



Legislative Week in Review (September 8-12)

September 14, 2009

The 2009 session of the California Legislature concluded in the early morning hours of September 12. During this final week of session, there was only legislative activity on one tobacco-related bill. SB 400, which would authorize the Department of Public Health to take enforcement action to stop the sale or distribution of electronic cigarettes, was passed by the full Senate and will now be sent to the Governor. The other three remaining tobacco-related bills that were active until this final week of session were not passed prior to the end of session. In general, all legislative activity is over for these bills. The authors of the legislation can pursue these same ideas through new legislation in the 2010 legislative session or in certain cases attempt to get the same bill passed through an accelerated timeline at the beginning of the 2010 session. For summaries of these bills and to see how legislators voted, visit the Center's Bill Tracker at www.Center4TobaccoPolicy.org/bills.

The following tobacco-related bills have been passed by the legislature:

AB 574: Prohibiting Smoking at Hospitals (Hill – D, San Mateo)

Status: AB 574 was sent to the Governor on September 2.

Next Step: The Governor has until October 11 to sign, veto or allow the bill to become law without his signature.

AB 625: Prohibiting Sale or Distribution of Novelty Lighters (Lieu – D, Torrance)

Status: AB 625 was sent to the Governor on September 2.

Next Step: The Governor has until October 11 to sign, veto or allow the bill to become law without his signature.

SB 400: Authorizing Enforcement Action Against Sales of Electronic Cigarettes (Corbett – D, San Leandro)

Status: SB 400 was passed by the Senate Health Committee by a vote of 9-2 on September 10. The bill was then passed by the full Senate by a vote of 24-14 on September 11 and will now be sent to the Governor.

Next Step: The Governor has until October 11 to sign, veto or allow the bill to become law without his signature.

The following tobacco-related bills were not passed by the legislature prior to the end of session:

SB 364: Prohibiting Cancer Center Leadership from also Holding a Leadership Position for a Tobacco Company (Florez – D, Shafter)

SB 600: Increasing the State Tobacco Tax (Padilla – D, San Fernando Valley)

SJR 8: Requesting the FDA to Prohibit Sales of Electronic Cigarettes until Proven Safe (Corbett – D, San Leandro)

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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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