



CalTravel 2018 Legislative Outcomes

10.1.18

- **AB 1217 (Santiago): Alcoholic beverage licenses: historic cemetery – Support**
This bill authorizes the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to issue a special on-sale general license to the operator of a specified forprofit cemetery (Hollywood Forever Cemetery).
Status: Signed into law by Governor Brown.
- **AB 1335 (Bonta): Sugar-sweetened beverages: safety warnings - Oppose**
Establishes the Sugar-Sweetened Beverages (SSB) Safety Warning Act, and requires a safety warning on all sealed sugar-sweetened beverage containers, as specified. Requires the safety warning label to be posted in a place that is easily visible at the point-of-purchase of an establishment.
Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee, this bill is dead for the year.
- **AB 1761 (Muratsuchi): Panic Buttons for Hotel Workers – Oppose**
This bill would require a hotel employer to provide its employees, who work alone in a guest room, with a panic button to summon immediate assistance when activated. The bill would also require a hotel employer to provide paid time off to an employee who is the victim of assault to contact the police, a counselor, or an attorney. Last, this bill would require hotels to post a specified notice in each guestroom regarding these provisions. This bill is no longer considered a “Job Killer” by CalChamber since the blacklist provision was removed, but they still oppose the bill.
Status: Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee, this bill is dead for the year.
- **AB 1766 (Maienschein): Swimming pools: public safety – Support**
Requires public swimming pools that are required to provide lifeguard services and that charge a direct fee to additionally provide an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) during pool operations, and requires the Department of Education (CDE), in consultation with the Department of Public Health (DPH), to issue best practices guidelines related to pool safety at K - 12 schools, as specified, and exempts a volunteer, person, or entity that acquires an AED for emergency care from liability for any civil damages resulting from the rendering of emergency care by use of the AED.
Status: Signed into law by Governor Brown.
- **AB 1867 (Reyes): Employment discrimination: sexual harassment: records – Neutral**

This bill would require an employer with 50 or more employees to maintain internal complaint records of employee complaints of sexual harassment for a minimum of 5 years after the date of termination of employment of the accused (a previous version of the bill stated records would need to be maintained for 10 years). The bill would authorize the department to seek an order requiring an employer that violates this recordkeeping requirement to comply. Language attached. Business community removed their opposition due to recent amendments that reduced the time in which employers need to retain documents.

Status: Vetoed by Governor Brown.

- **AB 1870 (Reyes): Employment discrimination: unlawful employment practices – Oppose**

This bill would extend the period to 3 years for which complaints alleging unlawful employment or housing practices may be filed with the department of Fair Employment and Housing. CalChamber is opposed to this bill.

Status: Vetoed by Governor Brown.

- **AB 1884 (Calderon): Single Use Plastic Straws – Watch**

This bill has been recently amended to only apply to “full-service restaurant(s)” this means an establishment with the primary business purpose of serving food, where food may be consumed on the premises, and where all of the following actions are taken by an employee of the establishment. Under this bill, a full-service restaurant shall not provide a single-use plastic straw to a consumer unless requested by the consumer.

Status: Signed into law by Governor Brown.

- **AB 1918 (E. Garcia): Office of Sustainable Outdoor Recreation – Watch**

This bill would establish the Office of Sustainable Outdoor Recreation in the California Natural Resources Agency with the goal of promoting economic development and job growth in the outdoor recreation economy of the state, among other things. Senate Appropriations estimated the ongoing costs to enact the bill of approximately \$200,000 annually (GF or special fund). VisitCalifornia's participation in the advisory committee remains optional.

Status: Vetoed by Governor Brown.

- **AB 1976 (Limón): Lactation accommodation – Neutral**

This bill would require an employer to make reasonable efforts to provide an employee with use of a room or other location, other than a bathroom to express milk. Recent amendments now include a hardship exemption, and the business community has removed their opposition and most of those that were previously opposed now support the bill.

Status: Signed into law by Governor Brown.

- **AB 2770 (Irwin): Privileged communications: communications by former employer: sexual harassment – Support**

This bill Codifies case law to ensure victims of sexual harassment and employers are not sued for defamation by the alleged harasser when a complaint of sexual harassment is made and the employer conducts its internal investigation. This bill also provides additional protections to employers by expressly allowing employers to inform potential employers about the sexual harassment investigation and findings.

Status: Signed into law by Governor Brown.

- **AB 2779 (Stone): Recycling: single-use plastic beverage container caps – Oppose**

This bill would prohibit a retailer, on and after an unspecified date, from selling or offering for sale a single-use plastic beverage container with a cap that is not tethered to or contiguously affixed to the beverage container that is one liter or less.

Status: This bill failed to pass the Assembly floor, it is dead for the year.

- **AB 2873 (Low): Personal Vehicle Sharing Act - Watch**

This bill would declare that personal vehicle sharing programs (PVSPs) are prohibited from allowing any vehicle on the road that is subject to a manufacturer's safety recall.

Status: Signed into law by Governor Brown.

- **AB 3081 (Gonzalez Fletcher) – Employment: sexual harassment - Oppose**

This bill went through several revisions during the legislative process but in its final narrowed form on the Governor's desk, the bill would expand joint liability to all employment related harassment claims, not just sexual harassment complaints.

Status: Vetoed by Governor Brown.

- **SB 518 (Berryhill): Sport fishing licenses: 12 consecutive month licenses – Support**

This bill, in addition to sport fishing licenses for the periods specified above, would require a sport fishing license to be issued to a resident or nonresident for the period of 12 consecutive months, upon payment of a fee that is equal to 130% of the fees for issuance of resident or nonresident calendar-year licenses, as applicable.

Status: Assembly Floor, inactive file – this bill is dead for the year.

- **SB 905 (Wiener): Alcoholic beverages: hours of sale - Support**

This bill would allow, but not require, the cities of Coachella, Cathedral City, San Francisco, Oakland, Palm Springs, Los Angeles, Sacramento, West Hollywood, and Long Beach to extend sales of alcohol at bars, nightclubs, and restaurants (but not liquor stores) to as late as 4 a.m. This bill would be a pilot program commencing on January 1, 2021, until January 1, 2026.

Status: Vetoed by Governor Brown.

- **SB 937 (Wiener): Lactation accommodation – Oppose**

This bill would require new and remodeled construction (at least 15,000 square feet of employee workspace if the project costs more than \$500,000) to contain a lactation room or location. The room must have electricity, place to sit, access to running water, sink, refrigerator. The bill contains an option to apply for a hardship exemption for those with 5 or fewer employees through the Labor Commissioner. Chamber has an oppose unless amended position, they are seeking amendments to address the technicalities in the bill, like space limitations, and requirements. Fiscal costs estimated to be ongoing annual costs of approximately \$200,000.

Status: Vetoed by Governor Brown.

- **SB 951 (Mitchell): Taxes: credits: motion pictures: Legislative Analyst's Office report – Support**

A prior version of the bill contained language to extend the film tax credit, and it now contains language pertaining to the Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) study. The extension of the film tax credit was adopted in the state budget. Current law requires the LAO to prepare a report on the effectiveness of the tax credit. This bill now requires the LAO's office to prepare the report on or before January 1, 2023 to align with the extension of the tax credit.

Status: Assembly Floor, inactive file – this bill is dead for the year.

- **SB 970 (Atkins): Employment: human trafficking awareness – Support**

This bill would amend FEHA to require specified employers to provide at least 20 minutes of prescribed training and education regarding human trafficking awareness to employees who are likely to interact or come into contact with victims of human trafficking, as defined. The bill would establish a schedule for compliance commencing January 1, 2020. The bill would require the Department of Fair Employment and Housing, in the case of an employer violation of the bill's requirements, to issue an order requiring compliance.

Status: Signed into law by Governor Brown.

- **SB 993 (Hertzberg): Sales tax services – Oppose**

This bill, beginning January 1, 2019, would expand the sales and use tax to impose a tax on services, excluding health care services. Funds collected will be used to provide tax relief to low and middle-income Californians. This bill requires a 2/3 vote in each house.

Status: This bill has been referred to the Senate Governance and Finance Committee for an additional informational hearing, a hearing date has not been set.

- **SB 1194 (Lara): Privacy: lodging carriers – Watch**

This bill would prohibit places of lodging and charter bus companies from disclosing information about guests and customers to third parties without a court-issued warrant, subpoena, or order, except to California peace officers. Business community is neutral on this bill.

Status: Signed into law by Governor Brown, but he has urged the author to committee to enact clean-up language.

- **SB 1311 (Berryhill): Fishing and hunting: annual sportsman's licenses - Support**
This bill would create the annual sportsman's license that affords the holder of the license the same privileges as the annual hunting and fishing licenses but that is valid for a term of one year from July 1 to June 30, inclusive, or, if issued after the beginning of that term, for the remainder of the term. The bill would limit the issuance of these licenses to residents and would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife to issue these licenses upon payment of an unspecified fee. The bill would require the fee to be adjusted annually pursuant to a specified index.
Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, this bill is dead for the year.
- **SB 1343 (Mitchell): Employers: sexual harassment training: requirements - Watch**
This bill would reduce the sexual harassment training requirement threshold from employers with 50 or more employees to employers with five or more employees. This bill would also expand the number of employees who are required to attend the training from supervisory employees to all employees, with supervisors required to be trained for two hours and non-supervisory employees trained for one hour. The training must be provided within six months of the employee being hired and once every two years.
Status: Signed into law by Governor Brown.