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CENTER FOR CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION

Chronic Disease and Injury Control

- AB 53 Garcia (Chapter 292)
VEHICLES: CHILD SAFETY SEATS
- Requires a parent, legal guardian or driver of a vehicle to secure a child who is under two years of age in rear-facing child restraint system in the rear seat of a motor vehicle, unless the child weighs 40 or more pounds.
- AB 216 Garcia (Chapter 769)
PRODUCT SALES TO MINORS: VAPOR PRODUCTS
- Prohibits the sale or furnishing of any device intended to deliver a non-nicotine product in a vapor state to minors under 18 years of age.
- AB 496 Rendon (Chapter 664)
PUPIL NUTRITION: FRESH DRINKING WATER: FUNDING
- Authorizes the California Department of Education to receive funds transferred from state and federal sources to aid school district efforts to provide safe, clean drinking water to students.
- AB 637 Campos (Chapter 217)
PHYSICIAN ORDERS FOR LIFE SUSTAINING TREATMENT FORMS
- Authorizes a nurse practitioner or a physician assistant, acting under the supervision of a physician and within the scope of practice authorized by law, to sign a completed Physician Order for Life Sustaining Treatment form.
- AB 768 Thurmond (Chapter 779)
SMOKELESS TOBACCO: BASEBALL STADIUMS
- Prohibits the use or possession of smokeless tobacco on the playing field during a game or practice in professional major league baseball stadiums in California.
- AB 1146 Jones (Chapter 221)
SKATEBOARD PARKS
- Broadens the definition of “other wheeled recreational devices” permissible in skateboard parks to include non-motorized bicycles, scooters, in-line skates, roller skates, and wheelchairs.

- SB 287 Hueso (Chapter 449)
AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS
- Requires large occupancy structures, with capacities of 200 persons or greater, that are constructed on or after January 1, 2017, to have an automated external defibrillator on the premises.
- SB 613 Allen (Chapter 577)
DEMENTIA GUIDELINES: WORKGROUP
- Requires the California Department of Public Health to convene a multidisciplinary expert workgroup to update the 2008 Guidelines for Alzheimer's Disease Management in California, to address changes in the health care system; and to submit a report from the workgroup to the Legislature by March 1, 2017.
- SB 658 Hill (Chapter 264)
AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILATORS
- Exempts a physician or other health care professional involved in the selection, placement, or installation of an automated external defibrillator (AED) from civil liability. Requires a person or entity, other than a health facility, that acquires an AED to comply with regulations for the placement of the device and ensures that the AED is maintained and biannually tested.
- SB 738 Huff (Chapter 132)
PUPIL HEALTH: EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS; LIABILITY LIMITATION
- Limits the liability for physicians who issue epinephrine auto-injector (EAI) prescriptions for school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools. These agencies are mandated to provide and administer EAI for emergency medical aid to persons suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an anaphylactic reaction.

Environmental and Occupational Disease Control

- SB 328 Hueso (Chapter 278)
LANDLORDS: NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE
- Requires landlords, or their authorized agent, to provide 24 hour advance written notification for the use of pesticides to tenants residing in a dwelling where pesticides will be applied, and to tenants in neighboring units that could be reasonably impacted by the pesticide use. In addition,

the tenant is allowed to waive the 24 hour waiting period after being notified.

CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Environmental Management

SB 27 Hill (Chapter 758)
LIVESTOCK: USE OF ANTIMICROBIAL DRUGS

Prohibits, beginning January 1, 2018, the administration of medically important antimicrobial drugs to livestock unless ordered by a licensed veterinarian by prescription or veterinary feed directive.

SB 225 Wieckowski (Chapter 352)
MEDICAL WASTE

Clean-up legislation to AB 333 (Wieckowski, Chapter 564, Statutes of 2014). Changes were made to the types of documents needed to track shipments of medical waste. A technical correction was made to the labeling requirements for pharmaceutical containers. Medical waste being transported should have a completed tracking document in compliance with the Medical Waste Management Act for the purpose of tracking medical waste from the point when the waste leaves the generator facility until it receives final treatment. The transporter would maintain a copy of the tracking document for three years. Prior to the adoption of AB 333, HIGH HEAT ONLY, or INCINERATION ONLY was the labeling requirement for pharmaceutical waste containers. Requires labels used on pharmaceutical waste containers to read either HIGH HEAT or INCINERATION ONLY.

SB 612 Jackson (Chapter 452)
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Allows the California Department of Public Health to establish a process for local enforcement agencies to follow regarding administrative hearings related to the improper management of medical waste. The maximum administrative penalty increased from \$1,000 per violation to \$5,000.

Food, Drug, and Radiation Safety

AB 143 Wood (Chapter 164)
RETAIL FOOD SAFETY: WINERIES

Allows wine-tasting rooms operated at wine manufacturing facilities to expand the types of prepackaged snack foods that can be offered or sold to customers for on-site consumption during wine-tasting activities.

AB 226 Atkins (Chapter 615)
RETAIL FOOD SAFETY: FISHERMEN'S MARKETS

Establishes sanitation and operational requirements for "Fishermen's Markets," authorizing a licensed commercial fisherman, or an entity representing two or more California-licensed commercial fishermen or California-licensed commercial fishermen and California-registered aquaculturists to sell legally caught or harvested raw or fresh frozen fish directly to consumers. Creates a venue for fishermen and aquaculturists to legally sell their seafood products directly to consumers.

AB 234 Gordon (Chapter 616)
COMMUNITY FOOD PRODUCERS AND GLEANERS: SALE OF COMMODITIES

Authorizes a community food producer or gleaner to sell or provide whole, uncut fruits or vegetables, or unrefrigerated shell eggs, directly to any permitted food facility.

AB 243 Wood (Chapter 688)
MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Establishes a regulatory program for the cultivation of medical cannabis, as part of the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act.

AB 266 Bonta (Chapter 689)
MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Enacts the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act for the licensure and regulation of medical marijuana and would create the Bureau of Medical Marijuana Regulation within the Department of Consumer Affairs to enforce the provisions of the Act.

AB 384 Perea (Chapter 477)
FOOD SAFETY

Eliminates the statutory sunset date for the California Department of Public Health Food Industry Education and Training Program training fee.

AB 862 Committee on Agriculture (Chapter 374)
AGRICULTURE

Corrects references to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) in Section 405 of the Food and Agriculture Code. This section allows the California Department of Food and Agriculture, with prior approval from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and CDPH, to reproduce or distribute biological control organisms that are not detrimental to the public health and safety that are known to be useful in reducing or preventing plant or animal damage to due to pests or diseases.

- Section 1 corrects an error in code which was made at the time of the establishment of CDPH and the Department of Health Care Services. The correction does not alter current CDPH activities.

SB 65 Wolk (Chapter 138)
FOOD LABELING: OLIVE OIL

Updates outdated language related to the labeling nomenclature and olive oil content requirements of olive oils produced in California to reflect the new grading and labeling regulations adopted by the Olive Oil Commission of California.

SB 643 McGuire (Chapter 719)
MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Establishes a regulatory framework for the cultivation, sale, and transport of medical cannabis by the Bureau of Medical Marijuana Regulation within the Department of Consumer Affairs.

SB 770 Mendoza (Chapter 806)
MEDICATED FEED

Restates the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) authority as the primary regulatory agency over medicated feed. Requires CDFA to be responsible for regulating medicated feed quality assurance and safety, and enforcing any handling and inspecting requirements that are imposed on medicated feed suppliers. CDFA's authority includes medicated feed that is subject to veterinarian oversight in order to assure that it meets the veterinarian's directive.

CENTER FOR FAMILY HEALTH

Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health

AB 302 Garcia (Chapter 690)
LACTATION ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PUPILS

Requires schools operated by a school district or a county office of education, the California School for the Deaf, the California School for the Blind, and charter schools to provide reasonable accommodations to a lactating pupil on a high school campus to express breast milk, breast-feed an infant child, or address other needs related to breast-feeding.

SB 407 Morrell (Chapter 313)
COMPREHENSIVE PERINATAL SERVICES PROGRAM: LICENSED MIDWIVES

Expands the definition of “comprehensive perinatal provider” to include a licensed midwife and requires the Department of Health Care Services to begin, no later than March 1, 2016, revisions of existing regulations for implementation.

Women, Infants, and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program

AB 1321 Ting (Chapter 442)
NUTRITION INCENTIVE MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

Establishes the Nutrition Incentive Matching Grant Program within the California Department of Food and Agriculture Office of Farm to Fork and would create the Nutrition Incentive Matching Grant Account in the Farm to Fork Account.

SB 708 Mendoza (Chapter 390)
PUPIL NUTRITION: FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS: ONLINE APPLICATIONS

Authorizes school districts and county offices of education to make electronic applications for free or reduced-price meals available, and requires both paper and electronic applications to contain clear instructions for families that are homeless or are migrants. These requirements include adding links to related health and nutrition services via the online application. This includes a link to the California Department of Public Health website entitled “About WIC and How to Apply.”

CENTER FOR HEALTH CARE QUALITY

Licensing and Certification

- AB 389 Chau (Chapter 327)
HOSPITALS: LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE SERVICES
- Requires each general acute care hospital to make its language assistance services policy and notice of availability of language assistance services publically available on its Internet website by July 1, 2016.
- AB 444 Gipson (Chapter 198)
HEALTH FACILITIES: EPIDURAL AND EXTERNAL FEEDING CONNECTORS
- Postpones the effective date whereby hospitals and skilled nursing facilities are prohibited from using connectors that would fit into another connector, other than the type it was intended for.
- AB 486 Bonilla (Chapter 241)
CENTRALIZED HOSPITAL PACKAGING PHARMACIES: MEDICATION LABELS
- Requires centralized hospital packaging pharmacies to ensure labels on medications prepared for administration to patients in hospitals be machine-readable using barcode medication administration software- and display a human-readable label containing information regarding the date that the medication was prepared, beyond-use date, established name of the drug, quantity of each active ingredient, special storage or handling requirements, the lot number or control number and the name of the centralized hospital packaging pharmacy.
- AB 601 Eggman (Chapter 628)
RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY: LICENSING AND REGULATION
- Requires the Department of Social Services' Community Care Licensing Division to cross-check residential care facility for the elderly application information with the California Department of Public Health Licensing and Certification (L&C) program to verify whether individuals listed on the application served as a nursing home administrator, owner or operator of any facility licensed by L&C.

- AB 614 Brown (Chapter 435)
HEALTH CARE STANDARDS OF PRACTICE
- Authorizes the California Department of Public Health to update references to health care standards of practice in Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations through an abbreviated regulatory process and updates the definition of “eating disorders” to be consistent with the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.
- AB 918 Stone (Chapter 340)
SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT: DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES: HEALTH FACILITIES
- Requires the California Department of Developmental Services to make public the data it currently receives from regional centers on the use of physical and chemical restraints by all regional center vendors. Regional centers providing residential services, supported living services, long-term health care, or acute psychiatric care are also required to report each death or serious injury of a person occurring during, or related to, the use of seclusion, physical restraint, or chemical restraint to Disability Rights California no later than the close of business day following the death or injury.
- AB 941 Wood (Chapter 502)
CLINICS: LICENSURE AND REGULATION: EXEMPTION
- Exempts any clinic conducted, maintained, or operated by a federally recognized Indian tribe or tribal organization from licensure requirements by the California Department of Public Health, regardless of the location of the clinic.
- AB 1130 Gray (Chapter 412)
CLINICS: LICENSING: HOURS OF OPERATION
- Increases the number of hours an intermittent clinic may be open and operate while remaining exempt from licensing requirements, from 20 to 30 hours per week. A licensed primary care community or free clinic is also required to report to the California Department of Public Health, when renewing its license, whether it is currently operating an intermittent clinic, the location and the estimated hours of operation of any intermittent clinic.

- AB 1147 Maienschein (Chapter 206)
PEDIATRIC DAY HEALTH AND RESPITE CARE FACILITIES
- Allows pediatric day health and respite care facilities to establish Transitional Health Care Needs Optional Service Units to continue providing services to clients 22 years of age and older.
- AB 1177 Gomez (Chapter 704)
PRIMARY CARE CLINICS: WRITTEN TRANSFER AGREEMENTS
- Eliminates the requirement that a licensed primary care clinic (PCC) enter into a written transfer agreement with one or more nearby hospitals as a condition of licensure, except for a PCC that provides services as an alternative birth center.
- AB 1211 Maienschein (Chapter 483)
HEALTH CARE FACILITIES: CONGREGATE LIVING HEALTH FACILITY
- Increases the maximum number of beds from 12 to 18 for congregate living health facilities.
- AB 1350 Salas (Chapter 790)
KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY
- Clarifies the maintenance, operation, management, control, ownership, or lease of the Kern Medical Center.
- SB 361 Hill (Chapter 764)
ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP: EDUCATION AND POLICIES
- Requires all skilled nursing facilities, by January 1, 2017, to adopt and implement an antimicrobial stewardship policy (ASP). The ASP must be consistent with antimicrobial stewardship guidelines developed by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America, or similar recognized professional organizations.
- SB 588 De Leon (Chapter 803)
EMPLOYMENT NONPAYMENT OF WAGES: LABOR COMMISSIONER: JUDGEMENT ENFORCEMENT
- Allows the California Department of Public Health and Department of Social Services to deny long term care employers' applications for initial licensure or license renewal if the employer is conducting business in

violation of the surety bond requirement, or without reaching an agreement with an individual holding an unsatisfied judgment.

SB 675 Liu (Chapter 494)
HOSPITALS: FAMILY CAREGIVERS

Requires hospitals to update discharge planning policies and procedures to include recording the name of a patient-identified family caregiver and providing the family caregiver with notification before the patient will be discharged or transferred. Requires hospitals to allow the opportunity for family caregivers to engage in the discharge planning process and the hospital to provide information, instruction, and counseling related to after discharge care and medications of the patient.

CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS AND INFORMATICS

AB 532 McCarty (Chapter 433)
STATE AGENCIES: COLLECTION OF DATA: RACE OR ETHNIC ORIGIN

Requires any state agency, board, or commission that collects demographic data no later than January 1, 2022, to provide forms that offer respondents the option of selecting one more ethnic or racial designations. Provisions must be implemented by January 1, 2022.

AB 959 Monning (Chapter 565)
LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER DISPARITIES REDUCTION ACT

Created the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Disparities Reduction Act and requires the California Department of Public Health, Department of Health Care Service, Department of Social Services, and the California Department of Aging to collect voluntary self-identification information pertaining to sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) no later than July 1, 2018. Forms requiring changes to collect SOGI include: Birth Certificates, Fetal Death Certificates, and Newborn Screening and Prenatal Screening Program Test Requisition Forms. Provisions must be implemented no later than July 1, 2018.

SB 804 Hernandez (Chapter 455)
PUBLIC HEALTH

Clarifies language which reinforces that local registrars or county recorders shall not charge fees in the issuance of a certified birth record to an eligible homeless individual.

ABX2 15 **EXTRAORDINARY SESSION**
Eggman (Chapter 1)
END OF LIFE

Allows a competent adult with an incurable, irreversible disease that will result in death within six months to make a request for a drug prescribed for the purpose of ending his or her life. The law requires a “consulting physician” to verify the diagnosis and require either the attending physician or the consulting physician to refer the individual to a mental health specialist for evaluation if the physician finds indications of a mental disorder. This law extends to competent adults the right of personal autonomy that is the foundation of our healthcare laws governing informed consent to the very personal decision of whether and when to request a prescription for a drug that, if taken, would end one’s life in a humane and dignified manner.

CENTER FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Communicable Disease

AB 329 Weber (Chapter 398)
PUPIL INSTRUCTION: SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION

Requires California school districts to provide both comprehensive sexual health education and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention education to students in 7th through 12th grade.

AB 485 Williams (Chapter 557)
**PERSONAL INCOME TAXES: VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS:
PREVENTION OF ANIMAL HOMELESSNESS AND CRUELTY FUND**

Establishes the Prevention of Animal Homelessness and Cruelty Fund to be supported by a new voluntary contribution fund (VCF) check off option on personal income tax returns. The fund will supplement programs at local animal control agencies and shelters that address homelessness and cruelty in domestic dogs and cats. The VCF will be operative only upon the removal of another VCF from the tax return, or as soon as space is available.

SB 277 Pan and Allen (Chapter 35)
PUBLIC HEALTH: VACCINATIONS

Eliminates personal belief exemptions (PBEs) from existing immunization requirements for children in child care and public and private schools, except those children who have obtained a medical exemption. Children

attending home-based private schools and students enrolled in an independent study program who does not receive classroom-based instruction. Allows both medical and PBEs for any new immunization added to the mandatory immunization list for school and daycare attendance, and allow exemptions for PBEs submitted before January 1, 2016 to remain valid until the next checkpoint of kindergarten or 7th grade.

SB 792

Mendoza (Chapter 807)

DAY CARE FACILITIES: IMMUNZATIONS: EXEMPTIONS

Prohibits a day care center or a family day care home from employing any person or accepting any volunteer who has not been immunized against influenza, pertussis, and measles after September 1, 2016. Employees are exempt from these requirements if the person submits a medical exemption from a licensed physician; the person submits a declaration that he or she has declined the influenza vaccination; or the person was hired after December 1 of the previous year and before August 1 of the current year. Provisions become operative September 1, 2016.

OFFICE OF HEALTH EQUITY

SB 246

Wieckowski (Chapter 606)

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTION

Establishes the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program to be administered by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and would require that the program coordinate regular updates to the Adaptation Planning Guide. Requires the creation of a state clearinghouse for climate adaptation information. Establishes an advisory council of members, from a range of disciplines, including public health, to advise the program in updating the Adaptation Planning Guide.

OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY DIRECTOR

Laboratory Field Services

AB 147

Dababneh (Chapter 551)

ANIMAL RESEARCH

Requires the University of California, the California State University, the California Community Colleges, or an independent institution of higher education that confines dogs or cats for science or research purposes to

first offer the dog or cat to a registered animal adoption or animal rescue organization prior to euthanizing the animal.

AB 258 Levine (Chapter 51)
ORGRAN TRANSPLANTS: MEDICAL MARIJUANA: QUALIFIED PATIENTS

Prohibits organ transplant centers from disqualifying patients from the organ transplant eligibility list based on their use of medical marijuana or that the patient has applied for and received a valid medical marijuana program identification card, unless a doctor determines, through an evaluation, that the use of medical marijuana is medically significant to the organ transplant.

AB 599 Bonilla (Chapter 300)
CLINICAL LABORATORIES: CYTOTECHNOLOGISTS

Expands the scope of practice of licensed cytotechnologists. Authorizes a licensed cytotechnologist to perform all tests and procedures pertaining to cytology, including microscopic and nonmicroscopic methodologies and tests and procedures that utilize molecular or genetic methodologies that are performed on cytologic specimens related to infectious disease or cancer diagnosis under a pathologist laboratory director to ensure the cytotechnologist's competency to perform and report tests using their expanded scope of practice.

AB 940 Ridley-Thomas (Chapter 341)
CLINICAL LABORATORIES

Allows a bioanalyst who is qualified under Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) to serve as a laboratory director in addition to the designated CLIA laboratory director in a laboratory performing high complexity testing. Allows an applicant for bioanalyst licensure to obtain the laboratory experience required for California licensure in an out-of-state laboratory certified under CLIA, rather than a laboratory approved by the California Department of Public Health only.

MISCELLANEOUS

Legislative and Governmental Affairs

AB 119 Committee on Budget (Chapter 17)
PUBLIC HEALTH: MEDI-CAL: NURSING FACILITIES

Implements provisions of the fiscal year 2015-16 State Budget as it pertains to the Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Assurance Fee.

AB 294

Lackey (Chapter 296)

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES: STATE PLANS: FEDERAL WAIVERS: PUBLIC NOTICE

Requires departments under the California Health and Human Services Agency who have submitted an approved operational state plan to a federal agency, or have been approved for a waiver from a federal law or federal regulation, to post a link to all approved plans and waivers on the homepage of the department's Internet website.

AB 731

Gallagher (Chapter 303)

MAINTENANCE OF THE CODES

Makes technical, non-substantive changes to various sections of the California Code. These changes effectuate the recommendation of the Legislative Counsel necessary for maintenance of the codes. The following sections apply to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

- Section 26 makes grammatical, non-substantive changes to the Civil Code Section which establishes penalties for the negligent disclosure of medical information.
- Section 341 makes grammatical, non-substantive changes to the section of the Health and Safety Code (HSC) which sets out criminal penalties for the removing, selling, or disposing of an embargoed food, drug, device, or cosmetic, or the purchase or sale of foreign dangerous drug or medical devices.
- Section 342 makes grammatical, non-substantive changes to the section of HSC which requires that CDPH establish regulations regarding minimum standards for the sanitation of public beaches, including, but not limited to, the removal of refuse.
- Section 343 repeals a duplicate section of HSC which states that the Safe Drinking Water Act shall apply to a food facility that is regulated pursuant to the California Retail Food Code only if the human consumption includes drinking of water.
- Section 347 makes grammatical, non-substantive changes to and updates a cross reference in the section of HSC that includes specific requirements for the distribution and inventory of influenza vaccines.

- Section 348 makes grammatical, non-substantive changes to the section of HSC which sets out specific procedures when an individual is exposed to a communicable disease within a health care setting.
- Section 349 adds the word “federal” to the section of HSC which requires CDPH to post educational information, in accordance with the latest recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, regarding influenza disease and the availability of influenza vaccinations on the department’s Internet website.
- Section 350 makes grammatical, non-substantive changes to the HSC which outlines confidentiality and disclosure standards for public health information on patients with HIV/AIDS.
- Section 388 makes grammatical, non-substantive changes to the Penal Code (PEN) which sets criminal penalties and fines for the illegal sale of tobacco products to minors.
- Section 408 updates department and division names in the section of PEN which authorizes the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to adopt and amend rules establishing minimum standards for training of peace officers.

AB 775

Chiu (Chapter 700)

REPRODUCTIVE FACT ACT

Enacts the Reproductive Freedom, Accountability, Comprehensive Care, and Transparency Act. Requires clinics and other facilities that provide family planning or pregnancy-related services to provide notices to clients informing them that California has public programs that provide immediate free or low-cost access to comprehensive family planning services, prenatal care, and abortion for eligible women.

AB 1532

Committee on Local Government (Chapter 114)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: OMNIBUS

Makes technical, non-substantive changes to various sections of California Code. Updates references to health care districts, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). Deletes references to the California Medical Assistance Commission, which was eliminated in 2012, were deleted.

- Amends Section 56131.5 of the Government Code to update references to health care districts, the CDPH and DHCS. This section also deletes references to the California Medical Assistance Commission, which was eliminated in 2012.

SB 75 Committee on Budget (Chapter 18)
HEALTH

Implements the provisions of the State Budget for fiscal year 2015-16, as it pertains to programs administered by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

- States legislative intent that CDPH continue to consider ways to reduce long-term care (LTC) complaint investigation timelines to less than 60 days with a goal of meeting a 45 day timeline.
- Allows clinical laboratories to include in their quality control program alternative quality testing procedures recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, including equivalent quality control procedures until December 31, 2015, or an Individual Quality Control Plan, commencing January 1, 2016.
- Requires CDPH to complete LTC complaint investigations following timelines set below:
 - Immediate Jeopardy violations received on or after July 1, 2016: within 90 days of receipt, with a 60 day extension for extenuating circumstances.
 - All other LTC complaints received on or after July 1, 2017 and prior to July 1, 2018: within 90 days of receipt, with a 90 day extension for extenuating circumstances.
 - All LTC complaints received on or after July 1, 2018: within 60 days of receipt, with a 60 day extension for extenuating circumstances.
 - Requires any citation associated with a complaint investigation to be issued within 30 days of completing the complaint investigation.
 - Requires CDPH to notify the facility and complainant if any, if an investigation regarding a hospital adverse event or immediate jeopardy complaint is not completed in the timeframe required by statute.
 - Requires CDPH to report on an annual basis, in the Licensing and Certification (L&C) Fee Report, data on the department's compliance with the complaint investigation completion timelines set by this law. Beginning in the 2018-19 November estimate, require L&C to report on the feasibility of further reducing the complaint investigation timeframes.
 - Requires CDPH to increase the licensing fee for skilled nursing facilities to generate \$400,000 for the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program to fund activities associated with complaint investigations.
- Requires health plans to accept the state-mandated fee for Prenatal Screening and to prohibit health plans from requiring copayment,

coinsurance, deductible, or any other form of cost sharing for this service.

- Authorizes the deposit of awards to CDPH pursuant to court orders or settlements for food safety related activities, into the Food Safety Fund.
- Allows CDPH to purchase sterile hypodermic needles and syringes, and other supplies, for distribution to authorized syringe exchange programs.
- Changes the eligibility requirements for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program and Office of AIDS-Health Insurance Premium Payment Program to set eligibility requirements, using modified adjusted gross income, to 500 percent of the federal poverty level based on family size and household income. Allows data sharing between CDPH and Franchise Tax Board for purposes of determining eligibility.
- Establishes a three-year Hepatitis C Linkage to Care demonstration program to allow for the provision of evidence-based approaches to provide outreach, screening, and linkage to and retention in care for vulnerable, high-risk populations.
- Changes the name of the Office of Problem and Pathological Gambling to the Office of Problem Gambling in Welfare and Institutions Code.
- Permanently establishes the California Gambling Education and Treatment Services program within the CDPH Office of Problem Gambling and aligns the program with the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition.

SB 82

Committee on Budget (Chapter 23)

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Removes the requirement that an intermediate care facilities/developmentally disabled (ICF/DD) or ICF/DD-habilitative facility that uses delayed egress and secured perimeters be certified for Medi-Cal funding and reduce the facility bed count to no more than six beds, except if it is a locked facility for persons who are determined to be incompetent to stand trial. The California Department of Public Health approval would no longer be required for the installation and utilization of delayed egress and secured perimeters.

SB 84 Committee on Budget (Chapter 25)
STATE GOVERNMENT

Creates the Regional Railroad and Surface Transportation Accident Preparedness and Immediate Response Force within the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and sets out its duties. The Response Force will consist of representatives from 16 State departments and government entities with emergency response authorities, including the California Department of Public Health.

SB 102 Committee on Budget (Chapter 323)
STATE GOVERNMENT

Adds Budget Item 4170-101-3098 to the Budget Act of 2015 and annually appropriates \$400,000 from the California Department of Public Health Licensing and Certification Program Fund to the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness

AB 361 Achadjian (Chapter 399)
CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY SERVICES ACT: NUCLEAR POWERPLANTS

Extends the sunset date of the Nuclear Planning Assessment Special Account from July 1, 2019 to August 26, 2025, to continue funding emergency planning programs for the Diablo Canyon Power Plant.

AB 1149 Wood (Chapter 93)
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES: FUNDING

Adds trade associations (local health jurisdictions, hospitals, long-term health care facilities, clinics, emergency medical systems, and poison control centers) to the list of entities that are eligible to receive federal funding, that has been allocated to the California Department of Public Health for public health preparedness and response.

SB 494 Hill (Chapter 799)
EMERGENCY SERVICES: SEISMIC SAFETY AND EARTHQUAKE-RELATED PROGRAMS

Creates the California Earthquake Safety Fund to prepare for, respond to, and recover from earthquake-related disasters to receive all-hazards federal grants: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant, which supports state and local

health departments; and, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response Hospital Preparedness Program grant, which provides funds for hospitals, clinics, other healthcare facilities, and emergency medical services.

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AB 49	Mullin	Livestock drugs: antibiotics	Two-year bill	
AB 50	Mullin	Medi-Cal: evidence-based home visiting programs	Vetoed	
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AB 159	Calderon	Investigational drugs, biological products, and devices	Vetoed	
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AB 170	Gatto	Newborn screening: genetic diseases: blood samples collected	Two-year bill	
AB 172	Rodriguez	Emergency departments: assaults and batteries	Vetoed	
AB 176	Bonta	Data collection	GUT/AMEND Not applicable to CDPH	
AB 216	Garcia	Product sales to minors: vapor products	Signed	4
AB 226	Atkins	Retail food safety: fishermen's markets	Signed	7
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AB 243	Wood	Medical marijuana	Signed	7
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AB 270	Nazarian	Specialized license plates: diabetes awareness	Two-year bill	
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AB 333	Melendez	Pupil health: automated external defibrillators	GUT/AMEND Not applicable to CDPH	
AB 348	Brown	Long-term health care facilities: complaints: investigations	Two-year bill	
AB 361	Achadian	Nuclear powerplants	Signed	21
AB 376	Lopez	CalWORKs eligibility: immunizations	Vetoed	
AB 383	Gipson	Public health: hepatitis C	Two-year bill	
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AB 410	Obernolte	Reports submitted to legislative committees	Vetoed	
AB 414	Chavez	Office of Rural Health	Two-year bill	
AB 444	Gipson	Health facilities: epidural and external feeding connectors	Signed	10
AB 455	Bigelow	Groundwater sustainability plans: environmental impact reports	Two-year bill	
AB 474	Brown	Public social services	Two-year bill	
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AB 485	Williams	Personal income taxes: voluntary contributions: Prevention of Animal Homelessness and Cruelty Fund	Signed	14
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AB 508	Garcia	Public health: maternal care	Two-year bill	
AB 517	Gallagher	The California Comprehensive Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Act: educational materials	Two-year bill	
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AB 599	Bonilla	Clinical laboratories: cytotechnologists	Signed	16
AB 601	Eggman	Residential care facilities for the elderly: licensing and regulation	Signed	10
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AB 745	Chau	Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission	Vetoed	
AB 757	Gomez	Healing arts: clinical laboratories	Vetoed	
AB 766	Ridley-Thomas	Public School Health Center Support Program	Two-year bill	

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AB 788	Chu	Pharmacy	GUT/AMEND Not applicable to CDPH	
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AB 838	Brough	Recovery houses	Two-year bill	
AB 848	Stone	Alcoholism and drug abuse treatment facilities	Signed	
AB 850	Ridley-Thomas	Employment: hospitals: virulent aerosol transmissible diseases	Two-year bill	
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AB 990	Bonilla	Women's Health	GUT/AMEND No applicable to CDPH	

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AB 1117	Garcia	Medi-Cal: vaccination rates	Two-year bill	
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AB 1396	Bonta	Public health finance	Two year bill	
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AB 1432	Bonta	Drug and alcohol abuse programs	GUT/AMEND Not applicable to CDPH	
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AB 1441	Gray	Gambling: sports wagering	Two- year bill	
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SB 423	Bates	Retail nonprescription surplus products: determinations for reuse	Two-year bill	
SB 447	Allen	Medi-Cal: enrollment applications	Two-year bill	
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SB 494	Hill	Emergency services: seismic safety and earthquake-related programs	Signed	21
SB 538	Block	Naturopathic doctors	GUT/AMEND No applicable to CDPH	
SB 547	Liu	Long-term care: Assistant Secretary of Aging and Long-term Care: Department of Community Living	Two-year bill	
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SB 588	De Leon	Employment: nonpayment of wages: Labor Commissioner: judgment enforcement	Signed	12
SB 591	Pan	Cigarette and tobacco products taxes: California Tobacco Tax Act of 2015	Two-year bill	
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SB 672	Hernandez	Certified records of live birth: homeless persons: fees	GUT/AMEND No applicable to CDPH	
SB 675	Liu	Hospitals: family caregivers	Signed	13
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SB 715	Anderson	Investigational drugs, biological products, or devices: right to try	Two-year bill	
SB 720	Mitchell	Health facilities: facility physical plants	Two-year bill	
SB 729	Wieckowski	Consumer complaints	Two-year bill	
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ABX2 15	Eggman	End of Life	Center for Health Statistics and Informatics



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

OCT 9 2015

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

Unregulated marijuana cultivation poses one of the greatest threats to our fish and wildlife in the state.

AB 243 sets California on a new path for responsible marijuana cultivation, but the damage to our ecosystem is occurring today. I am directing the Natural Resources Agency to identify projects to begin the restoration of our most impacted areas in the state.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

OCT 9 2015

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

Assembly Bill 243, Assembly Bill 266, and Senate Bill 643, establish a long-overdue comprehensive regulatory framework for the production, transportation, and sale of medical marijuana.

While many of these new standards take effect in January 1, 2018, state agencies will begin working immediately with experts and stakeholders on crafting clear guidelines, so local government, law enforcement, businesses, patients and health providers can prepare and adapt to the new regulated system.

This new structure will make sure patients have access to medical marijuana, while ensuring a robust tracking system. This sends a clear and certain signal to our federal counterparts that California is implementing robust controls not only on paper, but in practice.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

OCT 10 2015

To the Members of the California State Senate:

SB 27 addresses an urgent public health problem. The science is clear that the overuse of antibiotics in livestock has contributed to the spread of antibiotic resistance and the undermining of decades of life-saving advances in medicine.

Recently, American poultry producers have shown leadership by voluntarily committing to better husbandry practices and eliminating the subtherapeutic use of antibiotics. This is an example that the rest of the livestock industry should follow.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

June 30, 2015

To the Members of the California State Senate:

SB 277 has occasioned widespread interest and controversy – with both proponents and opponents expressing their positions with eloquence and sincerity. After carefully reviewing the materials and arguments that have been presented, I have decided to sign this bill.

The science is clear that vaccines dramatically protect children against a number of infectious and dangerous diseases. While it's true that no medical intervention is without risk, the evidence shows that immunization powerfully benefits and protects the community.

The Legislature, after considerable debate, specifically amended SB 277, to exempt a child from immunizations whenever the child's physician concludes that there are "circumstances, including but not limited to, family medical history, for which the physician does not recommend immunization..."

Thus, SB 277, while requiring that school children be vaccinated, explicitly provides an exception when a physician believes that circumstances – in the judgement and sound discretion of the physician – so warrant.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

OCT 5 2015

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

ABx2 15 is not an ordinary bill because it deals with life and death. The crux of the matter is whether the State of California should continue to make it a crime for a dying person to end his life, no matter how great his pain or suffering.

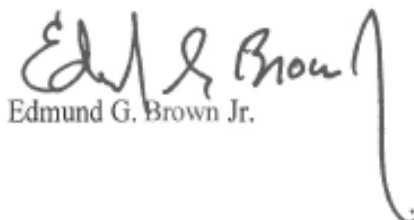
I have carefully read the thoughtful opposition materials presented by a number of doctors, religious leaders and those who champion disability rights. I have considered the theological and religious perspectives that any deliberate shortening of one's life is sinful.

I have also read the letters of those who support the bill, including heartfelt pleas from Brittany Maynard's family and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. In addition, I have discussed this matter with a Catholic Bishop, two of my own doctors and former classmates and friends who take varied, contradictory and nuanced positions.

In the end, I was left to reflect on what I would want in the face of my own death.

I do not know what I would do if I were dying in prolonged and excruciating pain. I am certain, however, that it would be a comfort to be able to consider the options afforded by this bill. And I wouldn't deny that right to others.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.

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AB 745	Chau	Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission	Office of Health Equity
AB 757	Gomez	Clinical laboratories	Lab Field Services
AB 1162	Holden	Medi-Cal: tobacco cessation	Chronic Disease and Injury Control
AB 1261	Burke	Community-based adult services: adult day health care centers	Licensing and Certification
AB 1526	Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System survey: caregiver module	Chronic Disease and Injury Control
SB 291	Lara	Pupil health: drinking water	Office of Health Equity
SB 334	Leyva	Pupil health: drinking water	Environmental and Occupational Disease Control/Environmental Management



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

OCT 10 2015

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning the following six bills without my signature;

Assembly Bill 50
Assembly Bill 858
Assembly Bill 1162
Assembly Bill 1231
Assembly Bill 1261
Senate Bill 610

These bills unnecessarily codify certain existing health care benefits or require the expansion or development of new benefits and procedures in the Medi-Cal program.

Taken together, these bills would require new spending at a time when there is considerable uncertainty in the funding of this program. Until the fiscal outlook for Medi-Cal is stabilized, I cannot support any of these measures.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

OCT 10 2015

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 80 without my signature.

This bill would establish the Interagency Task Force on the Status of Boys and Men of Color.

How state policy can be tailored to promote the well-being of boys and men of color is profoundly important. These issues, however, are best addressed through concrete actions, not another non-binding commission. The Legislature and the Administration are working on the critical issues raised by this bill, such as the Local Control Funding Formula, healthcare expansion and criminal justice reform. Much more can be done, and I am committed to advancing this work.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

OCT 10 2015

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 172 without my signature.

This bill would increase from six months to one year in county jail the maximum punishment for assault or battery of a healthcare worker inside an emergency department.

Emergency rooms are overcrowded and often chaotic. I have great respect for the work done by emergency room staff and I recognize the daunting challenges they face every day. If there were evidence that an additional six months in county jail (three months, once good-time credits are applied) would enhance the safety of these workers or serve as a deterrent, I would sign this bill. I doubt that it would do either.

We need to find more creative ways to protect the safety of these critical workers. This bill isn't the answer.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

OCT 11 2015

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 376 without my signature.

This bill would allow counties to use the California Immunization Registry to verify that immunization requirements for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids program have been met prior to requesting this information from applicants. Counties already have access to this Registry and many already use it. Accordingly, this bill is unnecessary.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

OCT 1 2015

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 410 without my signature.

This bill requires the Department of Finance to post on its website all approved Budget Change Proposals and requires all state agencies to post on their website any report it submits to a committee of the legislature.

I share the author's belief in governmental transparency, but existing law already requires departments to post legislatively mandated reports online. Moreover, in January, the Department of Finance will have up and running a dedicated website for all approved Budget Change Proposals.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

OCT 11 2015

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 521 without my signature.

This bill would mandate hospitals to offer an HIV test to consenting patients who have blood drawn after being admitted through the emergency department.

This bill is not the best approach to identifying those who are undiagnosed with HIV. The demographics of patients targeted by this bill do not match the demographics of the population at risk for exposure to HIV infection. In addition, hospitals are not appropriately staffed nor are they the place to provide counseling, routine preventive screenings, or follow-up care for sensitive HIV testing. Limited resources would be better spent supporting outreach and education activities by existing providers which have the staff and training for HIV testing and follow-up care.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

OCT 10 2015

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 745 without my signature.

This bill would add an additional member to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission with experience in supportive housing.

While supportive housing can help improve the lives of those with serious mental illness, I believe that the current commission -- with sixteen members -- is adequate to the task.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

SEP 30 2015

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 757 without my signature.

This bill would allow unlicensed personnel to perform a total protein refractometer test designed to monitor the protein level of plasma donors.

Failure to perform and report this test accurately could lead to serious health consequences for the donor. The California Department of Public Health does not believe that the standards outlined in the bill for persons to perform this test ensure the health and safety of plasma donors.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

OCT 7 2015

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1526 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Public Health to include questions from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Caregiver Module in its annual public health survey.

The department already has a process to determine the questions to be included in the survey each year. This law bypassed that process, and for that reason I am vetoing it.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

OCT 7 2015

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 291 without my signature.

This bill would amend the definition of "vulnerable communities" for the Office of Health Equity in the California Department of Public Health to include individuals who have experienced trauma related to genocide. The bill would also require the Department of Public Health as well as the Department of Health Care Services to involve these communities in their stakeholder work.

The definition of "vulnerable communities" already includes people with mental health conditions, immigrants and refugees. No additional authority is necessary to ensure that both of these departments continue to consider the needs of all those who have suffered trauma related to genocide.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.

California State Senate



**SENATOR
RICARDO LARA**

October 12, 2015

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Veto Message for SB 291 (Lara) – Trauma Related to Genocide

Dear Governor Brown,

The introduction of SB 291 – Trauma Related to Genocide, was borne out of a sincere effort to address a real public health issue. As a representative of Long Beach and the Southeast Los Angeles communities, my district includes constituents who fled from countries with serious incidents of violence and psychological trauma. For decades, my residents have lived in the district with their trauma untreated creating multigenerational health issues.

In your veto message you wrote that “no additional authority” is needed to ensure that mental health services are provided to immigrant and refugee communities. While I agree that the definition of vulnerable communities does include some people with mental health conditions, I also know that those who suffer from trauma related to genocide endure unique challenges that are not specifically outlined in statute. We understand that the opportunity also exists for departments to consider the needs of immigrants with psychological trauma. Despite the department’s authority, health disparities are still prevalent in immigrant and refugee communities who have been advocating for programs and support for years. SB 291 could have been an opportunity to not only recognize their unique issues statutorily but also provide direction to departments to prevent future gaps in outreach and service delivery.

I recognize that legislation is not the only means of affecting change or progress. As the trauma of residents who come from war-torn countries continues to persist, and more refugees are expected to come to California in the coming months, I believe it is in the best interest of our statewide health to continue to advocate on behalf of these groups. Accordingly, I ask for your assistance and guidance on how best to engage and involve our groups in future mental health conversations, because our intentions have always been and remain to work with the departments to address health disparities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ricardo Lara", written over a printed name and title.

RICARDO LARA
Senator, 33rd District
Chair, California Appropriations Committee

Cc: Deputy Legislative Secretary Donna Campbell



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

OCT 9 2015

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 334 without my signature.

This bill requires a school district that has a drinking water source that does not meet the Environmental Protection Agency's drinking water standards to provide alternative drinking water to their students.

I agree that all California students should have access to safe drinking water but this bill creates a state mandate of uncertain but possibly very large magnitude.

As our first order of business, local schools should understand the nature of their water quality problem, if there is one. Accordingly, I am directing the State Water Resources Control Board to work with school districts and local public water systems to incorporate water quality testing in schools as part of their lead and copper rule. School districts should utilize this information to ensure all students are provided safe water.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.