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The following summary of legislation reviewed by the Assembly Committee on Governmental Organization during the 2023-2024 legislative session includes a brief description of all bills and the status of those bills at the end of the legislative session. This booklet also includes copies of the veto messages from the governor for the respective bills.

Jurisdiction of the Committee primarily includes the following subjects: Alcoholic Beverage Control, tobacco products, Indian gaming, horse racing, card clubs, State Lottery, the Outdoor Advertising Act (billboards), State contracting, open meetings laws as they affect state government, State holidays, seals, and official acts, and Offices of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Controller, and State Treasurer.

Policy from the committee affects key industries that employ thousands of Californians in areas such as gambling/entertainment, agriculture, tourism, wine production, etc. The revenue generated by these industries in the form of taxes and fees provide an important source of income for governments at all levels. These taxes include income taxes, employment taxes, and excise taxes on alcohol and tobacco products.

For the full-text version 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 thank the members of the Committee on Governmental Organization for their service. I value the time and effort they spent examining the various legislation, which induced valuable committee hearing discussions.

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 contact the Committee staff at (916) 319-2531.

Sincerely,

BLANCA E. RUBIO, Chair

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Alcohol

[AB-374 \(Haney\) - Cannabis: local control: cannabis consumption.](#)

This bill would have authorized local jurisdictions to allow cannabis retailers to prepare and serve non-cannabis food and beverages, and to hold and sell tickets to live musical or other performances, in the area of the premises where consumption of cannabis and cannabis goods is authorized.

Status: Vetoed by Governor

Governor's Veto Message:

Governor's veto message: To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 374 without my signature.

This bill would allow local jurisdictions to permit certain cannabis retailers to prepare and sell food or drinks that do not contain cannabis, as well as host and sell tickets to live events at their licensed premises.

I appreciate the author's intent to provide cannabis retailers with increased business opportunities and an avenue to attract new customers. However, I am concerned this bill could undermine California's long-standing smoke-free workplace protections.

Protecting the health and safety of workers is paramount. I encourage the author to address this concern in subsequent legislation.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom

[AB-416 \(Muratsuchi\) - Sale of shochu.](#)

This bill allowed any on-sale licensee that is currently authorized to sell wine, to also sell shochu, an imported Japanese alcoholic beverage that contains no more than 24% of alcohol by volume (ABV) and is derived from agricultural products.

Status: Chapter 653, Statutes of 2023

[AB-471 \(Kalra\) - Cannabis catering.](#)

This bill would have authorized the Department of Cannabis Control to issue a state caterer license that permits the licensee to serve cannabis at a private event that has received approval from a local jurisdiction for the purpose of allowing event attendees to consume cannabis.

Status: Held by the Assembly Appropriations Committee

[AB-546 \(Villapudua\) - Tied-house restrictions.](#)

This bill expanded and clarified an existing tied-house restriction that prohibits alcohol licensees from, among other things, paying, crediting, or compensating a retailer for advertising, display, or distribution service in connection with the advertising and sale of alcoholic beverages. Additionally, the bill clarified that specified alcohol licensees may sell customized interior signs to retailers at a price not less than current market value. Finally, it removed a current prohibition that prohibits a brandy manufacturer from conducting tastings of brandy in the form of a cocktail or a mixed drink.

Status: Chapter 532, Statutes of 2023

[AB-840 \(Addis\) - Tied-house exceptions: advertising: California State University campuses.](#)

This bill authorized specified alcoholic beverage licensees to purchase advertising space and time from, or on behalf of, an on-sale licensee that is the owner, manager, or major tenant at various facilities situated on California State University (CSU) campuses and three facilities located at St. Mary's College of California, as specified. Additionally, expanded the exception applicable to a motorsports entertainment complex located in the County of San Bernardino, by reducing the minimum fixed seating capacity from 50,000 to 25,000.

Status: Chapter 346, Statutes of 2023

[AB-929 \(McKinnor\) - Alcoholic beverage licenses: off-sale privileges: airports.](#)

This bill would have authorized an airport operator, as defined, to permit or prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-sale consumption by the holder of an on-sale license located in an airport terminal. If so permitted, the bill would have authorized the on-sale licensee to sell alcoholic beverages for off-sale consumption in the airport terminal subject to specified requirements, including that the license permits on-sale consumption of the type of alcohol being sold for off-sale consumption. The bill would have required the licensee to notify the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) before selling any alcoholic beverages for off-sale consumption in the airport terminal. The bill would have authorized the ABC to impose conditions on a licensee selling alcoholic beverages, as specified.

Status: Never heard by the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB-1013 (Lowenthal) - On-sale general public premises: drug testing devices.

This bill required on-sale general public premises (Type 48 – Bar, Night Club) licensees to offer for sale to their customers' drug testing devices at a cost not to exceed a reasonable amount based on the wholesale cost of those devices. A Type 48 licensee shall not be held liable for a defective test or inaccurate test result, including, but not limited to, a false positive or false negative test result.

Status: Chapter 353, Statutes of 2023

AB-1088 (Blanca Rubio) - Licensed craft distillers: direct shipping.

This bill extended a current exemption in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act that allows a licensed craft distiller to directly ship distilled spirits manufactured by the licensee to a consumer from January 1, 2024, to January 1, 2025.

Status: Chapter 829, Statutes of 2023

AB-1217 (Gabriel) - Business pandemic relief.

This bill extended, among other things, until July 1, 2026 the authority of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to permit licensees to exercise license privileges in an expanded license area authorized pursuant to a COVID-19 Temporary Catering Authorization approved in accordance with the Fourth Notice of Regulatory Relief issued by the department on May 15, 2020. A COVID-19 Temporary Catering Authorization authorized the on-sale consumption of those alcoholic beverages for which the licensee has on-sale privileges on property adjacent to the licensed premises, under the control of the licensee.

Status: Chapter 569, Statutes of 2023

AB-1294 (Boerner Horvath) - Tied-house restrictions: advertising exceptions: County of Kings.

This bill authorized specified licensees to sponsor events promoted by, and purchase advertising space and time from or on behalf of, a company that owns a facility that includes a wave basin located in the County of Kings (Surf Ranch) in connection with activities conducted on the premises of a permanent retail licensee located at the wave basin facility, as specified.

Status: Chapter 471, Statutes of 2023

AB-1668 (Joe Patterson) - Alcoholic beverages: licenses: County of Placer.

This bill authorized the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to issue no more than a total of 10 additional new original on-sale general licenses for bona fide public eating places in the County of Placer. The bill prohibits the ABC from issuing more than four of these licenses per year. The bill prohibits transferring the new licenses out of the county or sold for a price greater than the original fee paid by the seller.

Status: Chapter 282, Statutes of 2023

AB-1704 (Santiago) - Applications for licenses: priority drawing: live video.

This bill required the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to conduct priority drawings through a live video feed. Additionally, it allowed a licensed winegrower to sell spirits of wine it produces to a distilled spirits manufacturer. Lastly, the bill clarified that a brewpub-restaurant license that was first issued on or before December 31, 2019 can be exchanged for a bona fide public eating place license regardless of whether the original brewpub-restaurant license was transferred after the December 31, 2019 date.

Status: Chapter 375, Statutes of 2023

AB-1775 (Haney) - Cannabis: retail preparation, sale, and consumption of noncannabis food and beverage products.

This bill authorized local jurisdictions to allow cannabis retailers to prepare and serve non-cannabis food and beverages, and to sell tickets to live musical or other performances, in the area of the premises where consumption of cannabis and cannabis goods is authorized.

Status: Chapter 1004, Statutes of 2024

Governor's Message:

Governor's message: To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 1775, which would allow local jurisdictions to permit certain cannabis retailers to prepare and sell food or drinks that do not contain cannabis, as well as host and sell tickets to live events at their licensed premises.

Under existing law, cannabis retailers with consumption areas may sell prepackaged food and beverages if authorized by the applicable local jurisdiction. This bill expands that existing authority to include freshly prepared food and drinks consistent with the California Retail Food Code and applicable local requirements.

As I stated in my veto message of a similar measure last year, protecting the health and safety of

workers is paramount to upholding California's long-standing smoke-free workplace protections.

I commend the author for incorporating additional safeguards, such as expressly protecting employees' discretion to wear a mask for respiration, paid for at the expense of the employer, and requiring employees to receive additional guidance on the risks of secondhand cannabis smoke.

While I am signing this bill, any future measure that diverges from this tailored approach will not be looked upon favorably. Furthermore, it is critical that local governments utilize this delegated authority responsibly by prioritizing worker safety and implementing stringent safeguards that minimize public health risks when authorizing these activities. If adequate protections are not established at the local level, it could necessitate reconsideration of this limited expansion.

Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom

AB-1940 (Villapudua) - Alcoholic beverages: beer returns.

This bill allowed a wholesaler or manufacturer to accept the return of a seasonal brand of beer from a retail licensee if the beer is exchanged for a quantity of beer of similar quality, if the original manufacturer has ceased doing business.

Status: Chapter 218, Statutes of 2024

AB-2069 (Gallagher) - Sale of soju and shochu.

This bill allowed an on-sale licensee authorized to sell wine to also sell domestically produced soju and shochu, in addition to imported soju and shochu.

Status: Chapter 306, Statutes of 2024

AB-2094 (Vince Fong) - Alcoholic beverage control: public community college stadiums: City of Bakersfield.

This bill created an exception in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act to allow a person to acquire, possess, or use an alcoholic beverage at a public community college stadium (Bakersfield College Memorial Stadium) with a capacity of 19,000 or more people in the City of Bakersfield. The bill defined "events" for this purpose to mean sporting events or concerts sponsored by a public community college or other events sponsored by non-college groups.

Status: Chapter 213, Statutes of 2024

AB-2174 (Aguiar-Curry) - Alcoholic beverages: beer caterer's permit.

This bill authorized a licensed beer manufacturer to apply for, and the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to issue, a beer caterer's permit, to allow the licensed beer

manufacturer to sell beer manufactured by the licensee at specified locations and events, as specified.

Status: Chapter 308, Statutes of 2024

[AB-2177 \(McKinnor\) - Winegrowers: spirits of wine.](#)

This bill authorized a licensed winegrower to sell spirits of wine to a craft distiller or any person holding a license authorizing the manufacture or rectification of distilled spirits, as specified. Additionally, modified, for the purpose of a craft distiller's license, what it means to "produce" distilled spirits to reference "spirits of wine" produced by a licensed winegrower.

Status: Chapter 61, Statutes of 2024

[AB-2359 \(Ting\) - Alcoholic beverage control: neighborhood-restricted special on-sale general licenses.](#)

This bill revised an existing exemption in law by authorizing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to issue no more than five new original neighborhood-restricted special on-sale general licenses (Type 87 licenses) per year, until a total of 40 licenses (currently 30) are issued, to premises located in specific census tracts within the City and County of San Francisco, as specified.

Status: Chapter 393, Statutes of 2024

[AB-2375 \(Lowenthal\) - Alcoholic beverages: on-sale general - eating place and on-sale general public premises: drink lids.](#)

This bill required on-sale general public premises (Type 48 – Bar, Night Club) licensees to offer for sale to their customers, upon request, a lid with a customer's drink. Included a sunset date of January 1, 2027.

Status: Chapter 714, Statutes of 2024

[AB-2378 \(Calderon\) - Alcoholic beverage control: minors: exemption for qualified students.](#)

This bill allowed for the service of alcoholic beverages without a license or permit by an apprenticeship program for bartending or mixology, if certain requirements are meant, including that the enrolled students are 21 years of age or older.

Status: Chapter 309, Statutes of 2024

[AB-2389 \(Lowenthal\) - Alcoholic beverages: on-sale general - eating place and on-sale general public premises: drug reporting.](#)

This bill required on-sale public premises (Type 48 – Bar, Night club) licensees to contact and provide specified information to law enforcement or emergency medical services when they are notified by a customer that the customer or another customer believes they have been a victim of drink spiking.

Status: Chapter 310, Statutes of 2024

[AB-2402 \(Lowenthal\) - Drink spiking.](#)

This bill required the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, by January 1, 2027, to include in Responsible Beverage Service training courses best practices to protect a person from drink spiking and best practices if the person believes they have, or someone they know has, been drugged as a result of drink spiking. Defines "drink spiking," for the purposes of this bill, to mean putting alcohol or drugs into another person's drink without their knowing and express consent, also known as roofying.

Status: Chapter 829, Statutes of 2024

[AB-2589 \(Joe Patterson\) - Alcoholic beverages: licenses: counties.](#)

This bill authorized the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to issue up to 10 additional new original on-sale general licenses for bona fide public eating place located in a retail center, in both the County of El Dorado and the County of Placer, as specified.

Status: Chapter 312, Statutes of 2024

[AB-2615 \(McKinnor\) - Alcoholic beverages: COVID-19 Temporary Catering Authorization: airside terminal space.](#)

This bill would have authorized an on-sale licensee located in an airport terminal to obtain a COVID-19 Temporary Catering Authorization and sell alcoholic beverages for consumption in an expanded license area that includes the airside terminal space.

Status: Held by the Assembly Appropriations Committee

[AB-2849 \(Blanca Rubio\) - Beer manufacturers: sale of draught beer.](#)

This bill would have exempted draught beer drawn at a premises operated under a beer manufacturer license from labeling requirements otherwise applicable to an on-sale retail license.

Status: Ordered to the Senate Inactive File

[AB-2896 \(Valencia\) - Alcoholic beverages: tied-house restrictions: advertising.](#)

Existing law, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act (Act), generally prohibits a manufacturer, winegrower, distiller, bottler, or wholesaler, among other licensees, or agents of these licensees, from paying a retailer for advertising. The Act creates a variety of exceptions from this prohibition, including permitting specified licensees to purchase advertising space and time from, or on behalf of, an on-sale retail licensee that is an owner of certain spaces, including a theme or amusement park, as specified, located in the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, or Orange County, subject to specified conditions. Existing law requires the advertising space or time to be purchased only in connection with daily activities and events at the theme or amusement park, as specified, located in the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, or Orange County.

This bill would have expanded the exceptions described above to additionally permit, in the case of a theme or amusement park located in Orange County, the advertising space or time to be purchased from or on behalf of an entity that is under common ownership with the theme or amusement park in connection with the activities of the entity.

Status: Never heard by the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

[AB-2991 \(Valencia\) - Alcoholic beverage control: retailer payments: electronic funds transfers.](#)

This bill required, commencing on January 1, 2026, a payment by an alcohol retail licensee to a wholesaler licensee for the delivery of beer, wine, or distilled spirits, to be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT), except as specified.

Status: Chapter 426, Statutes of 2024

[AB-3069 \(Davies\) - Tied-house restrictions: advertising exceptions: City of Oceanside.](#)

This bill authorized specified alcoholic beverage licensees to purchase advertising space and time from, or on behalf of, an on-sale licensee that is the owner, manager, or major tenant of a fully enclosed arena with a seating capacity in excess of 5,000 seats located in the City of Oceanside (Frontwave Arena), as specified.

Status: Chapter 429, Statutes of 2024

[AB-3117 \(Wilson\) - Alcoholic beverages: evidence of majority and identity.](#)

This bill would have allowed, under certain conditions not yet applicable, a person to use a mobile or digital driver's license (DL) or identification (ID) card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to verify the person's age for purposes of the

Alcoholic Beverage Control Act (Act). Specifically, this bill would have made a mobile or digital DL or ID card bona fide evidence of majority and identity of a person under the Act, if the digital card is issued through the DMV's pilot program to evaluate the use mobile or digital identification alternatives and the DMV authorizes the use of digital identification without possession of a physical card.

Status: Held by the Assembly Appropriations Committee

[AB-3195 \(Haney\) - Alcoholic beverages: hours of sale.](#)

This bill, beginning January 1, 2025, would have allowed an on-sale licensee, or their agent or employee, to sell or give alcoholic beverages until 4 a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, and certain holidays if the licensee holds an additional serving hours license that the bill would create, as specified. The bill, beginning January 1, 2025, would have authorized the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to issue an additional serving hours license if the local governing body of the city in which the licensed premises is located adopts an ordinance that meets certain requirements, as specified. Among those requirements are that the ordinance identify the additional serving hours area in which an on-sale licensed premises would be eligible for an additional serving hours license, include assessments of the impact of an additional hours service area, and show that the local law enforcement budget will be increased by at least 5% to mitigate public safety and transportation impacts.

Status: Never heard by the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

[AB-3203 \(Aguiar-Curry\) - Craft distillers: direct shipping.](#)

This bill extended a current exemption that allows a licensed craft distiller to directly ship distilled spirits manufactured by the licensee to a consumer from January 1, 2025, to January 1, 2026.

Status: Chapter 318, Statutes of 2024

[AB-3206 \(McKinnor\) - Alcoholic beverages: hours of sale: arenas in the City of Inglewood.](#)

This bill allowed, until January 1, 2030, the sale of alcoholic beverages between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. at a specified location within Intuit Dome in the City of Inglewood if specified requirements are completed.

Status: Chapter 977, Statutes of 2024

Governor's Message:

Governor's message: To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 3206, which would allow alcoholic beverage service until 4:00 a.m. in a private area of a fully enclosed arena with a seating capacity of at least 18,000 seats located in the City of Inglewood.

This bill seeks to provide a narrow extension of alcohol service hours in a specific setting. While this bill creates a very limited pilot that sunsets on January 1, 2030, I remain cognizant of the potential risks to public safety posed by extending service hours for alcoholic beverage service, which could lead to an increase in driving under the influence-related crashes and fatalities.

To that end, I am directing the California Highway Patrol to work in partnership with local law enforcement agencies to track DUI incidents in the surrounding communities, and to prepare a report on the impacts of extended alcohol service hours that can inform the Legislature's evaluation of any further proposals to extend alcohol service hours.

Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom

AB-3285 (Committee on Governmental Organization) - Alcoholic beverage control: on-sale general licenses: counties.

This bill extended a current sunset that allows, until January 1, 2025, specified licensees to donate a portion of the purchase price of an alcoholic beverage to a nonprofit charitable organization until January 1, 2030. This bill also revised authorization criteria for the four additional on-sale general licenses that the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control may issue in a county that is economically dependent on recreational facilities and has a population of less than 7,000 people.

Status: Chapter 230, Statutes of 2024

SB-76 (Wiener) - Alcoholic beverages: music venue license: entertainment zones: consumption.

This bill authorized specified licensees in the City and County of San Francisco to allow consumers to leave the licensed premises with open containers of alcoholic beverages for consumption off the premises within an entertainment zone, as specified. In addition, this bill makes various changes to the music venue license, as specified.

Status: Chapter 700, Statutes of 2023

SB-247 (Wilk) - Alcoholic beverages: licensing exemptions: barbering and cosmetology services.

This bill expanded the exception allowing beer or wine without a Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control license or permit at a beauty salon or barber shop service to any service provided by an establishment subject to regulation by the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology.

Status: Chapter 212, Statutes of 2023

SB-269 (Laird) - Alcoholic beverages: licensed premises: retail sales and consumption.

This bill authorized the owner of a craft distilled spirits manufacturer's license or brandy manufacturer's license to the existing authorization allowing the holder of a beer manufacturer's license or winegrower's license, if such licenses are held in combination for single a premise, to have any authorized alcoholic beverages throughout the premises at the same time and maintain a designated area upon the premises where retail sales and consumption may occur.

Status: Chapter 176, Statutes of 2023

SB-277 (Dodd) - Off-sale beer and wine licenses: low alcohol-by-volume spirits beverages.

This bill would have authorized a retail package off-sale beer and wine license, also known as a Type 20 License, to sell low alcohol-by-volume (ABV) spirits beverages, as defined, in containers no larger than 16 ounces.

Status: Never heard by the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

SB-285 (Allen) - Criminal procedure: sentencing.

This bill would have authorized a licensed cannabis retailer or microbusiness to prepare or sell non-cannabis non-alcoholic food or beverage products, in compliance with retail food code requirements, where the consumption of cannabis is currently allowed and in accordance with local requirements. Additionally, would have permitted a licensed cannabis retailer to sell non-cannabis prepackaged food and beverages, as specified.

Status: Passed the Senate but was gut and amended in the Assembly

SB-392 (Bradford) - Tied-house restrictions: advertising exceptions: City of Inglewood.

This bill authorized specified licensees to purchase advertising space and time from, or on behalf of, an on-sale licensee that is the owner, manager, or major tenant of a fully enclosed arena with a seating capacity of at least 18,000 seats located in the City of Inglewood (Intuit Dome), as specified.

Status: Chapter 604, Statutes of 2023

SB-430 (Dodd) - Tied-house exceptions: advertising: common parent company.

This bill would have created a new exception to the tied-house restrictions on advertising. In this regard, the bill would have authorized specified licensees to purchase advertising services from an advertising subsidiary that is under common ownership with a retail licensee subsidiary, subject to specified conditions. The bill would have required an advertising subsidiary from whom an authorized licensee purchases advertising services pursuant to these provisions to submit to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control semiannually a report that summarizes those services and includes other specified information. The bill would have made the solicitation or coercion of a wholesaler or an authorized licensee, as specified, in connection with the advertising services permitted under these provisions a misdemeanor and subject to specified penalties.

Status: Held by the Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-495 (Dodd) - Alcoholic beverages: deliveries: off-sale retail licenses and consumer delivery service permits.

This bill established a consumer delivery service permit (Type 95) issued by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control that allows a permit holder, on behalf of a licensee with off-sale retail privileges, to deliver alcoholic beverages to a consumer.

Status: Held by the Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-498 (Gonzalez) - Alcoholic beverage control: violations.

This bill modified guidelines for calculating the applicable amount of the offer in compromise the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) may make to a licensee in lieu of license suspension. Additionally, this bill authorizes ABC to consider as a factor, in determining the level of discipline for specified provisions relating to the sale of alcohol, whether there is a subsequent death or great bodily injury to the individual provided the alcoholic beverage or to any other person.

Status: Chapter 613, Statutes of 2023

[SB-787 \(Dahle\) - Number of licensed premises: County of Nevada.](#)

This bill authorized the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to issue up to 10 additional new original on-sale general licenses for bona fide public eating places in the County of Nevada, but no more than four licenses per year. The new license cannot be transferred out of the county or sold for a price greater than the original fee paid by the seller.

Status: Chapter 113, Statutes of 2023

[SB-788 \(Ashby\) - Beer manufacturers: cider and perry.](#)

This bill repealed the requirement that a licensed beer manufacturer produce more than 60,000 barrels of beer a year to be authorized to manufacture cider or perry and sell the beverages to a licensee authorized to sell wine.

Status: Chapter 114, Statutes of 2023

[SB-844 \(Jones\) - Alcoholic beverage control: retail license transfers and beer returns.](#)

This bill clarified that an alcohol licensee who transfers an alcoholic beverage license to a premise that is under construction must follow certain notification requirements unless the construction is taking place on the premise of the existing license. Additionally, this bill revised the definition of "season brand of beer" in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act to also mean a brand of beer that is brewed by a manufacturer to recognize a season or holiday, as specified.

Status: Chapter 295, Statutes of 2023

[SB-969 \(Wiener\) - Alcoholic beverages: entertainment zones: consumption.](#)

This bill extended an authorization by ordinance to all cities and counties on or after January 1, 2025 for specified Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control licensees (on-sale licensees, beer manufacturers, and winegrowers) to allow consumers to leave the licensed premises with open containers of alcoholic beverages for consumption off the premises (public streets, sidewalks, and public rights-of-ways) within an "entertainment zone," as specified.

Status: Chapter 869, Statutes of 2024

SB-1224 (Ochoa Bogh) - Alcoholic beverage control: on-sale general license: County of Riverside.

This bill exempted an on-sale general bona fide eating place license issued by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to premises operated as the Riverside County Fairgrounds from being required to operate as a bona fide public eating place when other food service is available to the public.

Status: Chapter 132, Statutes of 2024

SB-1371 (Bradford) - Alcoholic beverage control: proof of age.

This bill makes reliance upon a system that reviews bona fide evidence of majority and biometrics to determine age and identity of a person before admittance into a premises where alcoholic beverages may be lawfully purchased a defense to any criminal prosecution or proceedings against a licensee.

Status: Chapter 606, Statutes of 2024

SB-1495 (Wilk) - Tied-house restrictions: for-profit cemeteries: City of Los Angeles.

This bill created a tied-house exception authorizing specified licensees regulated by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sponsor events promoted by, and purchase advertising space and time from, an operator of a for-profit cemetery meeting certain conditions in the City of Los Angeles (Hollywood Forever).

Status: Chapter 137, Statutes of 2024

Emergency Services (excluding medical emergencies)

AB-1403 (Garcia) - Public safety: fireworks: enforcement: funding.

This bill required the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), by January 1, 2025, to collect and analyze data about firework-related fires, damages, and arrests; submit a workload analysis to the relevant committees of the Legislature and train local authorities on relevant regulations related to fireworks, as specified. Additionally, authorized local agencies, as specified, to adopt an ordinance for the actual and reasonable costs associated with safe and sane and illegal fireworks; and requires the OSFM to develop training for the proper management of seized fireworks.

Status: Chapter 368, Statutes of 2023

Gambling

[AB-224 \(Aguiar-Curry\) - Gaming Policy Advisory Committee.](#)

This bill would have required the executive director of California Gambling Control Commission to convene the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC) at least twice per year, rather than from time to time, and further specifies the objective of the GPAC. This bill would have also increased, from 10 members to 12 members, GPAC membership and required the additional members to include a representative of academia with knowledge on gaming matters and a representative from the Bureau of Gambling Control.

Status: Passed the Assembly but was gut and amended in the Senate

[AB-341 \(Ramos\) - Gambling: local moratorium.](#)

This bill reinstated a gambling moratorium until January 1, 2043, related to the expansion of cardroom gaming and the issuance of new gambling licenses in the state, except as provided. Additionally, this bill authorized a local jurisdiction to amend its local ordinance to increase the number of gambling tables that may be operated in a gambling establishment that operates fewer than 20 tables, by up to two additional tables the first year and up to two additional tables every four years thereafter, not to exceed 10 additional tables, as specified.

Status: Chapter 8, Statutes of 2023

[AB-553 \(Ramos\) - Department of Justice: Bureau of Gambling Control.](#)

This bill required, by June 1, 2025, the Department of Justice to develop and implement a policy and procedure for employees assigned to the Bureau of Gambling Control to formally track those hours and other expenses that can be charged to the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund, as specified.

Status: Chapter 533, Statutes of 2023

[AB-782 \(Lackey\) - Gambling Control Act: limited liability companies: licensure.](#)

This bill would have added 30 calendar days (from 30 to 60) to the time period that a limited liability company (LLC) must provide to the Department of Justice, a copy of its annual federal income tax return, after the return is filed with the Internal Revenue Service.

Status: Passed the Assembly but was gut and amended in the Senate

AB-1271 (Gipson) - Gambling Control Act: licenses.

This bill recasted provisions relating to key employees working at different gambling establishments, as specified. This bill also authorized the California Gambling Control Commission to adopt regulations, for any applicant who possesses a state gambling license in good standing, as specified. Additionally, the bill provides that a work permit entitles the holder to work for any gambling enterprise, as specified.

Status: Chapter 302, Statutes of 2023

AB-2084 (Lackey) - California Gambling Control Commission.

Under existing law, the California Gambling Control Commission (CGCC) is composed of 5 members who are appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate. Existing law requires the Governor to fill any vacancies on the CGCC, subject to confirmation by the Senate, within 60 days of the date of the vacancy. This bill would have reduced the time to fill a vacancy to within 45 days of the vacancy.

Status: Never heard by the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB-2886 (Aguiar-Curry) - Gambling Control Act: injunctive relief.

This bill would have extended the effective time of a temporary injunction or other provisional order to restrain, stay, or otherwise interfere with an action by the Department of Justice or the California Gambling Control Commission.

Status: Ordered to the Senate Inactive File

SB-346 (Ochoa Bogh) - Gambling Control Act.

This bill would have required the California Gambling Control Commission to post a public record of every vote on its Internet Website no later than two business days after the meeting at which the vote was taken.

Status: Never heard by the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

SB-549 (Newman) - Gaming: Tribal Nations Access to Justice Act.

This bill authorized a California Indian tribe to bring an action in superior court against a cardroom and third party providers seeking a declaration as to whether a controlled game operated by a cardroom and banked by a third-party provider constitutes a banking card game that violates state law, as specified. Required any action, pursuant to the provisions of this bill, to be filed no later than April 1, 2025, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento.

Status: Chapter 860, Statutes of 2024

[SB-650 \(Dodd\) - Gaming: charitable raffles.](#)

This bill deleted the January 1, 2024, sunset date in law that allows eligible nonprofit organizations that are established or affiliated with various professional sports teams to conduct 50/50 raffles, as specified.

Status: Chapter 406, Statutes of 2023

[SB-884 \(Committee on Governmental Organization\) - Gambling Control Act.](#)

This bill revised the definitions of “gambling enterprise employee” and “key employee” under the Gambling Control Act. Specifically, this bill revises these definitions to exclude a person employed solely to serve or prepare food or beverages, or solely to supervise such an employee, if the employee and supervisor perform duties only in areas of the establishment in which gambling is not “conducted,” instead of areas of the establishment in which gambling is not “authorized.”

Status: Chapter 79, Statutes of 2023

[SB-1044 \(Seyarto\) - Bingo: overhead costs.](#)

This bill increased, from \$2,000 to \$3,000, the monthly limit on bingo overhead costs, adjusted annually for inflation. This bill provides that the annual increase to the limit is by the annual average percentage in the preceding calendar year’s California Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers.

Status: Chapter 128, Statutes of 2024

[SB-1145 \(Alvarado-Gil\) - Gambling Control Act.](#)

This bill would have required the California Gambling Control Commission to post a public record of every vote on its Internet Website no later than two business days after the meeting at which the vote was taken.

Status: Never heard by the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

[SB-1519 \(Committee on Governmental Organization\) - Gambling Control Act.](#)

This bill revised provisions regarding the issuance and denial of licenses by the California Gambling Control Commission (CGCC). Specifically, authorized the CGCC to not apply existing statutory prohibitions on a licensee engaging in certain business activities with another person whose license was denied solely because the person failed to clearly establish eligibility and qualification for licensure. Additionally, clarified

the CGCC may consider an applicant with certain out-of-state convictions for licensure if the conviction has been expunged under the laws of the state in which the conviction occurred.

Status: Chapter 138, Statutes of 2024

[SB-1524 \(Dodd\) - Consumers Legal Remedies Act: advertisements: restaurant, bar, and other food services.](#)

This bill would have reduced the time by which the Governor must fill a vacancy on the California Gambling Control Commission from 60 to 45 days.

Status: Passed the Senate but was gut and amended in the Assembly

Horse Racing

[AB-1074 \(Alanis\) - Horse racing.](#)

This bill provided if the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) does not license a thoroughbred race meet at a racetrack (Golden Gate Fields) located in the cities of Berkeley and Albany after July 1, 2024, and no live horse racing is being conducted in the northern zone, it would deem a thoroughbred racing association or racing fair in the southern or central zone, as specified, to be operating in the northern zone for the purpose of conducting all permissible forms of wagering in the northern zone and making and receiving required distributions from those wagers. Additionally, the bill would permit a fair in the County of Stanislaus, with the approval of the Department of Food and Agriculture and the authorization of the CHRB, to operate one satellite wagering facility within the boundaries of the fair, under the same conditions as apply in the Counties of Kern and Shasta.

Status: Chapter 275, Statutes of 2023

[AB-1174 \(Joe Patterson\) - Horse racing: minisatellite wagering facilities.](#)

This bill would have deleted an obsolete provision in the Horse Racing Law and made relating technical amendments. Additionally, would have clarified that live also includes live in-state races as part of the organization's racing program.

Status: Never heard by the Senate Governmental Organization Committee

[AB-1298 \(Valencia\) - Horse racing: unlicensed penalty.](#)

This bill would have made it a misdemeanor and subject to a civil fine of up to \$25,000 per day, per violation, for a person to directly or indirectly hold, conduct, or facilitate any

horse racing in which horses compete against each other without first having procured a license.

Status: Never heard by the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB-1545 (Santiago) - Satellite wagering facilities: employees.

Existing law requires a satellite wagering facility or an organization formed to operate an audiovisual signal system for racing programs, or any of their subcontractors or entities under contract to perform functions in respect to these activities, to enter into a written contractual agreement with a bona fide labor organization for specified employees. This bill would have provided that this requirement does not apply to state employees or state supervisory, managerial, or confidential employees, as defined.

Status: Never heard by the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

AB-1679 (Santiago) - Horse racing: out-of-state thoroughbred races: New York Stakes.

This bill would have added the New York Stakes to the group of races which are exempt from the 50-race per day limit on imported races in California.

Status: Passed the Assembly but was gut and amended in the Senate

AB-1768 (Committee on Governmental Organization) - Horse racing: out-of-state thoroughbred races: Pegasus World Cup.

This bill modified various aspects of the California Horse Racing Law, including service of civil procedures, licensing periods, the designation of certain staff as peace officers, and an exemption for the Pegasus World Cup from the 50 race-per-day import limitation, as specified.

Status: Chapter 354, Statutes of 2024

AB-1946 (Alanis) - Horse racing: out-of-state thoroughbred races: Stephen Foster Stakes.

This bill added the Whitney Stakes to the group of races which are exempt from the 50-race per day limit on imported races in California.

Status: Chapter 366, Statutes of 2024

AB-2139 (Bryan) - Horse racing: minisatellite wagering facilities.

Existing law requires an organization formed by associations or fairs to operate the audiovisual signal system to execute a specified agreement with the association

conducting a racing meeting and the mini-satellite wagering facility that specifies, among other things, the components of its racing program, including live, out-of-zone, out-of-state, and out-of-country races, that an association or fair will make available to the site. This bill would have explicitly required the agreement to specify which live in-state races would be provided by the association or fair to the site.

Status: Never heard by the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

[AB-2797 \(Blanca Rubio\) - Horse racing: harness racing: Valley Victory.](#)

This bill would have allowed, on the day of the Valley Victory Race, the California Horse Racing Board to authorize a licensed harness racing association conducting a live racing meeting to accept wagers on the full card of races conducted by the association hosting the Valley Victory.

Status: Passed the Assembly but was gut and amended in the Senate

[AB-3179 \(Blanca Rubio\) - Horse racing: minisatellite wagering facilities.](#)

This bill would have made various technical and non-substantive changes to provisions of law related to Horse Racing Law.

Status: Passed the Assembly but was gut and amended in the Senate

[AB-3261 \(Mike Fong\) - Horse racing: out-of-state thoroughbred races.](#)

This bill increased the current cap on the importation of out-of-state thoroughbred races by a thoroughbred association or fair, on days when live thoroughbred or fair racing is being conducted in the state from 50 to 75 races-per-day.

Status: Chapter 439, Statutes of 2024

Indian Gaming

[AB-498 \(Aguiar-Curry\) - Tribal gaming: compact ratification.](#)

This bill ratified the tribal-state gaming compact between the State of California and the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria.

Status: Chapter 9, Statutes of 2023

[AB-854 \(Ramos\) - Tribal gaming: compact ratification.](#)

This bill ratified the tribal-state gaming compact between the State of California and the Redding Rancheria.

Status: Chapter 272, Statutes of 2023

[AB-1658 \(Santiago\) - Tribal gaming: compact amendment ratification.](#)

This bill ratified 22 separate amendments to extend the terms, until December 31, 2024, of the 1999 tribal-state gaming compacts between the State of California and specified tribes.

Status: Chapter 852, Statutes of 2023

[AB-1935 \(Blanca Rubio\) - Gaming: Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund.](#)

This bill suspended, from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025, the payment or collection of any quarterly payments required to be made by any gaming tribe to the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund (SDF) pursuant to a tribal-state gaming compact. Additionally, the bill required the Gambling Control Commission, at the discretion of the Legislature, to refund any payment already paid by a tribe into the SDF that was due during the specified time period.

Status: Chapter 93, Statutes of 2024

[AB-2032 \(Jim Patterson\) - Tribal gaming: compact ratification.](#)

This bill ratified the tribal-state gaming compact between the State of California and the Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono Indians of California, executed on January 16, 2024.

Status: Chapter 304, Statutes of 2024

[AB-2656 \(Ramos\) - Tribal gaming: compact ratification.](#)

This bill ratified the tribal-state gaming compact between the State of California and Table Mountain Rancheria.

Status: Chapter 313, Statutes of 2024

[AB-3276 \(Ramos\) - Tribal gaming: compact ratification.](#)

This bill ratified the Amended and Restated Tribal-State Compact between the State of California and the Tule River Indian Tribe of California was executed on June 25, 2024.

Status: Chapter 319, Statutes of 2024

[SB-549 \(Newman\) - Gaming: Tribal Nations Access to Justice Act.](#)

This bill authorized a California Indian tribe to bring an action in superior court against a cardroom and third party providers seeking a declaration as to whether a controlled game operated by a cardroom and banked by a third-party provider constitutes a

banking card game that violates state law, as specified. Required any action, pursuant to the provisions of this bill, to be filed no later than April 1, 2025, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento.

Status: Chapter 860, Statutes of 2024

[SB-736 \(McGuire\) - Tribal gaming: compact ratification.](#)

This bill ratified the tribal-state gaming compact between the State of California (State) and the Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians (Tribe), executed on March 30, 2023. Additionally, this bill ratified the second amendment to the tribal-state gaming compact between the State and the Tribe, executed on May 15, 2023.

Status: Chapter 11, Statutes of 2023

[SB-771 \(Dodd\) - Tribal gaming: compact ratification.](#)

This bill ratified the tribal state gaming compacts between the State of California and between the State of California and the Cahto Tribe of the Laytonville Rancheria, the Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians, California, the Manchester Band of Pomo Indians of the Manchester Rancheria, California, the Resighini Rancheria, and the Sherwood Valley Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California, as specified.

Status: Chapter 888, Statutes of 2023

[SB-931 \(Dodd\) - Tribal gaming: compact ratification.](#)

This bill ratified four separate tribal-state gaming compacts between the State of California and the Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Campo Indian Reservation, California, the La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the La Posta Indian Reservation, California, the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe, and the Elem Indian Colony of Pomo Indians of the Sulphur Band of Rancheria, California. Additionally, the bill ratified three separate amendments to the tribal-state gaming compacts entered into between the State of California and the Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians, California, the Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians of California, and the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria, California.

Status: Chapter 320, Statutes of 2024

Lottery

[AB-1769 \(Committee on Governmental Organization\) - California State Lottery: quarterly reports.](#)

This bill would have required specified quarterly reports of the operation of the California State Lottery that are currently required to be completed by the California State Lottery Commission to also be provided to the Senate and Assembly Governmental Organization Committees.

Status: Ordered to the Senate Inactive File

[SB-1523 \(Committee on Governmental Organization\) - California State Lottery](#)

This bill clarified that a business or entity may place, operate, or send communications using, any electronic communication equipment, including, without limitation, any computer server, wire, or router, located within the State of California, relating to the operation of a lottery conducted in any other state or jurisdiction where that lottery is not prohibited by the laws of the state or jurisdiction and provided that the person wagering on those games are required to be physically present in the geographic boundaries of the state or jurisdiction at the time of wagering. Additionally, provided that nothing in this bill authorized the sale or resale of lottery tickets, chances, or shares from any out-of-state lottery to any person in California.

Status: Chapter 496, Statutes of 2024

Offices of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Controller, & State Treasurer

[AB-3242 \(Luz Rivas\) - Commission on Cutting Red Tape: Government Operations Agency.](#)

This bill would have established, effective July 1, 2025, the Commission within the Government Operations Agency (GovOps) to identify and suggest solutions to administrative obstacles in government procedures that cost time and resources without adding protections. The Commission must undertake certain duties to fulfill this mission, such as developing a website with a portal to provide industry experts, government employees, and the public a mechanism to give feedback on governmental processes.

Status: Held by the Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-782 (Limón) - Gubernatorial appointments: report.

This bill would have required the Office of the Governor to maintain on its internet website a list of every state board and commission, including specified data of every state board and commission. In addition, this bill would have required the Office of the Governor to publish on its internet website a report that contains aggregate demographic information of appointments by the Office of the Governor, as specified.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

Governor's Veto Message:

Governor's veto message: To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 782 without my signature.

This bill would require the Governor's Office to annually publish a report on its website containing aggregate demographic information of individuals appointed by the Governor.

I am deeply committed to making appointments at every level of government that reflect California's diversity. My office affirmatively and intentionally engages with the Legislature, community partners, nonprofits, and other stakeholders to recruit and develop a diverse and qualified pool of candidates for appointed state positions. I am incredibly proud of the diverse group of Californians who now serve our state in senior, appointed leadership positions.

While I remain concerned about the accuracy of a report that relies on optional and self-reported data, I understand the author's goal to provide an additional layer of transparency and accountability regarding appointments for state positions through this report. Although my administration continues to be transparent in this space, I appreciate the additional accessibility a public report would help to ensure. However, that goal is only achieved with more comprehensive action that includes Legislative appointments. With that goal in mind, I am committed to legislation next year that includes the same transparency requirements for appointments by the Administration as well as the Legislature. This parity will ensure a complete picture of appointments throughout the state so we can continue to appoint a diverse group of Californians that reflect the makeup of the state.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom

Outdoor Advertising

[AB-476 \(Villapudua\) - Digital displays: public health and safety: the County of San Joaquin.](#)

This bill authorized the County of San Joaquin to construct, on public property owned by the County, digital displays that promote public health and safety.

Status: Chapter 526, Statutes of 2023

[AB-1175 \(Quirk-Silva\) - Outdoor advertising displays: redevelopment agency project areas.](#)

This bill extended until January 1, 2026, the period of time during which an advertising display that was in operation as of December 31, 2022 and located within the boundaries of a former redevelopment agency (RDA) project may continue to be remain, under provisions that permit such signs to be treated as an on-premises display, as specified. Under current law the advertising display could remain only until January 1, 2023.

Status: Chapter 361, Statutes of 2023

[AB-1415 \(Santiago\) - Outdoor advertising: City of Los Angeles.](#)

This bill expanded the geographic areas in the City of Los Angeles that are subject to an exemption from the Outdoor Advertising Act for advertising displays that meet specified conditions. Specifically, the bill added three locations in Los Angeles where the City assumes primary responsibility for ensuring advertising signs remain in conformance to state and local laws and indemnifies the state from all costs incurred by the department to ensure compliance.

Status: Chapter 689, Statutes of 2023

[AB-1673 \(Pacheco\) - Outdoor Advertising Act: definitions.](#)

This bill, for the purpose of the Outdoor Advertising Act (OAA), clarified the definition of the terms "relocation," "relocated display," and all related variants of the terms. It also explicitly allowed the conversion of an advertising display to a message center (e.g. an advertising display which allows changeable ads rather than a static display).

Status: Chapter 590, Statutes of 2023

[AB-1869 \(McKinnor\) - Outdoor advertising displays: City of Hawthorne.](#)

This bill would have subjected digital displays owned by the City of Hawthorne that would otherwise be regulated as off-premises advertising displays to treatment as on-premises advertising displays, if certain requirements are met.

Status: Never heard by the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

[SB-1488 \(Durazo\) - Outdoor advertising displays: exemptions.](#)

This bill reduced the minimum duration (one year to 120 days) of a sponsorship marketing plan for outdoor advertising displays at stadiums and arenas, and require the Department of Transportation to include among its priorities support for the placement of advertising displays at arenas when renegotiating an agreement with the Federal Highway Administration, as specified.

Status: Chapter 897, Statutes of 2024

State Bodies Meetings

[SB-544 \(Laird\) - Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing.](#)

This bill revised, until January 1, 2026, certain teleconference requirements under the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act that requires all meetings of a state body be open and public. Additionally, would allow a multimember state advisory body to hold an open meeting by teleconference, where members can participate from a location without posting physical addresses, as described.

Status: Chapter 216, Statutes of 2023

State Contracting

[AB-2322 \(Hart\) - Grant programs: administration.](#)

This bill would have streamlined the process of applying for and receiving small state grants, particularly those not exceeding \$20,000 and with a duration of less than 12 months, and required the creation of a more accessible and equitable grant application process, as specified.

Status: Held by the Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-2781 (Irwin) - Public contracting: state grants: prohibition.

This bill would have required a state agency to include, when awarding a contract for grant administration services, terms in the contract prescribing standards for resolving actual or perceived conflicts of interest for the contractor.

Status: Held by the Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB-3017 (Hart) - State-funded assistance grants and contracts: advance payments: tribes.

This bill authorized a state agency administering a grant program to provide for advance payments to a federally recognized Indian tribe and, subject to certain conditions, authorizes a grantee to make an advance payment to a sub-recipient, as specified.

Status: Chapter 664, Statutes of 2024

SB-336 (Umberg) - State grant programs: negotiated indirect cost rates.

This bill would have required state agencies administering a grant program to reimburse a grantee's indirect costs at one of three specified rates requested by the grantee in its state grant program application, as specified.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

Governor's Veto Message:

Governor's veto message: To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 336 without my signature.

This bill requires a state agency administering a grant program to reimburse grantees for indirect costs related to the grant program at one of four rate structures, as requested by the grantee in its state grant application.

Nonprofits provide valuable resources and services, often to our most underserved communities, which is why I signed AB 590 last year to authorize advance payments to nonprofit organizations. While funding agencies understand the need to cover indirect costs, this bill could have unintended consequences by allocating a significant amount of grant funding toward indirect costs, rather than project implementation, which would create cost pressures to balance services to Californians. I encourage the Legislature to continue working on this issue to find a balance between funding indirect costs and project implementation.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom

SB-536 (Rubio) - Surplus state real property: Heman G. Stark Youth Correctional Facility.

This bill authorized the Department of General Services to sell, at fair market value, to the City of Chino, the Herman G. Stark Youth Correctional Facility, located in the City of Chino, as specified.

Status: Chapter 768, Statutes of 2024

SB-537 (Becker) - City or County of Los Angeles: memorial to forcibly deported Mexican Americans and Mexican immigrants.

This bill authorized a nonprofit that represents Mexican Americans or Mexican immigrants to enter into negotiations with the Department of General Services to plan, construct, and maintain a memorial to Mexican Americans and Mexican immigrants who were forcibly deported from the United States during the Great Depression, as specified.

Status: Chapter 859, Statutes of 2024

SB-572 (Smallwood-Cuevas) - Surplus state real property: community land trusts.

This bill authorized the Director of the Department of General Services to sell, upon those terms and conditions the director determines are in the best interest of the state, all or any part of approximately 59,200 square feet of property, located at 5401 Crenshaw Boulevard, Los Angeles for purposes of redeveloping the property as an affordable housing or mixed-used housing project.

Status: Chapter 770, Statutes of 2024

SB-958 (Dodd) - Surplus state property: County of Napa.

This bill authorized the Department of General Services to sell or exchange, at fair market value, the property known as Camp Coombs in the County of Napa to the County of Napa or the Napa County Regional and Open Space District by January 1, 2026, as specified.

Status: Chapter 988, Statutes of 2024

SB-978 (Seyarto) - State government: budget: state publications: format.

This bill required the Department of Finance to make available on the home page of its internet website access to the Governor's Budget in an electronic machine readable format. Additionally, provides the California State Library shall determine the

appropriate electronic format and may consult with the State Archivist. At a minimum, the electronic format shall be a machine readable format.

Status: Chapter 451, Statutes of 2024

[SB-1246 \(Limón\) - California Prompt Payment Act: nonprofit organizations.](#)

This bill would have deleted, for the purposes of the California Prompt Payment Act, the definition of the term “grant” from the PPA and deletes the \$500,000 exception in existing law and provides that only specified late payment penalties apply to a signed final agreement for a grant, as specified, or a grant by any state agency to a nonprofit organization.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

Governor's Veto Message:

Governor's veto message: To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1246 without my signature.

This bill would extend Prompt Payment Act requirements and penalties to all grants to nonprofit organizations and delete the \$500,000 threshold on contracts or grants with nonprofits eligible for late payment penalties.

Nonprofit organizations play a critical role in supporting our state's communities, and I commend the author's continued effort to support these organizations. I also understand the goal of ensuring that our nonprofit partners are receiving payments in a timely manner; however, this broad expansion will have a significant impact across all state agencies that are currently working to decrease administrative costs.

I believe a more focused evaluation of this issue is warranted, to help ensure nonprofits are provided the financial stability they need while taking into account the unintended consequences when broad requirements are placed across the state's disparate range of programs. I encourage the author and stakeholders to continue working with my administration on an approach to advance the goals of this bill while considering the current fiscal environment and the totality of the impacts.

In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that avoids deep program cuts to vital services and protected investments in education, health care, climate, public safety, housing, and social service programs that millions of Californians rely on. It is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,
Gavin Newsom

[SB-1336 \(Archuleta\) - Department of General Services: state property: Metropolitan State Hospital.](#)

This bill authorized the Department of General Services, with the consent of the Department of State Hospitals, to lease to a nonprofit corporation or local government, seven buildings located at Metropolitan State Hospital in the City of Norwalk for the purposes of providing care, resources, and housing to persons with behavioral health needs or behavioral health disorders, as specified.

Status: Chapter 473, Statutes of 2024

State Holidays Seals and Official Acts

[AB-13 \(Essayli\) - Elections: Election Day holiday: voting by mail.](#)

This bill would have repealed provisions of law that require a county elections official to mail a ballot to every registered voter, and provisions of law that authorize any county, pursuant to the California Voter's Choice Act, to conduct elections in which every registered voter is mailed a ballot and vote centers and ballot drop-off locations are available prior to and on election day. Would have reinstated provisions that require a voter to send a written request to receive a vote by mail (VBM) ballot and to become a permanent vote by mail (PVBM) voter, and reinstates provisions related to VBM and PVBM processes and procedures, as specified. Makes the day of statewide general elections in even-numbered years a state holiday.

Status: Failed passage in the Assembly Committee on Elections

[AB-261 \(Kalra\) - Mushrooms.](#)

This bill established the California Golden Chanterelle (*Cantharellus californicus*) as the official state mushroom.

Status: Chapter 644, Statutes of 2023

[AB-389 \(Ramos\) - Public resources: Native American Heritage Commission: human remains notifications: tribal contact list: public records: open meetings.](#)

The Assembly version of the bill exempted from the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Bagley-Keene) the Native American Heritage Commission (Commission) when considering matters related to the inclusion or removal of a Native American tribe, person, or entity on the tribal contact list maintained by the Commission, among other

matters. Exempts from the California Public Records Act (CPRA) genealogical records of tribal members and cultural affiliation records under specified conditions. This bill would require the Commission to make recommendations to a county sheriff or coroner on human remains notification and repatriation procedures.

This bill was amended in the Senate to require the California State University (CSU) to comply with various requirements related to the handling, maintenance, and repatriation of Native American human remains and cultural items under the California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 2001.

Status: Chapter 649, Statutes of 2023

[AB-1776 \(Ta\) - Year-round standard time.](#)

This bill would have repealed daylight saving time in the state and the provisions regarding the Legislature's authority to amend the specified provisions by a 2/3 vote. The bill would instead require the state and all political subdivisions of the state to observe year-round standard time. The bill would have exempted the state and all political subdivisions of the state from the provisions of federal law that establish the advancement of time.

Status: Never heard by the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

[AB-3099 \(Alvarez\) - California Commission on the United States Semiquincentennial.](#)

This bill would have established, until January 1, 2029, the California Commission on the United States Semiquincentennial to plan and coordinate commemorations and observances related to the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Status: Held by the Assembly Appropriations Committee

[SB-1214 \(Nguyen\) - California Commission on the United States Semiquincentennial.](#)

This bill would have established, until January 1, 2028, the California Commission on the United States Semiquincentennial to plan and coordinate commemorations and observances of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and American Revolution.

Status: Held by the Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-1278 (Laird) - World AIDS Day.

This bill required the Governor to annually proclaim December 1 as World AIDS Day.

Status: Chapter 30, Statutes of 2024

Tobacco

AB-935 (Connolly) - Tobacco sales: flavored tobacco ban.

This bill made provisions of current law prohibiting a tobacco retailer, or any of the tobacco retailer's agents or employees, from selling, offering for sale, or possessing with the intent to sell or offer for sale, a flavored tobacco product or a tobacco product flavor enhancer, punishable by civil penalties in the same manner as the Stop Tobacco Access to Kids Enforcement (STAKE) Act.

Status: Chapter 351, Statutes of 2023

SB-1230 (Rubio) - Strengthen Tobacco Oversight Programs (STOP) and Seize Illegal Tobacco Products Act.

This bill enacted the Strengthen Tobacco Oversight Programs and Seize Illegal Tobacco Products Act, which increases civil penalties on retailers who violate the Stop Tobacco Access to Kids Act, and authorizes the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to seize flavored tobacco products or tobacco product flavor enhancers that violate the flavored tobacco products ban.

Status: Chapter 462, Statutes of 2024