



State Policy Update

## Legislative Week in Review (August 16-20)

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There is now a little more than one week left in the California Legislature's 2010 legislative session. Below is the *Legislative Week in Review* for the week of August 16-20. During this week, three bills were amended and two bills received floor votes by the Senate. SB 882 has now been passed by both the Senate and the Assembly and will be sent to the Governor. The other three remaining tobacco-related bills have until August 31 to be passed by both the Assembly and the Senate. Visit the Center's [Bill Tracker](#) for daily updates on legislative activity during the final weeks of session.

### **AB 2496: Reducing Evasion of MSA Payments and Cigarette Tax Payments (Nava – D, Santa Barbara)**

Legislative Activity: AB 2496 was amended to make technical changes on August 18.

Next Step: AB 2496 has been sent to the Senate floor where it will receive a vote by the full Senate.

### **AB 2733: Making Changes to State Tobacco Retailer Licensing Law (Ruskin – D, Redwood City)**

Legislative Activity: AB 2733 was amended to make technical changes on August 18. On August 20, the bill was passed by the full Senate by a vote of 30-1.

Next Step: AB 2733 has been sent back to the Assembly because the bill was amended while in the Senate. The Assembly will need to vote on the bill again as both houses need to pass an identical version of the bill.

### **SB 220: Requiring Health Insurance Policies to Cover Tobacco Cessation Services (Yee – D, San Francisco)**

Legislative Activity: SB 220 was amended on August 20. The legislation would now require health plans and health insurance policies to cover two courses of cessation treatment in a one-year period, which can include counseling or FDA-approved medication.

Next Step: SB 220 has been sent to the Assembly floor where it will receive a vote by the full Assembly.

### **SB 882: Making Sales of Electronic Cigarettes to Minors Illegal (Corbett – D, San Leandro)**

Legislative Activity: SB 882 was passed by the full Senate on August 19 by a vote of 35-0.

Next Step: SB 882 will be sent to the Governor who can sign the bill into law, veto it or allow it to become law without his signature.

For full summaries of these bills and to see how legislators voted, visit the Center's Bill Tracker at [www.Center4TobaccoPolicy.org/bills](http://www.Center4TobaccoPolicy.org/bills).

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