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Introduction

The Legislature sent 964 bills to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2007 and he signed 750 of them into law—including measures that will finance the building of more prison facilities, prohibit smoking in cars when minors are passengers, and increase motorists' fees to raise millions of dollars for the development of alternative fuel and clean-air technology. Most of these laws go into effect on January 1, 2008.

The governor rejected 22.2 percent of the bills; in fact, he has vetoed nearly a quarter of all the bills that have been presented to him by the Legislature since he took office. (Former Governor Gray Davis holds the record for the highest percentage of vetoes—24.91 percent in 2000—since such comparisons began in 1967.)

2007 Legislative Highlights, prepared by the Senate Office of Research, briefly summarizes 235 significant measures approved by the Senate and Assembly and sent to the governor this year. The bills are organized by policy committee; if a bill was referred to multiple committees, you'll find it listed under the committee of primary jurisdiction. For a listing of bills sorted by bill number, turn to the index.

For the complete text of the bills featured in the following pages, as well as committee staff analyses, floor analyses, and the governor's veto messages, visit www.leginfo.ca.gov. And for details on the state's new budget expenditures of \$131.5 billion, see "California Spending Plan 2007–08: The Budget Act and Related Legislation," by the Legislative Analyst's Office, at www.lao.ca.gov.

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Agriculture

- **SB 556 (Wiggins)** Creates the Light Brown Apple Moth Program within the Department of Food and Agriculture, and authorizes the program to allocate funds for eradicating the Light Brown Apple Moth. The bill went into effect on September 7, 2007.
Chapter 190, Statutes of 2007.
- **AB 684 (Leno and DeVore)** Revises how marijuana is defined by excluding industrial hemp from its definition, and authorizes a pilot program for the cultivation of industrial hemp in four counties until January 1, 2013. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 771 (de León)** Authorizes the Department of Food and Agriculture's secretary to designate agricultural working groups to help resolve conflicts between agricultural sectors. The bill also establishes the Seedless Mandarin and Honeybee Coexistence Working Group. **Chapter 324, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 1713 (Agriculture Committee)** Deletes from the Motor Vehicle Fuel Account, as of July 1, 2008, the current method of funding the enforcement of pesticide use. The measure also revises the distribution of these funds to appropriate a minimum of \$16.75 million annually to the Department of Food and Agriculture and counties for pesticide-use enforcement, pest detection and trapping programs, and emergency detection, investigation, or eradication of agricultural plant or animal pests or diseases.
Chapter 421, Statutes of 2007.
- **AB 1717 (Agriculture Committee)** Increases the statute of limitations from two years to four years for actions the Department

of Pesticide Regulation brings against sellers of adulterated or misbranded pesticides. In addition, the bill requires certain structural pest-control operators to register annually with the county agricultural commissioner for the counties in which they operate. **Chapter 338, Statutes of 2007.**

Banking, Finance, and Insurance

- **SB 385 (Machado)** Requires the commissioners of the departments of Corporations, Financial Institutions, and Real Estate to apply federal guidelines regarding the risks of nontraditional mortgage products and subprime adjustable-rate mortgage products to state regulated lenders and brokers, and authorizes the commissioners to adopt related regulations. The bill also requires the secretary of the Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency to coordinate policy and rulemaking activities among the commissioners of the departments of Corporations, Financial Institutions, and Real Estate to ensure consistent application of the guidelines. **Chapter 301, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 430 (Machado)** Makes changes in the law relating to the California Earthquake Authority (CEA) and its financial health. The bill establishes a new funding mechanism for the CEA, gives greater power to the CEA to negotiate with insurers, and increases the amount it may assess insurers should it exhaust all available capital following a major earthquake. This bill goes into effect on July 1, 2008. **Chapter 303, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 7 (Lieu and Saldaña)** Requires finance lenders, payday lenders, and state-chartered banks and credit unions to extend the consumer protections provided by the federal John Warner National Defense Authorization Act to California armed-service members and their dependents. This measure covers refund anticipation loans and deferred deposit transactions (payday loans). The bill went into effect on October 9, 2007. **Chapter 358, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 720 (de León)** Splits the current license for a life insurance agent into a life-insurance-only license and an accident- and health-

insurance-only license, and identifies the relative jurisdictions and education, testing, and continuing-education requirements for each.
Chapter 270, Statutes of 2007.

- **AB 1401 (Aghazarian)** Requires each insurer to pay an annual special-purpose assessment to support the activities of the Department of Insurance Fraud Division, including reports on fraudulent claims and the number of fraud cases investigated.

Chapter 335, Statutes of 2007.

- **AB 1508 (Lieu)** Makes numerous changes to the money transmitters law. This bill enhances the Department of Financial Institutions' enforcement capabilities against entities that transmit money and puts greater responsibilities on licensees for their agents' conduct.

Chapter 242, Statutes of 2007.

Business, Professions, and Economic Development

- **SB 90 (Budget and Fiscal Review Committee)** Makes statutory changes related to the state budget for fiscal year 2007–2008. Among the provisions, the bill:
 - ✓ Creates the Office of Information Security and Privacy Protection in the State and Consumer Services Agency to ensure the confidentiality and integrity of state systems and promote and protect consumer privacy. The bill requires the office to create, update, and publish policies and procedures for state agencies regarding information security, privacy, and incident notification, and requires every state agency, department, and office to comply with these policies and procedures.
 - ✓ Transfers the existing Office of Privacy Protection and all of its current responsibilities from the Department of Consumer Affairs to the new Office of Information Security and Privacy Protection.
 - ✓ Provides the state's chief information officer with additional authority to approve, suspend, or terminate information technology projects and establish and enforce strategic plans.
Chapter 183, Statutes of 2007.
- **SB 252 (Aanestad)** Requires the Dental Board of California to deny, revoke, or refuse renewal of a registered sex offender's license.
Chapter 13, Statutes of 2007.
- **SB 472 (Corbett)** Creates the California Patient Medications Safety Act, which requires the Board of Pharmacy to develop regulations that

require, by January 1, 2011, a standardized, consumer-focused, prescription drug label on all prescription medicine dispensed in California. **Chapter 470, Statutes of 2007.**

- **SB 534 (Perata)** Makes various changes to the code regulating the practice of dental hygienists and assistants. Among other provisions, the bill replaces the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries with the Dental Hygiene Committee of California, and extends the sunset date for the Dental Board of California from July 1, 2008, to July 1, 2010. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 801 (Ridley-Thomas)** Places the Chiropractor Consumer Protection Act on the June 3, 2008, ballot; if approved by voters, the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners would be under the jurisdiction of the Department of Consumer Affairs. Among other directives, the bill sets the board membership at seven members, including five gubernatorial appointees, and states that protection of the public shall be the board's highest priority. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 249 (Eng)** Prohibits healing arts professionals licensed by the Department of Consumer Affairs (including dentists, chiropractors, and clinical social workers) from including in a civil settlement agreement a "gag clause" designed to prohibit the other party from contacting, cooperating with, or filing or withdrawing a complaint from the Department of Consumer Affairs. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 253 (Eng)** Restructures the Medical Board of California by reducing its membership from 21 to 15 members. The bill also consolidates the Division of Licensing and the Division of Medical Quality and transfers their responsibilities to the full board. **Chapter 678, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 840 (Emmerson)** Permits the Department of Real Estate's commissioner to suspend, revoke, or deny the issuance of a real estate, mineral, gas, or oil license to an individual if he or she is

guilty of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of such a licensee. **Chapter 140, Statutes of 2007.**

- **AB 1525 (Cook)** Enacts temporary consumer-protection measures relating to the duties and obligations of the former Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education. Among other issues, the bill treats any matter that was pending before the bureau as of June 30, 2007, as still active until February 1, 2008. It also directs the Department of Consumer Affairs to assume certain bureau regulatory and administrative functions. The bill went into effect on July 12, 2007. **Chapter 67, Statutes of 2007.**

Education

K-12 Education

- **SB 20 (Torlakson)** Makes changes to the approval process for statewide-benefit charter schools, including a new requirement for petitioners to notify affected local county superintendents of their application to operate a statewide-benefit charter school. The bill also requires the State Board of Education to make a finding that the proposed charter school generates a statewide benefit that would not otherwise be provided by a regular charter school. This measure also appropriates \$18 million in one-time funds from the Proposition 98 reversion account to fund the Charter School Facility Grant Program for the 2007–2008 fiscal year. **Chapter 215, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 44 (Torlakson)** Creates the Teacher Cadet Program to encourage high school students to consider teaching careers. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 52 (Scott)** Streamlines the credentials issued to career technical education teachers to reflect the 15 industry sectors identified in the California Career Technical Education Model Curriculum Standards. In addition, this measure calls for the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to convene an advisory group to review requirements for career technical education credentials. The bill went into effect on October 12, 2007. **Chapter 520, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 80 (Budget and Fiscal Review Committee)** Makes various statutory changes necessary to implement the K-12 and

higher education portions of the state budget for fiscal year 2007–2008. Among the many provisions, the bill:

- ✓ Reauthorizes the statewide student testing system (the STAR test) for second graders until July 1, 2011, when the state testing system for all grades sunsets.
- ✓ Requires school districts to comply with higher nutritional guidelines to receive the 4.7 cent increase in the state’s per-meal funding rate provided in this budget. The new nutritional guidelines prohibit foods fried at the school site and foods containing artificial trans fats.
- ✓ Extends the sunset date for the “school districts of choice” interdistrict student-transfer authorization program from July 1, 2007, to July 1, 2009. Requires participating districts to collect more data on the types of students that use the program.
- ✓ Requires limited-English-proficient students in kindergarten and first grade to have their English listening, speaking, and early literacy skills assessed, in conformance with federal testing requirements.
- ✓ Specifies the Legislature’s intent to make revenue-limit equalization funding a priority in the 2008–2009 fiscal budget if there are remaining funds after funding cost-of-living and growth adjustments for K-12 education programs.

The bill went into effect on August 24, 2007.

Chapter 174, Statutes of 2007.

- **SB 123 (Romero)** Provides eligible students with disabilities who are unable to pass the California High School Exit Exam the opportunity to obtain a diploma by demonstrating their knowledge and skills through a standardized evidence-based assessment. **Vetoed.**

- **SB 219 (Steinberg and Romero)** Requires modifying the Academic Performance Index of schools and school districts to include information that tracks the progress of at-risk students. **Chapter 731, Statutes of 2007.**

- **SB 345 (Aanestad)** Enables charter schools to pay teachers' salaries in either 10, 11, or 12 equal payments instead of over the nine-month school schedule (which is similar to how public school districts can make payments), and authorizes a charter school's chief executive to issue work permits for charter school students. The bill went into effect on October 12, 2007. **Chapter 524, Statutes of 2007.**

- **SB 405 (Steinberg)** Expands the Middle and High School Supplemental Counseling Program to include a review of pupils' career goals and the availability of academic and career technical education opportunities. The bill also requires counselors to provide pupils and parents with information on eligibility requirements for admission to four-year postsecondary educational institutions. **Chapter 732, Statutes of 2007.**

- **SB 406 (Steinberg)** Establishes academic and attendance criteria for the issuance of student work permits to help ensure that academic achievement is not being jeopardized by student employment. **Vetoed.**

- **SB 614 (Simitian)** Authorizes school districts and community colleges to use design-build construction (when a single contract is awarded for both the architecture and construction) for projects exceeding \$2.5 million instead of those exceeding \$10 million per existing law. **Chapter 471, Statutes of 2007.**

- **SB 734 (Torlakson)** Reestablishes a fee-supported process for publishers who submit instructional materials for adoption at times other than the regular adoption cycle. The measure also requires the State Board of Education to establish a process for the social-content review of instructional materials that are submitted outside of the

primary and follow-up adoption processes, and authorizes the State Board of Education to charge fees to publishers who request a social-content review of their materials. **Chapter 476, Statutes of 2007.**

- **AB 45 (Swanson)** Establishes a process for returning operational control of the Oakland Unified School District from the superintendent of public instruction to the school district's governing board. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 347 (Nava)** Implements the proposed settlement agreement in the *Valenzuela v. O'Connell* lawsuit by requiring school districts to provide additional intensive instruction, services, and resources to students who fail to meet the exit exam requirement by the end of 12th grade. The bill went into effect on October 12, 2007. **Chapter 526, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 400 (Núñez)** Modifies the Academic Performance Index to include data on dropouts, graduation rates, and course completion rates; attendance rates would no longer be included. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 438 (Price)** Revises exit criteria for the Immediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools Program and High Priority Schools Grant Program by requiring schools to meet or exceed Academic Performance Index growth targets averaged over a period of years. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 1061 (Mullin)** Simplifies the annual School Accountability Report Card produced by every school district, so it is more understandable and readable. **Chapter 530, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 1148 (Brownley)** Requires the Department of Education to report publisher price quotations annually for instructional materials adopted by the State Board of Education, summarize requirements imposed by the state on publishers of instructional materials, and estimate the net cost of a complete set of instructional materials adopted by the state board in each subject and grade level. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 1379 (Brownley)** Requires the superintendent of public instruction to identify alternatives to the high school exit exam that will allow students to demonstrate proficiency and therefore graduate. **Vetoed.**

Higher Education

- **SB 1 (Cedillo)** Establishes the California Dream Act, which expands the availability of financial aid to nonresident students who are eligible for in-state tuition. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 45 (Perata)** Extends the Department of Consumer Affairs' limited state oversight of private postsecondary schools from February 1, 2008, to July 1, 2008. This bill also establishes within the Department of Consumer Affairs the Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education, and stipulates that the bureau shall not commence operation until legislation establishing a new California Private Postsecondary Education Act has passed. **Chapter 635, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 89 (Budget and Fiscal Review Committee)** Authorizes the Department of Finance's director to either sell the state's student-loan-guarantee program's assets and liabilities or enter into an alternative financial arrangement regarding these assets and liabilities. The bill went into effect on August 24, 2007. **Chapter 182, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 91 (Budget and Fiscal Review Committee)** Repeals Ed Fund, the organization charged with administering the state's student-loan-guarantee program; this measure is contingent upon the sale of this loan program and its assets. **Chapter 184, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 112 (Scott)** Exempts credentialed teachers who are seeking employment after a break in service from demonstrating proficiency on the state basic skills proficiency exam if they have previously taken

and passed the exam, achieved a passing score on other specified standardized exams, or possess a teaching credential issued before 1983. **Chapter 191, Statutes of 2007.**

- **SB 139 (Scott)** Prohibits the California State University and California Community Colleges from requiring students who have been admitted to a registered-nursing program to complete general education coursework if they already have earned a baccalaureate or higher degree. This bill also requires the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to establish a health-care-workforce clearinghouse to serve as a central state source for health-care-workforce and educational data. **Chapter 522, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 190 (Yee)** Enacts the Higher Education Governance Accountability Act and requires California State University trustees and University of California regents to hold open-session meetings when discussing and taking final action on executive-compensation proposals. **Chapter 523, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 832 (Corbett)** Creates the College Textbook Affordability Act, which requires textbook publishers to disclose to prospective purchasers at public and private universities the wholesale or retail prices of their textbooks, the length of time the publisher intends to keep the textbook on the market, and any substantive changes between the current edition and the previous edition of the textbook. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 668 (Portantino)** Requires the California Community Colleges' chancellor's office to develop a statement that informs incoming community college students about financial-aid opportunities. **Chapter 607, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 1413 (Portantino and Brownley)** Prohibits the California State University Board of Trustees, after January 2008, from approving a contract for an executive officer unless the contract and its terms are adopted in an open meeting of the board. The bill also authorizes an

ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees to designate a staff member to attend board meetings on his or her behalf, and provides limitations on the board's ability to approve transition pay and trustee-professorship compensation for executive officers. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 1559 (Berryhill)** Specifies the admission criteria that would be established for registered-nursing programs in community colleges if the programs use a multi-criteria screening process when the number of program applicants exceeds enrollment capacity.
Chapter 712, Statutes of 2007.

Elections, Reapportionment, and Constitutional Amendments

- **SB 113 (Calderon)** Changes California's presidential primary election from June to the first Tuesday in February. **Chapter 2, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 382 (Oropeza)** Allows individuals who become citizens after the voter-registration deadline has passed to register and vote on election day until the polls close. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 439 (Calderon)** Allows, in the event of a manual recount of write-in votes, the intent of a vote to be "liberally construed" to ensure that each ballot is counted if a voter's intent can be determined. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 924 (Perata)** Places before the voters in the presidential primary election on February 5, 2008, an advisory question asking whether the president, in support of the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces, should end the United States' occupation of Iraq, and achieve the immediate, complete, safe, and orderly withdrawal of United States Armed Forces. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 614 (Eng)** Revises the recruitment provisions for precinct workers who work in precincts where foreign-language ballots are mandatory. The bill requires elections officials to make reasonable efforts to recruit foreign-language speakers, and these officials must evaluate complaints against poll workers and excuse those deemed unsatisfactory. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 1294 (Mullin and Leno)** Permits any city or county to conduct a local election using ranked voting, an election method in which voters rank the candidates for office in order of preference; ballots are then counted in rounds (that is, the candidate with the fewest first-choice votes is eliminated, and then additional rounds of counting take place until, through a continual process of elimination, a winner is declared). In the case of a single-winner election, also known as instant-runoff voting, these rounds simulate a series of runoffs until only two candidates remain, and the candidate with the greatest number of votes wins. For a multiple-winner election, also known as choice voting, these rounds of tallying the ballots continue until all of the elected seats are filled by those who received the most votes. **Vetoed.**

Energy, Utilities, and Communications

- **SB 451 (Kehoe)** Requires investor-owned utilities to purchase renewable energy produced by a public water or wastewater agency, and pay the agency a market price determined by the Public Utilities Commission. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 1036 (Perata)** Authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to allow investor-owned utilities to recover costs for renewable energy that was sold in excess of market prices, with a cap on such costs equal to the maximum supplemental energy payments that would have been allowed for each investor-owned utility. Amendments to Section 25751 of the Public Resources Code (the Renewable Resource Trust Fund) go into effect on July 1, 2008. **Chapter 685, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 1109 (Huffman and Feuer)** Prohibits the sale of certain general-purpose lights after January 1, 2010, and requires the sale of energy-efficient lights. The bill also requires the Energy Commission to adopt energy-efficiency standards for general-purpose lights by December 31, 2008, and prohibits using certain hazardous substances to manufacture general-purpose lights. **Chapter 534, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 1470 (Huffman)** Creates the Solar Water Heating and Efficiency Act of 2007, a \$250 million subsidy program for solar hot-water heaters. The goal is to promote the installation of 200,000 solar hot-water systems in California by 2017. **Chapter 536, Statutes of 2007.**

Environmental Quality

- **SB 97 (Dutton)** Restricts the application of the California Environmental Quality Act provision that pertains to greenhouse gas emissions for projects funded by the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 and the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006. These provisions shall be repealed on January 1, 2010. **Chapter 185, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 966 (Simitian and Kuehl)** Requires the Integrated Waste Management Board to identify and develop model programs for the safe disposal of household-generated pharmaceutical waste by December 1, 2008. **Chapter 542, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 990 (Kuehl)** Authorizes the Department of Toxic Substances Control to require a responsible party or parties to take or pay for the appropriate removal or remediation action necessary to protect public health and safety and the environment at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site in Ventura County. **Chapter 729, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 35 (Ruskin) and AB 888 (Lieu and Laird)** Requires state agencies, as of July 1, 2010, to construct and renovate state buildings to meet, at a minimum, gold-rating standards outlined in the United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. AB 888 requires new commercial buildings with a development project application that was completed on or after January 1, 2013, and that are 50,000 square feet or larger, also to be built to conform to the same "green building" standards. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 1058 (Laird and Lieu)** Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development and the California Building Standards Commission to adopt “green building” standards for the construction of residential homes. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 1108 (Ma)** Prohibits the use of phthalates (which are used to increase the flexibility of plastic) in toys and childcare products designed for children under three years of age.
Chapter 672, Statutes of 2007.

Governmental Organization

- **SB 106 (Wiggins), SB 174 (Ducheny), SB 175 (Ducheny), SB 903 (Padilla), and SB 957 (Torlakson)** Ratifies tribal gaming compacts (or amendments to compacts) for the Yurok Tribe, Morongo Band of Mission Indians, Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians, and Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians. These bills also authorize increases in the number of gaming devices and require payments to the state for operating them; require adoption of labor standards no less stringent than those specified in the federal Fair Labor Standards Act; and establish tribal court systems and require tribes to adopt ordinances that recognize California tort law. **Chapter 37, Chapter 38, Chapter 39, Chapter 40, and Chapter 41, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 152 (Florez)** Allows a city and/or county with a gambling ordinance that prohibits more than 12 gambling tables (and has been in effect as of July 1, 2007) to modify its ordinance to increase the number of tables by no more than 45 percent—without obtaining voter approval. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 282 (Cox)** Creates the State Fair Leasing Authority which may enter into leases and other agreements for using the California Exposition and State Fair racetrack. **Chapter 293, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 379 (Denham)** Adds the Dubai World Cup to the list of thoroughbred horse races that are exempt from the 23-races-per-day limit imposed on imported horse races used for satellite wagering in California. **Chapter 443, Statutes of 2007.**

- **AB 241 (Price)** Authorizes an additional 45 mini-satellite horse-race wagering sites, provided those sites are located more than 20 miles from a horse racetrack. **Chapter 594, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 527 (Torrico)** Requires the Department of General Services and the Energy Commission to develop a plan to include energy efficiency technology in public buildings by January 1, 2009. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 609 (Eng)** Allows “green building” equipment, energy conservation measures, and energy service contracts for existing state buildings to be approved by the State Public Works Board if it has been determined—through life-cycle cost analysis—to be cost-effective over the life of the equipment installed or the term of the energy service contract. **Chapter 600, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 649 (Ma)** Increases the pay to professional jockeys who compete in horse races by increasing their minimum riding fees as of January 1, 2008. **Chapter 605, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 765 (Evans)** Reauthorizes horse racing’s Advance Deposit Wagering law and allows a fair, a combination of fairs, or an association conducting horse racing at a fair to deduct an additional 1 percent from its wage pools for racetrack maintenance and improvements. **Chapter 613, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 1339 (Torrico)** Requires the Office of Problem and Pathological Gambling to develop a statewide strategic plan for the prevention, intervention, treatment, and research of problem and pathological gambling in California, and creates a nine-member advisory board. **Vetoed.**

Health

- **SB 7 (Oropeza)** Makes it an infraction to smoke a pipe, cigar, or cigarette in a motor vehicle when a minor is present. **Chapter 425, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 63 (Migden)** Requires livestock producers who sell or transfer cloned animals to disclose that the animal was cloned. The bill also requires manufacturers, processors, importers, and sellers to label food products that include a cloned animal product. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 94 (Kuehl)** Increases payment rates for office visits billed as comprehensive clinical family planning services by Family Planning, Access, Care, and Treatment (Family PACT) waiver providers and for office visits billed as family planning services by Medi-Cal providers. **Chapter 636, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 120 (Padilla and Migden)** Requires restaurant chains with at least 14 locations to provide nutritional information to customers on standard menu items, including the calories, saturated fats, trans fats, carbohydrates, and sodium. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 220 (Corbett)** Adds requirements to the laws that govern bottled water and water dispensed from vending machines, including making available certain information to consumers. Some provisions of this bill go into effect on January 1, 2009. **Chapter 575, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 238 (Aanestad) and SB 260 (Steinberg)** Expands the types of medical visits that qualify for Medi-Cal funding by including face-to-face visits between a patient and dental hygienist from a federally

qualified health center (FQHC) and a rural health clinic (RHC). In addition, both bills establish processes for how FQHCs and RHCs can bill Medi-Cal for dental-hygienist visits. SB 260 also allows FQHCs and RHCs to be reimbursed by Medi-Cal for multiple health care visits by a patient on the same day, as specified.

SB 238, Chapter 638, Statutes of 2007; SB 260, Vetoed.

- **SB 275 (Cedillo)** Prohibits a hospital from transporting a patient from the hospital to a location other than the patient's residence unless the patient gives written consent or other exceptions are met, as specified. Penalties for violations are established. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 306 (Ducheny)** Authorizes a deadline extension from January 1, 2008, to January 1, 2020, for certain hospitals that have already requested extensions of the January 1, 2008, deadline for meeting required building safety and seismic standards. Hospitals seeking the extension must demonstrate lack of financial capacity to meet the seismic standards and meet other specified requirements. **Chapter 642, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 443 (Migden)** Allows a woman to consent to the insemination (or another advanced reproductive technological procedure) of sperm from a donor who is reactive to the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or the human T-lymphotropic virus-1 if the sperm donor is the recipient's spouse, partner, or designated donor. This bill also requires the donor's sperm to be processed first to minimize infectiousness. **Chapter 207, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 474 (Kuehl)** Establishes the South Los Angeles Medical Services Preservation Fund to ensure adequate funding for health services for the uninsured population of South Los Angeles, following the closure of Los Angeles County Martin Luther King Jr. — Harbor Hospital. **Chapter 518, Statutes of 2007.**

- **SB 533 (Yee)** Adds, as of July 1, 2008, pneumococcus to the list of diseases that children must be immunized against before being allowed into child-care centers, nursery schools, schools, or developmental centers. Children aged two years or older are exempt. **Vetoed.**

- **SB 624 (Padilla)** Allows additional agencies to conduct inspections and assess penalties related to the illegal sale of tobacco to minors, and increases the civil penalties that may be assessed. **Chapter 653, Statutes of 2007.**

- **SB 633 (Alquist)** Requires hospitals, when patients are discharged, to provide patients who are expected to need long-term care with contacts who can provide information about or referral to long-term care options in their community. **Chapter 472, Statutes of 2007.**

- **SB 785 (Steinberg)** Expedites provision of mental health services to children in a regular foster care placement, guardianship, or adoptive home that is outside the child's county of origin by requiring the mental health plan in the county where the child is residing to provide treatment within 30 days of receiving a treatment request. The measure also requires county mental health plans to use standardized forms and treatment authorizations. **Chapter 469, Statutes of 2007.**

- **SB 850 (Maldonado and Correa)** Requires local county registrars to issue a certificate of still birth, upon the mother's or father's request, for naturally occurring intrauterine fetal deaths that occur beyond a gestational age of 20 weeks. **Chapter 661, Statutes of 2007.**

- **SB 851 (Steinberg and Romero)** Creates the Corrections Mental Health Act of 2007, which authorizes superior courts to develop and implement "mental health courts" to place mentally ill offenders, on a voluntary basis, into community treatment programs in lieu of incarceration. Parolees with serious mental illness also are eligible to participate in mental health court programs. **Vetoed.**

- **SB 916 (Yee)** Extends civil and criminal immunity from liability to acute psychiatric hospitals and specified hospital staff for the detention of a person with a mental disorder; this immunity is already granted to general acute care hospitals and staff. The maximum period that such hospitals can detain a person increases from eight to 24 hours. Hospital and staff immunity is also extended to a person's actions upon release from detention. **Chapter 308, Statutes of 2007.**

- **SB 962 (Migden) and AB 34 (Portantino)** Authorizes prenatal-care providers to provide pregnant women with information (that will be developed by the state) to aid them in determining whether to participate in an umbilical-cord blood-banking program; SB 962 also requires the Department of Public Health to provide the umbilical-cord blood samples it receives to the Birth Defects Monitoring Program for storage and research. AB 34 establishes the Umbilical Cord Blood Collection Program to increase the inventory of umbilical-cord blood donated by Californians. **Chapter 517 and Chapter 516, Statutes of 2007.**

- **AB 8 (Núñez)** Establishes a package of health care reforms, including changes to rules governing the health insurance market, expansion of the Medi-Cal and Healthy Families programs, creation of a statewide health care purchasing pool, requirements that employers make specified health expenditures or pay an equivalent amount into a state fund, and creation of the California Health Care Cost and Quality Transparency Commission. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 12 (Beall)** Authorizes the establishment of a Santa Clara County pilot program that provides health coverage to small-business employees with incomes of up to 350 percent of the federal poverty level. **Chapter 677, Statutes of 2007.**

- **AB 110 (Laird)** Allows a public entity that receives General Fund money from the Department of Public Health for HIV prevention and

education to use the funds to support clean-needle and syringe-exchange programs. **Chapter 707, Statutes of 2007.**

- **AB 328 (Salas)** Mandates that health plans must require providers who care for patients in Mexico to report specific diseases or conditions they encounter to the local health officer in California where the patient lives or works. **Chapter 385, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 399 (Feuer)** Establishes a 40-day time frame for the Department of Public Health to complete an investigation of a complaint about a long-term care facility. Effective July 1, 2008, the department's written determination must include findings on each allegation and a summary of supporting evidence. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 423 (Beall)** Expands coverage requirements of private health plans and insurers—for new, amended, or renewed contracts and policies—to include the diagnosis and medically necessary treatment of persons with mental illness, including substance abuse. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 543 (Plescica)** Mandates that surgical clinics must meet additional requirements, including complying with Medicare specifications, and requires the Department of Public Health to establish a program for training surgical-clinic licensing inspectors. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 629 (Brownley)** Requires sexual health-education programs not offered by a public school, but funded by the state, to meet requirements similar to those for programs offered by public schools. **Chapter 602, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 682 (Berg, Garcia, and Huffman)** Revises the informed consent requirements for blood testing for HIV. Requires medical providers, prior to ordering an HIV test, to inform the patient that the test is planned, provide information about the test, inform the patient about the test results, and advise the patient that he or she has the right

to decline the test. If a patient declines the test, the provider must note that in the patient's file. **Chapter 550, Statutes of 2007.**

- **AB 1113 (Brownley)** Eliminates the September 1, 2008, sunset date for the Medi-Cal Working Disabled Program, which allows people with disabilities and incomes of up to 250 percent of the federal poverty level to be eligible for the Medi-Cal program once they pay the program's premium. The bill also extends eligibility for up to 52 weeks for those who are on the program but become unemployed. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 1324 (De La Torre)** Clarifies and strengthens provisions of law that currently prohibit health plans from rescinding or modifying authorization for treatment services after the services have been rendered. **Chapter 702, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 1328 (Hayashi)** Eliminates the requirement that a woman must be a state resident for six months to be eligible for the Access for Infants and Mothers Program. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 1410 (Feuer)** Requires the Department of Health Care Services to apply, by March 15, 2009, for federal approval to provide home and community-based services to at least 100 adults with acquired traumatic brain injuries who would otherwise require care in a health facility funded by the Medi-Cal program. **Chapter 676, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 1429 (Evans)** Deems health plans that include coverage for cervical-cancer treatment or surgery to include coverage for a human papillomavirus vaccination, upon referral by a licensed health-care practitioner. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 1512 (Torrico)** Establishes procedures for the timely reenrollment of a foster child into Medi-Cal when that child is moved to a foster care placement in another county. **Chapter 467, Statutes of 2007.**

- **AB 1617 (DeSaulnier)** Prohibits the shipment of cigarettes to persons in California, except for specified individuals, such as those who are licensed. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 1689 (Lieber and Berryhill)** Revises the laws that govern the donation of body parts after the donor's death for purposes of transplantation, therapy, research, or education.
Chapter 629, Statutes of 2007.

Human Services

- **SB 84 (Budget and Fiscal Review Committee)** Makes statutory changes related to the state budget for fiscal year 2007–2008. Among the many provisions, the bill:
 - ✓ Suspends the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program's statutorily required annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for fiscal year 2007–2008.
 - ✓ Shifts from January 1 to June 1 of each year the annual statutorily required COLA for the State Supplemental Program (SSP), which serves low-income persons who are elderly or have disabilities. For the federal portion of the payments, State Security Income (SSI), the COLA will continue to be provided annually on January 1.
 - ✓ Allows benefits from the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (for naturalized citizens who are low-income and elderly or have disabilities) to continue until an individual receives approval for the federal SSI program.
 - ✓ Increases foster care family home and foster care group home payment rates by 5 percent, effective January 1, 2008.
 - ✓ Revises certain foster care provider payment rates for children with developmental disabilities (who receive regional center and foster care services) to \$2,006 per month for children age three years and older, and \$898 per month for children under age three. The bill also authorizes counties to provide a supplement of \$1,000 per month for the care of dual-agency children age three years and older who have extraordinary needs.

- ✓ Increases the reimbursement rate, as of February 1, 2008, from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per adoption for private agencies that place special-needs foster children in adoptive homes.

The bill went into effect on August 24, 2007.

Chapter 177, Statutes of 2007.

- **SB 104 (Machado)** Extends to the year 2011 the availability of existing crisis nurseries that provide emergency 24-hour residential care for young children who have been voluntarily placed in these nurseries by parents or guardians experiencing a family crisis. **Chapter 288, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 703 (Ducheny)** Conforms numerous provisions of state law to new federal laws; these provisions pertain to criminal background checks for prospective foster or adoptive parents, agreements with Indian child welfare agencies, and procedures for interstate and intercountry adoptions and foster care placements. The bill also allows more officials to receive Department of Justice criminal record summaries on individuals. **Chapter 583, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 720 (Kuehl)** Clarifies that foster care whole family group homes (established to facilitate placing teen foster youth with their minor children) participating in the Kin-Gap program for relative caregivers shall receive the same payment as teens and their children who live in other types of group homes. Also clarifies that existing foster homes, homes of related kin who are participating in the Kin-Gap program, and homes of nonrelated legal guardians (as established by a dependency court) are eligible to become a whole family group home. **Chapter 475, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 149 (Bass)** Requires the Department of Social Services to contract for advanced technological help to assist counties in the search for relatives or nonrelated extended-family members who could be potential caregivers for children removed from their homes. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 182 (Ma)** Requires In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) public authorities and nonprofit consortiums to develop training standards and core training topics for IHSS service-provider training. The training curriculum must be developed in consultation with an advisory group that includes seniors and persons with disabilities who receive IHSS services. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 314 (Soto)** Permits participants in the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program to apply hours of structured, monitored study toward their required weekly hours of core work activity. Study hours must be related to an approved education or job training program and may include hours in the classroom, laboratory, or other educational activities. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 340 (Hancock)** Allows five counties (contingent on federal funding) to test methods of streamlining approval of adoptive families, licensing foster-family homes, and approving relatives and nonrelated extended-family members as foster home providers. The bill also authorizes county welfare departments to identify certain licensed foster homes as “resource families” for emergency foster-care placements and allows such families to move within the county or to another pilot county and retain their licensed resource-family status. **Chapter 464, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 508 (Swanson)** Repeals—for persons convicted of specified felonies involving controlled substances—the lifetime disqualification from Food Stamp benefits. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 949 (Krekorian)** Establishes procedures that a residential care facility for the elderly (RCFE) must follow prior to transferring any resident to another facility or a different living arrangement due to the closure of an RCFE or forfeiture of its license. **Chapter 686, Statutes of 2007.**

- **AB 1078 (Lieber)** Adds the goal of placing clients into higher-paying jobs, so they may qualify for the earned-income tax credit, as a new county performance goal for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program. In addition, the bill revises CalWORKs eligibility rules to allow savings in specified retirement and college-savings accounts to be excluded from the calculation of assets when determining or redetermining program eligibility. **Chapter 622, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 1192 (Evans)** Directs the secretary of the Health and Human Services Agency to designate a state department to investigate allegations of abuse of individuals with developmental disabilities who are served by regional centers. This measure also establishes a registry of providers and other persons involved in substantiated abuse cases. For purposes of investigating abuse allegations and employing service providers, the registry must be made available to those with developmental disabilities and their families as well as service agencies, among others. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 1331 (Evans)** Requires counties to screen youth who will soon be emancipated from foster care—and who are between the ages of 16 ½ and 17 ½—for disabilities that might qualify them for federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program benefits. If they are likely to be eligible, the county must assist them with the application process. **Chapter 465, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 1382 (Leno)** Eliminates the requirement that food stamp applicants must be fingerprinted as a condition of receiving food stamps, unless the applicants also are applying for county General Assistance benefits. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 1427 (Krekorian)** Establishes a pilot program within the Department of Developmental Services as of July 1, 2008—contingent upon state budget funding—to improve training for workers who

provide direct support to individuals with developmental disabilities.
Vetoed.

- **AB 1453 (Soto)** Directs the Department of Social Services to develop a restructuring plan to transform foster-care group homes, including those serving severely emotionally disturbed youth, into a residentially-based service system that provides shorter group home stays, specialized and intensive group home treatment, and a speedier reintegration of children into family-based care.
Chapter 466, Statutes of 2007.
- **AB 1687 (Brownley)** Authorizes medical providers to disclose to a county social worker, probation officer, or other legal custodian or caretaker of a minor the confidential medical and mental-health information pertaining to the minor, if the disclosure is necessary for coordination of the minor's treatment and care.
Chapter 552, Statutes of 2007.

Judiciary

- **SB 39 (Migden)** Requires a county welfare agency to release upon request specified information concerning a child fatality if there is a reasonable suspicion that the fatality was caused by abuse or neglect. The bill also permits the release of certain documents from the child's case file once the investigation of the suspected abuse or neglect has been completed. **Chapter 468, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 93 (Corbett)** Provides that an amount paid by Medi-Cal may not be considered as evidence of past medical damages or for the purpose of reducing a third party's liability to the beneficiary in a third-party action. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 234 (Corbett)** Extends the protections of California's Lemon Law to members of the Armed Forces who are residents of or stationed in California at the time the vehicle is purchased or the claim is filed. The vehicle must be purchased with a manufacturer's express warranty, and the manufacturer must have sales representatives in California. **Chapter 151, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 250 (Corbett)** Permits the cash redemption of gift cards valued at less than \$10. The bill clarifies that gift certificates for perishable foods may be issued with an expiration date. **Chapter 640, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 313 (Scott)** Makes various changes to adoption law, such as requiring a court to automatically include, as a party to a legal action determining the existence of a father-child relationship, a prospective adoptive parent with physical custody of the child or an adoption agency with legal custody. **Chapter 47, Statutes of 2007.**

- **SB 353 (Kuehl)** Permits a court, upon a showing of good cause, to include pets in protective orders for domestic violence cases, allowing a court to declare who may keep the animal and issue an order for certain persons to stay away from the animal. **Chapter 205, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 362 (Simitian)** Prohibits any person from requiring, coercing, or compelling another individual to undergo the implantation on or under the skin of an identification device that transmits personal information using technology, such as radio frequency identification (RFID). **Chapter 538, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 415 (Harman)** Recognizes the termination of child support as a change in circumstances, which permits a reevaluation of spousal support. The bill sunsets on January 1, 2011. **Chapter 247, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 500 (Corbett)** Prohibits a credit services organization from engaging in specified lending practices, such as referring a buyer to a credit grantor related to the credit services organization. The bill also prohibits the attorney general's office from issuing a certificate of registration to a credit services organization that has engaged in prohibited lending practices. **Chapter 91, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 611 (Steinberg)** Permits an attachment—allowing the defendant's assets to be seized and held pending a judgment—to be issued in a legal action for financial abuse of an elder or dependent adult. If the case is decided against the defendant, the assets may be used to settle the claim. **Chapter 45, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 644 (Correa, Ackerman, Harman, Margett, and Wyland)** Deletes existing law requiring that an individual's full social security number be provided on a tax lien filing or certain abstracts of

judgment, and instead requires that only the last four digits of the social security number be provided. **Chapter 189, Statutes of 2007.**

- **SB 729 (Padilla)** Creates the Consumer Motor Vehicle Recovery Corporation to reimburse consumers for an auto dealer's failure to pay on an eligible claim due to the dealer's bankruptcy or exit from the auto sales market. The corporation will be funded by fees assessed to auto dealers on each car sold, and these costs may not be passed to consumers. The bill goes into effect on July 1, 2008. **Chapter 437, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 836 (Kuehl)** Includes "familial status" as one of the characteristics that is a prohibited basis of discrimination under the employment provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA). **Vetoed.**
- **AB 18 (Blakeslee)** Permits persons with disabilities and other authorized users to use a signature stamp in lieu of a handwritten signature for voting and other related purposes. The bill allows a signature stamp to be used in local, state, and federal elections, as well as on an absentee ballot. **Chapter 485, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 43 (Leno, Laird, and Lieber)** Enacts the Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Protection Act, which redefines marriage as a union between two persons and thereby allows same-sex marriages. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 81 (Torrico)** Increases the age range from up to three-days-old to up to seven-days-old in which a newborn can be given to a "safe surrender site" —by a parent or another person with lawful custody of the baby—without violating the child abandonment law. The bill also provides that a local fire station may be designated as a safe surrender site. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 102 (Ma)** Enacts the Name Equality Act of 2007, which allows one or both parties to a marriage or registered domestic partnership

to change their middle or last names to reflect the union, as specified. The bill goes into effect on January 1, 2009.

Chapter 567, Statutes of 2007.

- **AB 298 (Maze)** Prioritizes a related caregiver as a legal guardian for a foster child over a nonrelated adoptive placement, if the related caregiver is willing to accept legal and financial responsibility for the child. The bill requires these guardians to receive information about legal guardianship and adoption. **Chapter 565, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 702 (Portantino)** Addresses the issue of deceptive advertising in the performance of music, especially concerning “oldies” singing groups, by making it unlawful to advertise or conduct a live musical performance using a false or misleading affiliation or connection between a performing group and a recording group. **Chapter 395, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 976 (Calderon)** Forbids cities and counties from requiring landlords to make citizenship status a condition of tenancy. The bill also prohibits cities and counties from requiring landlords to make inquiries about citizenship status, and prohibits landlords from making such inquiries on their own. **Chapter 403, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 1043 (Swanson)** Prohibits employers from requiring an employee or job applicant, as a condition of employment, to waive access to California law for employment disputes. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 1168 (Jones)** Imposes various restrictions on the use of social security numbers in public records. The bill requires county recorders to create public-record versions of certain official records so that social security numbers are truncated (only the last four digits may be displayed). Once a public version is created, the county recorder may only disclose the original version in response to a subpoena or court order. The bill also requires the Franchise Tax Board to truncate social security numbers on lien abstracts. In addition, the Office of Privacy

Protection must establish a task force to review the use of social security numbers by colleges and universities and submit a report on its findings to the Legislature by July 1, 2010.

Chapter 627, Statutes of 2007.

- **AB 1673 (Feuer)** Requires a retail seller, if advertising a rebate, to charge the net price after rebate to a consumer at the time of sale. Also at the time of sale, the rebate offer is then transferred to the retail seller. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 1723 (Judiciary Committee)** Expands the types of accounts in which Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA) funds may be deposited, allowing these accounts to accrue additional interest which is used to help fund indigent legal services.

Chapter 422, Statutes of 2007.

Labor and Industrial Relations

- **SB 180 (Migden)** Permits agricultural employees, in addition to the current process of on-site elections, to select their labor representatives by submitting a petition, accompanied by representation cards signed by a majority of the bargaining unit, to the Agricultural Labor Relations Board. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 549 (Corbett)** Provides California employees with the right to take up to four days of unpaid leave from work upon the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, or domestic partner. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 622 (Padilla)** Prohibits the willful misclassification of employees as independent contractors and authorizes the Labor and Workforce Development Agency to assess specified civil penalties to those who violate the provisions of this bill. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 727 (Kuehl)** Extends the family temporary disability insurance program by providing benefits to eligible employees to care for their grandparents, grandchildren, siblings, and in-laws, effective July 1, 2008. This bill also clarifies existing law to ensure that family temporary disability insurance benefits are taken concurrently with a leave taken under the California Family Rights Act and the federal Family and Medical Leave Act. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 936 (Perata)** Doubles—over a three-year period—the number of weeks a worker can receive workers’ compensation permanent disability benefits. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 537 (Swanson)** Expands the circumstances in which an employee is entitled to a leave of absence under the California Family Rights Act by (1) eliminating the age and dependency elements from the definition of "child," and (2) permitting an employee to care for a seriously ill parent-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, or domestic partner. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 1164 (de León)** Authorizes family child-care providers to form, join, and participate in "provider organizations" to negotiate a reimbursement system for family child-care providers with state agencies, market family child-care programs, and offer business development programs for family child-care providers. **Vetoed.**

Local Government

- **SB 103 (Cedillo)** Requires local agencies to prepare a report, hold hearings, and post information on their Web sites about any economic development subsidies of \$100,000 or more. The reported information must include the name and address of the entity receiving the subsidy, beginning and ending dates of the subsidy (if applicable), total amount of expenditures or foregone revenues relating to the subsidy, a statement about the subsidy's public purpose, projected tax revenue to the local agency as a result of the subsidy, and an estimated number of jobs that will be created by the subsidy. The bill also requires local agencies to conduct follow-up hearings on the reported information. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 437 (Negrete McLeod)** Requires redevelopment agencies to include in their annual reports and implementation plans the project-area time limits for eminent domain, establishment of debt, plan effectiveness, and repayment of debt. **Chapter 90, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 701 (De La Torre)** Increases the maximum monthly salary that city council members can receive by doubling the dollar amounts in the salary schedule for general-law cities; under current law, city councils can increase salaries based on this schedule. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 1322 (Duvall)** Requires the Department of Transportation, for any property it is acquiring or threatening to acquire by eminent domain, to provide the property owner in a timely manner with copies of all appraisals the department has performed or obtained for the property. **Chapter 411, Statutes of 2007.**

Natural Resources and Water

- **SB 5 (Machado)** Requires the Department of Water Resources and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board to prepare and adopt a Central Valley Flood Protection Plan by 2012. The bill also requires each city and county within the Sacramento–San Joaquin Valley, within 24 months of adoption of the flood protection plan, to amend its general plan to include data and analysis contained in the flood plan, as well as goals and policies that will reduce the risk of flood damage and protect lives and property. **Chapter 364, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 17 (Florez)** Renames the Reclamation Board as the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, makes the board a separate state agency, and increases the number of board members from seven to nine. Seven of the board members will be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor (subject to Senate confirmation), one member appointed by the Senate Rules Committee, and one member by the Speaker of the Assembly. **Chapter 365, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 178 (Steinberg and Kuehl)** Establishes a statewide groundwater monitoring program by incorporating existing groundwater management programs and agencies into one comprehensive entity within the Department of Water Resources. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 742 (Steinberg)** Increases the number of members on the Off-Highway Vehicle Commission from seven to nine, five of whom will be appointed by the governor (subject to Senate confirmation), two by the Senate Rules Committee, and two by the Speaker of the Assembly. This bill removes the commission's authority to approve grants, requires the commission to approve the Department of Parks

and Recreation's Off-Highway Vehicle Division's capital outlay expenditures, and requires the commission to report to the Legislature and governor by January 1, 2011, and every three years thereafter, on the status of the Off-Highway Vehicle Program.

Chapter 541, Statutes of 2007.

- **SB 880 (Calderon)** Repeals the state's prohibition and criminal penalty on importing or selling kangaroo parts or products in California until January 1, 2011. **Chapter 576, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 1002 (Perata)** Appropriates bond funding as follows: \$610.89 million to the Department of Water Resources for a variety of water-related projects, particularly those related to the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta; \$50 million for essential Delta emergency-preparedness supplies and projects; and \$150 million for storm-water flood-management projects designed to reduce flood damage and provide other benefits, such as groundwater recharge and water quality improvements. The measure also provides \$407.4 million from Proposition 84 for various projects, including small community drinking water systems, protection of groundwater, relocation of the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta intake facilities, flood control, and water planning. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 70 (Jones)** Provides for shared liability between state and local governments for flood damage, if a local government unreasonably approves development in areas protected by state flood-control projects. **Chapter 367, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 156 (Laird)** Requires the Department of Water Resources to prepare a schedule for mapping areas at risk of flooding in the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River drainage; the Reclamation Board must adopt the maps by December 31, 2008. The bill also requires the department to develop and maintain maps for levee flood-protection zones by December 31, 2008; these maps will be distributed to appropriate governmental agencies. Authorization also is granted to the board or department to develop a program

of mitigation banking for the benefit of local districts in the discharge of their flood control responsibilities. **Chapter 368, Statutes of 2007.**

- **AB 821 (Nava)** Prohibits the use of lead ammunition when taking big game or coyotes within areas believed to be habitat for the endangered condor. **Chapter 570, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 1032 (Wolk)** Prohibits motorized suction-dredge gold mining within sections of five streams designated as wild trout waters. This measure also shortens the season that motorized suction-dredging is currently allowed within segments of the Klamath, Salmon, and Scott rivers, and prohibits such activities within certain tributary streams of these rivers. These restrictions will apply for three years or until the Department of Fish and Game completes a court-ordered environmental review and update of its existing suction-dredge regulations. **Vetoed.**

Public Employment and Retirement

- **SB 14 (Negrete McLeod)** Allows members of the California National Guard to qualify for membership in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), and to purchase additional PERS service credit. **Chapter 355, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 901 (Padilla)** Extends the sunset date for various exemptions to the California State Teachers' Retirement System's post-retirement earnings limits from January 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009. **Chapter 353, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 221 (Anderson)** Prohibits the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the California State Teachers' Retirement System from investing public-employee retirement funds into companies that have specified energy- or defense-related operations in Iran. **Chapter 671, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 246 (Torricono)** Prohibits a member or an employee of a retirement board—in a county operating a retirement system under the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937—from selling or providing any investment product to a retirement system established under the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937. **Chapter 315, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 554 (Hernandez)** Expands the group of employers eligible to participate in the California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust Fund, administered by the California Public Employees' Retirement System, to include all California public employers. The benefit trust fund allows agencies to pre-fund the future cost of their retiree health benefits and other post-employment benefits. **Chapter 318, Statutes of 2007.**

Public Safety

- **SB 67 (Perata)** Allows law enforcement agencies to impound for up to 30 days a vehicle driven in a sideshow—a gathering of motorists that disturbs and endangers the public. These spontaneous events can include speed contests on a highway or in a parking lot. The bill went into effect on October 14, 2007. **Chapter 727, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 81 (Budget and Fiscal Review Committee)** Makes a variety of changes to the juvenile justice and adult corrections systems, including shifting nonviolent youth offenders from state facilities to county programs, establishing a new block grant for counties to support youth offender programs, and authorizing \$100 million for new facilities. The bill also provides \$300 million to renovate, improve, or expand infrastructure at existing adult prisons. The bill went into effect on August 24, 2007. **Chapter 175, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 99 (Budget and Fiscal Review Committee)** Authorizes the issuance of \$146 million in revenue bonds to pay for the design and construction of the Central Health Services Building at San Quentin State Prison to provide medical, dental, and mental health treatment to inmates. **Chapter 245, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 263 (Romero)** Directs the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation by July 1, 2010, to assess new inmates and parole violators and develop appropriate treatment and programming for prisoners reentering society. The department shall use this information to develop evidence-based programs that conform to nationwide best practices. **Vetoed.**

- **SB 271 (Cedillo)** Allows district attorneys and prosecuting city attorneys to seek financial damages from gangs for violating injunctions related to nuisance offenses. **Chapter 34, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 299 (Romero)** Creates honor yards at prisons, including new facilities, where the state's more violent inmates can volunteer to participate in special treatment and rehabilitative programs. Inmates must meet certain conditions, such as renouncing gang membership, being drug free, and agreeing to random drug testing. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 511 (Alquist)** Requires audiotaping interrogations of those in custody who have been accused of a violent felony or homicide. This bill goes into effect on July 1, 2008. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 518 (Migden)** Establishes a bill of rights for youth offenders in the custody of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Facilities. Among the rights extended to the offenders is a safe, healthy, and clean environment conducive to treatment and rehabilitation. **Chapter 649, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 542 (Romero)** Clarifies that a sexually violent predator has the same right as other incarcerated felons to request post-conviction DNA testing. However, the bill specifies that it is not intended to establish a new right to DNA testing on prior cases. **Chapter 208, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 568 (Wiggins)** Designates county jails as treatment facilities so mentally incompetent suspects who are due to stand trial may be administered anti-psychotic medications at these facilities. Treatment at the facilities is limited to six months. **Chapter 556, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 609 (Romero)** Provides that a jury or judge may not convict a defendant, find a special circumstance to be true, or use a fact "in aggravation" based on the uncorroborated testimony of an in-custody informant. **Vetoed.**

- **SB 756 (Ridley-Thomas)** Requires the Department of Justice, in concert with other law enforcement agencies, to develop voluntary guidelines by December 31, 2008, for the collection and handling of eyewitness evidence from criminal investigations. The attorney general must report to the Legislature by December 31, 2009, on the status of implementing the guidelines. **Vetoed.**

- **SB 868 (Ridley-Thomas)** Clarifies that In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) agencies (public authorities or nonprofit consortiums) may request a Department of Justice criminal background check on providers seeking placement on an agency's provider registry. The bill requires these agencies to deny placement on the registry if the prospective provider has had a previous conviction for specified crimes. This bill also authorizes these agencies, upon the request of an IHSS recipient, to obtain criminal background checks on potential providers. **Chapter 447, Statutes of 2007.**

- **SB 943 (Machado)** Authorizes the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to reopen the Northern California Women's Facility in Stockton as a reentry facility for male inmates, parolees, and parole violators from San Joaquin, Calaveras, or Amador counties. **Chapter 228, Statutes of 2007.**

- **SB 959 (Romero and Runner)** Allows a county sheriff, probation officer, or director of a county department of corrections to relieve jail overcrowding by requiring low-level offenders to serve out their sentences through a program of in-home detention. Offenders must wear an electronic monitoring device and follow other program guidelines, as specified. The bill went into effect on September 26, 2007. **Chapter 252, Statutes of 2007.**

- **AB 639 (Hancock)** Establishes a pilot program at San Quentin State Prison requiring the California Department of Corrections and

Rehabilitation to ensure that each parolee obtain a valid state-issued identification card. The bill goes into effect on January 1, 2009. **Vetoed.**

- **AB 900 (Solorio and Aghazarian)** Sets aside more than \$7 billion in revenue-bond financing to build facilities for up to 52,000 prison inmates and boost rehabilitative programs. The measure requires the creation of reentry facilities, which will help to transition inmates back into society, and the expansion of in-prison drug treatment programs. The bill also authorizes \$750 million in lease-bond financing for county jail beds. The bill went into effect on May 3, 2007.
Chapter 7, Statutes of 2007.
- **AB 1079 (Richardson)** Directs the Department of Justice to establish the Crime Laboratory Review Task Force to review California's crime laboratory system. The task force must submit a final report and make recommendations by July 1, 2009, to the Department of Finance and the Senate and Assembly budget and public safety committees. The bill went into effect on October 10, 2007.
Chapter 405, Statutes of 2007.
- **AB 1165 (Maze)** Requires the automatic suspension of a motorist's driver's license if the motorist is arrested for driving under the influence and he or she is on probation for drunken driving. Police also may impound a vehicle operated by a motorist who was previously convicted of drunk driving and is on probation and has a measurable blood alcohol level. **Chapter 749, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 1300 (Price)** Allows youth offenders in the Division of Juvenile Facilities to make at least four telephone calls home each month. The division or youth prison also is required to maintain a toll-free telephone number that provides information to callers about the visitation process. **Chapter 458, Statutes of 2007.**

- **AB 1334 (Swanson)** Instructs the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation’s director to allow any nonprofit or public health agency to distribute condoms to inmates. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 1381 (Núñez)** Establishes the Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy to oversee state efforts to combat gang and youth violence, including suppression, intervention, and prevention programs. The office would oversee, among other things, the development of a clearinghouse for research on gangs and at-risk youth to help identify best practices for dealing with these issues. **Chapter 459, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 1471 (Feuer)** Requires—beginning January 1, 2010—putting on all semiautomatic pistols an identification mark that would be transferred onto a bullet cartridge case when the weapon is fired. This requirement is imposed as long as the attorney general certifies that identification-mark technology is available from more than one manufacturer. **Chapter 572, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 1539 (Krekorian and Lieber)** Allows a judge to shorten a prison sentence or release an inmate who is totally incapacitated due to a condition requiring round-the-clock care, such as a coma or brain death. This “compassionate release” does not apply to inmates sentenced to death or life in prison without the possibility of parole. **Chapter 740, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 1705 (Niello)** Increases the financial threshold for enhanced penalties in certain white-collar property crimes. Under existing law, for example, if the property loss in a felony exceeds \$50,000 an additional prison term of one year is imposed. This bill raises the threshold to \$65,000 and extends the sunset date from January 1, 2008, to January 1, 2018. **Chapter 420, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 1743 (Huffman)** Directs the state auditor to evaluate alternatives to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation’s

plans to build a new death-row facility at San Quentin State Prison; the review must be completed by May 30, 2008. This bill also restricts the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from spending any money on the proposed condemned-inmate complex until the evaluation has been completed and the Legislature has authorized the expenditure. **Vetoed.**

Revenue and Taxation

- **SB 38 (Battin), SB 114 (Florez and Hollingsworth), and AB 62 (Nava)** Provides tax relief for losses sustained in natural disasters, including the Riverside County wildfires of 2006, severe freeze of January 2007, Ventura County wildfires of 2006, and Tahoe fires of 2007. All of these bills went into effect on September 21, 2007. **Chapter 222, Chapter 223, and Chapter 224, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 105 (Migden)** Clarifies that a registered domestic partner or formerly registered domestic partner shall be treated as a spouse or former spouse for personal income-tax purposes. **Chapter 426, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 559 (Kehoe)** Allows registered domestic partners—whose property was reassessed due to a change of ownership from January 1, 2000, to January 1, 2006—to apply for a reversal of the reassessment. **Chapter 555, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 920 (Oropeza)** Permits the Franchise Tax Board to provide specified taxpayer information to the state controller to assist the controller's office in locating owners of unclaimed property. **Chapter 666, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 198 (Budget Committee)** Changes the minimum tax that limited-liability companies pay by basing calculations on income derived from or attributable to California instead of total income. The bill also codifies a recent court decision declaring that the limited-liability companies may only be awarded damages to the extent the state violated the Constitution. **Chapter 381, Statutes of 2007.**

- **AB 402 (Ma)** Creates a change-of-ownership exclusion for property transfers between foster parents and foster children.
Chapter 450, Statutes of 2007.

Transportation and Housing

Transportation

- **SB 33 (Simitian)** Prohibits individuals under the age of 18 from using a wireless telephone while driving; this law goes into effect on July 1, 2008. **Chapter 214, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 88 (Budget and Fiscal Review Committee)** Implements several provisions of the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, including port and maritime security, public transportation, transit system safety and security, local street and road improvement, highway safety and rehabilitation, and emissions reductions. The bill went into effect on August 24, 2007. **Chapter 181, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 210 (Kehoe)** Requires the California Air Resources Board to develop, implement, and enforce a low-carbon fuel standard to reduce the carbon content of transportation fuel by January 1, 2010. **Vetoed.**
- **SB 976 (Torlakson)** Creates the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority, which must develop an emergency water-transportation plan, and authorizes the consolidation of Bay Area ferry services. **Chapter 734, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 118 (Núñez)** Establishes the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program, Air Quality Improvement Program, and Fleet Modernization Program, which shall be funded by increases in vehicle registration fees, smog-abatement fees, boat registrations, and special identification plate fees. **Chapter 750, Statutes of 2007.**

- **AB 881 (Mullin)** Requires children under the age of eight to be secured in a child safety seat when riding in a car unless the child is at least 4-feet 9-inches tall. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 945 (Carter)** Instructs the California Transportation Commission to produce an assessment of transportation needs every five years. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 1488 (Mendoza)** Requires diesel-powered vehicles weighing less than 8,500 pounds to receive biannual smog checks. **Chapter 739, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 1543 (Leno)** Creates the Treasure Island Transportation Management Act to develop and fund a transportation plan for Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island in the San Francisco Bay. **Vetoed.**

Housing

- **SB 2 (Cedillo)** Requires cities and counties to identify zones where emergency shelters are allowed without a conditional use permit, requires cities and counties to subject transitional and supportive housing projects only to those restrictions applied to similar residential dwellings in the same zone, and adds shelters to the developments protected by the Housing Accountability Act. **Chapter 633, Statutes of 2007.**
- **SB 86 (Budget and Fiscal Review Committee)** Appropriates \$240 million in Proposition 1C (the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006) funds for the Infill Incentive Grant Program under the Department of Housing and Community Development. The measure also provides \$60 million in Proposition 1C funds for the California Recycle Underutilized Site Program (CalReUSE), under

the California Pollution Control Financing Authority, for brownfields cleanup. The bill went into effect on August 24, 2007.

Chapter 179, Statutes of 2007.

- **SB 586 (Dutton)** Allocates \$100 million in funding provided to finance “innovative affordable housing” under Proposition 1C (the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006). Specifically, the bill provides \$50 million for the Affordable Housing Revolving Development and Acquisition Program, which was established by the bill; \$35 million for local housing trust funds; \$5 million for the Construction Liability Insurance Reform Pilot Program, also established by the bill; and \$10 million to the Innovative Homeownership Program, which will be developed and implemented by the state Department of Housing and Community Development. The bill went into effect on October 13, 2007. **Chapter 652, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 414 (Jones)** Restricts the ability of a city or county to include “double zoned” sites (zoned for both housing and another use) in its housing element’s inventory of land suitable for residential development. **Vetoed.**
- **AB 715 (Laird)** Phases in lower flush-volume requirements for toilets and urinals and establishes standards for the use of waterless urinals. **Chapter 499, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 929 (Runner)** Increases the bond amounts that the California Housing Finance Agency can issue from \$11.15 billion to \$13.15 billion. **Chapter 274, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 980 (Calderon)** Requires a seller of residential property to provide an additional disclosure statement about any transfer fees and requires any person or entity that imposes a transfer fee to record it with the county recorder. **Chapter 689, Statutes of 2007.**

- **AB 1542 (Evans)** Maintains local rent control on mobile-home park lots that are not purchased by residents within a mobile-home park.
Vetoed.

Veterans' Affairs

- **SB 630 (Aanestad)** Authorizes \$30 million in lease revenue bonds for the construction and completion of two new veterans' homes in Fresno and Shasta counties. The bill went into effect on July 27, 2007. **Chapter 154, Statutes of 2007.**
- **AB 392 (Lieu)** Requires employers with 25 or more employees to provide unpaid family leave for up to 10 days to an employee when his or her spouse is on leave from a military deployment during a period of military conflict. The bill went into effect on October 9, 2007. **Chapter 361, Statutes of 2007.**

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