



## Legislative Week in Review (August 31- September 4)

September 8, 2009

The legislature has reached the final week of the 2009 legislative session. Two tobacco-related bills (AB 574, prohibiting smoking on hospital campuses, and AB 625, prohibiting distribution of novelty lighters) have completed their journey through the legislature and are now awaiting action by the Governor, who will have one month after the session ends on September 11 to sign or veto bills. Four other tobacco-related bills still have several steps left in the legislative process before they can be sent to the Governor. Two of these bills received a floor vote in the Assembly this past week. SB 400, which was amended, passed the full Assembly. This legislation would now authorize the Department of Public Health to take enforcement action to stop the sale or distribution of electronic cigarettes. SB 364, legislation to prohibit cancer center leadership from also holding a leadership position for a tobacco company, failed to pass the Assembly.

For daily updates on tobacco-related bills during this last week of session, visit the Center's [Bill Tracker](#). Below is a summary of the legislative activity that occurred on the remaining tobacco-related bills during the week of August 31 – September 4 and the next step for each bill.

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

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

Next Step: The Governor will have 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)**

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

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

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

Legislative Activity: SB 364 failed to pass the full Assembly by a vote of 25-38 on September 2.

Next Step: Bills that fail to pass the Assembly, can be granted reconsideration one time. This means it is possible that SB 364 could receive another floor vote in the Assembly.

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

Legislative Activity: SB 400 was amended on September 2. The legislation would now provide the Department of Public Health the authority to halt the sale or distribution of electronic cigarettes. SB 400 was passed by the full Assembly by a vote of 51-24 on September 2.

Next Step: The bill will now be sent back to the Senate because the Senate did not pass the same version of SB 400.

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

Legislative Activity: No legislative activity this week.

Next Step: The bill has been referred to the Senate Rules Committee where it awaits further action.

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

Legislative Activity: No legislative activity this week.

Next Step: SJR 8 is waiting to be scheduled for a hearing by the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee.

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

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