

Legislative Week in Review (August 17-21)

August 24, 2009

The California Legislature reconvened on Monday, August 17 after the legislature's summer recess. There are now only three weeks left in the 2009 legislative session and all bills must be passed by both the Assembly and the Senate and sent to the Governor by September 11. During this final month of the legislative session, the Center will provide a weekly *Legislative Week in Review*. For more frequent updates, visit the Center's [Bill Tracker](#), which is updated daily as legislative activity occurs.

There are still seven tobacco-related bills that continue to move forward in the legislative process. During the summer recess, one tobacco-related bill was signed into law. On August 5, the Governor signed **SB 53: Authorizing the Attorney General to Negotiate Amendments to the Master Settlement Agreement (DeSaulnier – D, Concord)**. Below is a summary of the legislative activity that occurred on the remaining tobacco-related bills during the week of August 17-21 and the next step for each bill.

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

Legislative Activity: No activity this week.

Next Step: AB 574 has been sent to the Senate floor and is awaiting a vote by the full Senate.

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

Legislative Activity: No activity this week.

Next Step: AB 625 has been sent to the Senate floor and is awaiting a vote by the full Senate.

SB 4: Prohibiting Smoking in State Parks and State Beaches (Oropeza – D, Long Beach)

Legislative Activity: The Assembly Appropriations Committee passed SB 4 by a vote of 11-6 on August 19.

Next Step: SB 4 has been sent to the Assembly floor where it will receive a vote by the full Assembly.

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

Legislative Activity: SB 364 was amended on August 20. The language in the bill that prohibits an individual in a leadership position at a comprehensive cancer center from serving in a leadership position at a company that manufactures or sells tobacco products, a company that has violated controlled substances laws, or a biopharmaceutical company was amended to eliminate the prohibition related to biopharmaceutical companies.

Next Step: A hearing before the Assembly Appropriations Committee has been scheduled for August 27.

SB 400: Including Electronic Cigarettes in the Definition of a Tobacco Product (Corbett – D, San Leandro)

Legislative Activity: The Assembly Appropriations Committee passed SB 400 by a vote of 17-0 on August 19.

Next Step: SB 400 has been sent to the Assembly floor where it will receive a vote by the full Assembly.

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

Legislative Activity: No activity this week.

Next Step: SB 600 is being held in the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee suspense file and awaiting a suspense file hearing by the committee.

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

Legislative Activity: No activity this week.

Next Step: SJR 8 has been sent to the Assembly and is waiting to be referred to a committee.

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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