



Governor Takes Action on Tobacco-Related Bills

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September 30 was the deadline for Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to act on all bills passed by the California Legislature prior to the end of the 2010 legislative session. There were four tobacco-related bills awaiting action by the Governor, and he signed three bills into law and vetoed one bill.

The three bills that the Governor signed into law were AB 2496 (Nava – D, Santa Barbara), which reduces evasion of MSA payments and cigarette tax payments; AB 2733 (Ruskin – D, Redwood City), which makes changes to the state tobacco retailer licensing law; and SB 882 (Corbett – D, San Leandro), which makes sales of electronic cigarettes to minors illegal. These bills will go into effect on January 1, 2011, except for SB 882 which went into effect immediately because it was classified as an urgency measure.

The one bill that the Governor vetoed was SB 220 (Yee – D, San Francisco), which would have required all health insurance policies to cover tobacco cessation services. The veto message with the Governor's full explanation is attached.

Full summaries of these bills are available on the Center's [Bill Tracker](#). The Center will soon be sending out a Tobacco Vote Record for the 2010 legislative session, which will show how all the legislators voted on the tobacco-related bills.

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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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