

Legislative Week in Review (August 2-6)

August 9, 2010

The California Legislature reconvened on Monday, August 2 after the legislature's summer recess. There is less than one month remaining in the 2010 legislative session as all bills must be passed by both the Assembly and the Senate and sent to the Governor by August 31.

There are four tobacco-related bills that continue to move forward in the legislative process. Below is the *Legislative Week in Review* for the week of August 2-6, which is a summary of the legislative activity that occurred on the remaining tobacco-related bills and the next step for each bill. For full summaries of these bills and to see how legislators voted, visit the Center's Bill Tracker at www.Center4TobaccoPolicy.org/bills.

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

Legislative Activity: The scheduled hearing for AB 2496 before the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 2 was postponed by the Committee.

Next Step: AB 2496 has been scheduled for a hearing before the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 9.

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

Legislative Activity: AB 2733 was sent from the Senate Appropriations Committee to the Senate floor. Because the bill does not appropriate money or cause a reduction in revenues, the bill was reported to the Senate without a vote in the Appropriations Committee.

Next Step: AB 2733 has been sent to the Senate floor where it will receive a vote by the full Senate.

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

Legislative Activity: SB 220 was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file. The legislation will be held on the suspense file until the Committee has a hearing to determine which bills make it off of the suspense file and move forward in the legislative process. There are many factors involved in determining which bills make it off of the suspense file including the cost of the bill, support of leadership and how high a priority the bill is for the member.

Next Step: SB 220 has been scheduled for a suspense file hearing before the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 12.

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

Legislative Activity: SB 882 was passed by the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 17-0 on August 4.

Next Step: SB 882 has been sent to the Assembly floor where it will receive a vote by the full Assembly.

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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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