bill would require the Attorney General to establish and maintain on the Attorney General's internet website a list of tobacco product brand styles that lack a characterizing flavor.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB 3227 (Gray) Sale of tobacco by mail

This bill would require that for purposes of purchasing tobacco, a passport used as government identification to be valid and would provide that, if a customer or recipient provides an identification card issued by the United States Armed Forces as proof of age, and the identification lacks a physical description, but includes date of birth and a photograph, further proof of age is not required

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

SB 39 (Hill) Tobacco products

The bill would require a tobacco product to be delivered only in a container that is conspicuously labeled as being a tobacco product that requires the signature of a person 21 years of age or older; and requires, before completing a delivery, a specified entity to obtain the signature of a person 21 years of age or older upon delivering the product to the recipient's or purchaser's address.

Status: Chapter 295, Statutes of 2019

SB 424 (Jackson) Tobacco products: single-use and multi-use components

This bill prohibits a person or entity from selling, giving, or in any way furnishing to another person of any age in the state any single-use filters, plastic devices, electronic cigarettes, and vaporizer devices, as specified. Requires the manufacturer of these components to use materials eligible for recycling under state or local recycling programs to make any multiuse, reusable component, and to offer methods for recycling those components.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

SB 538 (Rubio) Electronic Cigarettes

This urgency bill requires a manufacturer of electronic cigarettes to submit specified information to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) about electronic cigarettes sold in the state. This bill requires CDPH to post the information on its Web site and to conduct a public outreach campaign to notify specified entities about the information on electronic cigarettes to address the increase in youth usage.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

Governor's Veto Messages

AB 2054 (Kamlager) Emergency services: community response: grant program

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2054 without my signature.

This bill would establish a grant pilot program administered by the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to stimulate and support community involvement in emergency response activities that do not require a law enforcement officer.

Community organizations have a critical role to play in responding to our vulnerable neighbors and community members in crisis.

Many situations involving those who are unhoused, facing mental health challenges, have been exposed to violence, or are experiencing substance use issues may be better addressed with resources and pathways for long-term healing rather than a punitive approach. We must also address the reality that people of color and other marginalized members of our communities are disproportionately harmed by interactions with law enforcement, too often in instances where a badge and a gun are unnecessary.

The underlying goal of this legislation is important and implementing an effective solution will help our communities. Unfortunately, OES is not the appropriate location for the pilot program proposed in this legislation.

My Administration will work with the Legislature and stakeholders during the next legislative session on an implementable solution. Should a grant program be the consensus, such a pilot should be established through the State Budget process.

SB 538 (Rubio) Electronic Cigarettes

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE:

I am returning Senate Bill 538 without my signature.

This bill would require e-cigarette manufacturers to submit a written physical description and photograph of each type of e-cigarette sold in California to DPH for posting on its website.

SB 538's goal of reducing e-cigarette use by California's youth is an important one. My administration is confronting the public health crisis from the increasing use and dangers associated with e-cigarettes, including how best to increase enforcement of e-cigarette requirements, and launching a digital and social media campaign aimed at educating youth, young adults, and parents about the health risks of vaping nicotine and cannabis products. I have also called on the Legislature to pass legislation banning flavored vaping products in the upcoming year.

SB 538 does not provide an enforcement mechanism to ensure compliance from manufacturers, many of which are located out-of-state or overseas. While the bill authorizes DPH to collect a fee from manufacturers of e-cigarettes sold in the state to pay for the costs of implementing this legislation, the fees collected may not be sufficient to fund the program, creating General Fund cost pressures.