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Legislative Update

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Today at the Assembly Judiciary Committee hearing, Senator Alex Padilla (D-San Fernando Valley) pulled his legislation, **SB 1598 Authorizing Landlords to Prohibit Smoking in Rental Units**, from consideration by the Committee. Senator Padilla has decided to not move forward with SB 1598 and the bill will not see further legislative action in the 2008 legislative session. In his remarks, Senator Padilla explained that he had intended for this bill to provide ways to protect the health of tenants who are exposed to drifting secondhand smoke in apartments and that he will continue to work with stakeholders to find ways to do so. The major voluntary health organizations (American Lung Association of California, American Cancer Society and American Heart Association) recently took a position of "oppose, unless amended" because they believe the bill would have been weaker than existing law because the permanent grandfathering provision in the bill would have meant tenants would continue to suffer from secondhand smoke exposure.

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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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