



Legislative Update

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The California Legislature reconvened January 4 for the second year of the 2011-2012 legislative session. With the start of this year's session, legislators have an opportunity to introduce new bills, as well as take action on bills that were introduced, but not passed, in 2011. There are several tobacco-related bills from 2011 that could be acted on by their authors including SB 575 to expand smokefree indoor workplaces, AB 1301 to increase penalties for selling tobacco products to minors and SB 331 to restrict tobacco retailers near schools. For those 2011 bills that have not yet passed their house of origin, they will face an accelerated timeline and need to be passed by their house of origin by January 31. Bills from 2011 that have already passed their house of origin, such as SB 575, would follow the normal legislative schedule. The deadline for introducing new bills is February 24.

Below is a brief outline of the key legislative dates and deadlines for 2012:

January 4 – Legislature reconvenes
January 10 – Deadline for Governor to submit 2012-2013 budget
January 31 – Deadline for bills introduced in 2011 to pass house of origin
February 24 – Deadline for introducing new bills
Mid-May – Governor submits May Revise to 2012-2013 budget
June 1 – Deadline for bills to pass house of origin
June 15 – Deadline to pass 2012-2013 budget
June 30 – Deadline for Governor to sign 2012-2013 budget
August 29 – Deadline for legislature to pass bills
September 30 – Deadline for Governor to sign or veto bills

The Center's [Bill Tracker](#) can be used to track all bills throughout the 2012 legislative session. The Bill Tracker contains full summaries, status updates and other information about all bills introduced in 2011 and will be updated with new bills for 2012 as they are introduced.

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Sources: Copies of the legislation outlined above and vote information may be obtained at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov>.

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