



Legislative Update

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The 2011 legislative session of the California Legislature will end on September 9. Three tobacco-related bills made it through to the last month of the legislative session and all three bills have now been passed by both the Assembly and the Senate. Two bills have already been signed into law by the Governor and the third bill will be sent to the Governor soon. Below are the full details on legislative activity on these three bills and the timeline for next steps by the Governor.

AB 795: Strengthening Enforcement of Tobacco Policies at State Colleges and Universities (Block – D, San Diego)

Legislative Activity: AB 795 was passed by the full Senate on August 29 by a vote of 29-9. The bill was then sent back to the Assembly for another vote as the bill was amended while in the Senate. The full Assembly passed the bill on August 31 by a vote of 53-24.

Action by the Governor: The bill will now be sent to the Governor. Because the bill was passed at the end of the legislative session, the Governor will have until October 9 (30 days after the end of session) to sign the bill into law, veto the bill or allow the bill to become law without his signature.

SB 332: Authorizing Landlords to Prohibit Smoking in Rental Units (Padilla – D, San Fernando Valley)

Legislative Activity: SB 332 was passed by the full Senate on August 15 by a vote of 37-0 and sent to the Governor on August 22.

Action by the Governor: On September 6, the Governor signed SB 332 into law. The new law will go into effect on January 1, 2012.

SB 796: Creating Penalties for Delivering Prohibited Items in State Hospitals (Blakeslee – R, San Luis Obispo)

Legislative Activity: SB 796 was passed by the full Senate on August 22 by a vote of 34-0 and sent to the Governor on August 25.

Action by the Governor: On August 31, the Governor signed SB 796 into law. The new law will go into effect on January 1, 2012.

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