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Governor Vetoes AB 2344, Signs AB 3010

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger recently took action on the two tobacco-related bills that were sent to his desk by the California Legislature.

On Saturday, September 27, the Governor vetoed AB 2344, by Assembly Member Jim Beall (D – San Jose). This legislation would have required tobacco retailers to pay an annual \$185 fee when they renewed their state tobacco retailer license. The funds would have been used to pay for administration and enforcement of the state tobacco retailer license program. In his veto message, the Governor stated that it is not fair to increase fees on small retailers at this time and that there are surplus funds available from Proposition 10 to cover enforcement of the program. Here is a link to the full veto message, [AB 2344 Veto Message](#).

On Sunday, September 28, the Governor signed into law AB 3010, by Assembly Member Sam Blakeslee (R – San Luis Obispo). This bill authorizes the Director of the Department of Mental Health to prohibit smoking by patients and staff at any of the five state mental hospitals upon the request of the director of one of those hospitals. The legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2009.

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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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