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The Dictionary is a compilation of Assembly and Senate bills that the Personal Insurance Federation of California (PIFC) has tracked during the 2011 Legislative year. The Dictionary has been organized by bill number, beginning with those bills introduced in the Assembly and followed by those introduced in the Senate. Each bill is identified by number, author, title, PIFC Position (Support, Oppose, Watch), current status, and summary, and contains a hyperlink that will allow you to view the most current version of the bill and the Governor's Message (if applicable). To search for bills by author or subject, please refer to the index at the end of this booklet.

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ASSEMBLY BILLS

[AB 3](#)

AUTHOR: Miller
TITLE: Vehicles: Confidential Home Address: Citations
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: In Assembly Appropriations Committee

Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles, as part of its vehicle registration renewal process, to provide a person, who requests a confidential home address, with any outstanding notices of toll evasion that appear in the person's record. Requires the notice to be the same level of notification as is required to be given a person who does not have a confidential home address. Authorizes the department to charge a reasonable fee to cover related costs.

[AB 29](#)

AUTHOR: Perez J
TITLE: Governor's Office of Economic Development
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Creates the Governor's Office of Business Development to serve as the lead entity for economic strategy and the marketing of the state on issues relating to business development, private sector investment, and economic growth and to make recommendations on policies, programs, and action to advance statewide economic goals. Creates the Business Investment Services Program to serve employers, corporate executives, business owners, and site location consultants who are considering the state for relocation.

[AB 53](#)

AUTHOR: Solorio
TITLE: Insurers: Procurement Contracts: Minority and Disabled
PIFC POSITION: Oppose Unless Amended
STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Requires each admitted insurer, with premiums written equal to or in excess of a specified amount, to submit to the Insurance Commissioner a report on its minority, women, and disabled veteran business enterprises procurement efforts. Provides a failure to file the report by a specified date, would subject the admitted insurer to civil penalties to be fixed by the Commissioner. Requires the insurer to biennially update its supplier diversity report. Provides a bar for fraudulent business status statements.

[AB 61](#)

AUTHOR: Jeffries
TITLE: Neighborhood Electric Vehicles
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Authorizes the County of Riverside or any city in the county to establish a Neighborhood Electric Vehicle transportation plan for a plan area that may include any applicable portion of the county or city subject to penalties in existing law. Requires the submission of the plan for review and approval. Requires a report to the Legislature if the county adopts a plan.

[AB 66](#)

AUTHOR: Chesbro
TITLE: Taxation: Vehicle License Fees
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee

Amends the Vehicle License Fee Law that imposes, in lieu of any ad valorem property tax upon vehicles, an annual license fee for any vehicle subject to registration, and that also imposes an additional tax equal to 0.15% of the market value of specified vehicles to the license fee. Repeals the provision relating to the sunset date and repeal of the additional 0.15% tax.

[AB 71](#)

AUTHOR: Huber
TITLE: Political Reform Act of 1974: Lobbyists
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee

Amends the Political Reform Act of 1974 by requiring the online directory maintained by the Secretary of State also contain information regarding lobbying interests. Requires that periodic reports filed by lobbyist employers and other persons contain the bill numbers of any legislation lobbied during the reporting period. Requires the Secretary of State to display on his or her Internet Web site a list of the lobbying interests containing a specific reference to a bill number, and a lobby employer list.

[AB 110](#)

AUTHOR: Blumenfield
TITLE: Courts
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Relates to the report by the Judicial Council regarding different methods courts use in processing filings related to the default prove up process, as well as the revenue generated by those filings. Repeals provisions of existing law regarding the reduction of supplemental fees for filing first paper for specified civil matters due to a decrease in Trial Court funding. Establishes a fee for civil case appeal document filing. Limits the crimes for which case records must be sent to a prison or institution.

[AB 125](#)

AUTHOR: Assembly Insurance Committee
TITLE: Insurance: Guaranteed Asset Protection
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Defines guaranteed asset protection (GAP) insurance. Expands the contractual agreements exempt from the definition of GAP insurance, and from requiring an insurance license to sell, to include the amount owed on the vehicle at the time of an unrecovered theft or total loss, after credit for money received from the purchaser's or lessee's automobile insurer or from a 3rd-party liability insurer, and that the promise may also include a promise to waive some or all of the amount of the deductible.

[AB 127](#)

AUTHOR: Logue
TITLE: Regulations: Effective Date
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee

Requires that a regulation or an order of repeal of a regulation becomes effective, instead, on January 1 next following a 90-day period after the date it is filed with the Secretary of State.

[AB 173](#)

AUTHOR: Gatto
TITLE: Armenian Genocide Victims
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Extends a deadline authorizing any Armenian Genocide victim, or the heir or beneficiary of that victim, who resides in this state and has a claim arising out of a insurance policy purchased or in effect between 1875 and 1923 from a defined insurer, to bring a legal action to recover on that claim in a court in this state. Provides that such claims shall not be dismissed for failure to comply with the applicable statute of limitations, provided the action is filed on or before a specified date.

[AB 184](#)

AUTHOR: Swanson
TITLE: Contractual Assessment Programs: Seismic Safety
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Enacts the Seismic Safety Finance Act. Authorizes contractual assessments to finance the installation of seismic strengthening improvements that are permanently fixed to real property. Defines public agency, for purposes of financing the installation of seismic strengthening improvements, to mean a city, county, or city and county.

[AB 197](#)

AUTHOR: Monning
TITLE: Recovery of Wages: Liquidated Damages
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Inactive File

Amends existing law which provides that, in a court action to recover wages in violation of the minimum wage set by the Industrial Welfare Commission within the Department of Industrial Relations, the court may award liquidated damages. Increases the amount of liquidated damages that may be awarded to an employee to twice the amount of the wages unlawfully unpaid, plus interest.

[AB 205](#)

AUTHOR: Hagman
TITLE: Income Taxes: Credit: Vehicle Registration Fees
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee

Authorizes a credit under the Personal Income Tax Law for qualified costs paid by a taxpayer for specified fees charged by the Department of Motor Vehicles for a qualified vehicle.

[AB 238](#)

AUTHOR: Huber
TITLE: Motor Vehicle Conditional Sale Contracts
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Amends the Rees-Levering Motor Vehicles Sales and Finance Act. Provides that a conditional sale contract shall not be made unenforceable solely for a violation of specified disclosure requirements relating to the amount financed, regarding the amount of governmental fees, including vehicle license fees, registration fees, and the state tire fees.

[AB 240](#)

AUTHOR: Bonilla
TITLE: Compensation Recovery Actions: Liquidated Damages
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Permits an employee to recover liquidated damages during a hearing pursuant to a complaint brought before the Labor Commissioner alleging payment of less than the minimum wage fixed by an order of the Industrial Welfare Commission or by statute.

[AB 260](#)

AUTHOR: Cedillo
TITLE: Vehicles: Driver License Compact
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly

Relates to the Driver License Compact. Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the definition of licensing authority with regard to that compact.

[AB 267](#)

AUTHOR: Swanson
TITLE: Employment Contracts
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: [Vetoed](#)

Makes void and unenforceable as against public policy any provision in an employment contract that requires an employee, as a condition of obtaining or continuing employment, to use a forum other than California, or to agree to a choice of law other than California law, to resolve any dispute with an employer regarding employment-related issues that arise in California.

[AB 271](#)

AUTHOR: Nestande
TITLE: Appeals: Class Actions
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Judiciary Committee

Requires an appellate court to permit an appeal from an order granting or denying class action certification to join a defendant pursuant to provisions of existing law if the petition to appeal is filed within 14 days of entry of the order.

[AB 273](#)

AUTHOR: Valadao
TITLE: Regulations: Economic Impacts Review
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Requires the Department of Finance to adopt and update instructions for inclusion in the State Administrative Manual that prescribe the methods that any agency shall use in making certain determinations, estimates, statements, and findings relating to the economic and cost impacts of a regulation on business and private individuals. Requires, instead of authorizes, the department to review these determinations, estimates, statements, and findings for content.

[AB 315](#) AUTHOR: Solorio
TITLE: Surplus Line Brokers
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Revises and recasts the provisions governing surplus line brokers and nonadmitted insurers to make them consistent with the federal Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010. Includes the duties, responsibilities, and licensure of surplus line brokers, taxation of such insurance, and eligibility of nonadmitted insurers to do business in the state. Requires new and renewal policies, cancellations, or endorsements, and installment premiums be classified as providing the Act's purposes.

[AB 338](#) AUTHOR: Wagner
TITLE: Regulations: Legislative Validation: Effective Date
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Environmental Quality Committee

Requires the Office of Administrative Law to submit to the Legislature for review a copy of each disapproved regulation where the basis for that disapproval was a determination that the agency exceeded its statutory authority in adopting the regulation. Requires that a regulation become effective on the 90th day after it is filed with the Secretary of State, unless prescribed conditions occur.

[AB 353](#) AUTHOR: Cedillo
TITLE: Vehicles: Checkpoints
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Requires the driver of a motor vehicle to stop and submit to a sobriety checkpoint inspection conducted by a law enforcement agency when signs and displays are posted requiring that stop. Requires the a peace officer or any other authorized person not cause the impoundment of a vehicle at such a checkpoint for a driver's license violation. Provides procedures for the return of an impounded motor vehicle to the registered owner or the owner's agent.

[AB 393](#) AUTHOR: Wagner
TITLE: Administrative Procedure Act: Legislative Intent
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly

Make a technical, nonsubstantive change to the Administrative Procedure Act that governs the procedure for the adoption, amendment, or repeal of regulations by state agencies and for the review of those regulatory actions by the Office of Administrative Law and declares the intent of the Legislature in establishing the office.

[AB 423](#) AUTHOR: Butler
TITLE: Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and The Economy Committee

Provides that the Department of Finance shall assume authority over the Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank.

[AB 425](#) AUTHOR: Nestande
TITLE: State Regulations: Review
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Requires each state entity that promulgates regulations to review those regulations, and repeal or report to the Legislature those identified as duplicative, archaic, or inconsistent with the statute or other regulations.

[AB 429](#) AUTHOR: Knight
TITLE: Regulations: Effective Date
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee

Requires an agency, for any regulation that is has identified as having a gross cost of a specified sum or more, an increased cost of a specified percent or more over the cost of an existing regulation, or both, to submit a copy of the rulemaking record for that regulation to the appropriate policy committee for approval.

[AB 444](#) AUTHOR: Carter
TITLE: Vehicles: Material Damage: Definition
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly

Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to existing law which defines material damage sustained by a motor vehicle in order to comply with damage disclosure requirements set forth in the Vehicle Code and specifies that the damage is material to the cost of repairs and whether the damage was to the frame or drive train of the vehicle, occurred in connection with a theft of the entire vehicle, or was to the suspension of the vehicle requiring repairs other than wheel balancing or alignment.

[AB 447](#) AUTHOR: Huffman
TITLE: Political Reform Act of 1974
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee
Provides a revision of the Political Reform Act to include elected officer, candidate, and campaign committee reporting requirements, local agency filing ordinances, small contributor committee contributions limits, the certification requirements of campaign committee treasurers, political advertisement disclosure statements, the content of prerecorded telephonic campaign messages, slate mailer requirements, the acceptance of gifts from lobbyists by public officials, and an online reporting system.

[AB 452](#) AUTHOR: Ma
TITLE: Electronic Tracking Devices: Invasion of Privacy
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Public Safety Committee

Prohibits a person or entity from using an electronic tracking device without the consent of the person being tracked. Exempts parents or legal guardians tracking a minor or incompetent person. Allows a commercial service provider to use such device if the provider has given a notice regarding such use. Defines such device. Prohibits a person from requiring, coercing, or compelling any other individual to consent to undergo the implementation of the device. Provides misdemeanor penalties for violations.

[AB 476](#)

AUTHOR: Lowenthal B
TITLE: Tow Trucks: Illegal Operation: Impoundment and Release
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Transportation Committee

Provides a tow truck driver who violates prohibition in existing law that prohibits the owner or operator from soliciting an engagement for towing services or moving a vehicle without proper authorization is, in addition to being guilty of a misdemeanor, subject to punishment by having the tow truck impounded for a specified period and a monetary fine. Authorizes the release of such vehicle to the registered owner or his or her agent if specified requirements are met. Provides required payment methods.

[AB 480](#)

AUTHOR: Solorio
TITLE: Insurance: Solid Waste Facilities
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Environmental Quality Committee

Amends existing law that provides that if the evidence of financial ability of a solid waste landfill for closure, postclosure, or corrective action is demonstrated by use of insurance, the insurance may be approved if the carrier meets specified requirements. Specifies that an insurance carrier established by a solid waste operator to meet the finance assurance obligations of that operator that meets all of the specified requirements shall be eligible to provide that insurance under specified conditions.

[AB 520](#)

AUTHOR: Ammiano
TITLE: Vehicles: Reckless Driving: License Suspension
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Provides for the termination of a driver's license suspension, and makes that person eligible for a restricted driver's license, for a person convicted of reckless driving in satisfaction of, or substitute for, an original charge of driving-under-the-influence, if certain conditions are met. Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to advise the person of the conditions. Requires the restricted license privilege be subject to certain restrictions, including privilege removal for device tampering.

[AB 535](#)

AUTHOR: Morrell
TITLE: Regulations: 5-Year Review
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Requires a state agency to review and report on regulations that it adopts or amends on and after a specified date 5 years after adoption. Requires that the review and report include 10 specified factors, including a summary of the written criticisms of the regulation received within the preceding 5 years and the estimated economic, small business, and consumer impact. Requires the review and report to be available on the Office of Administrative Law's Internet website.

[AB 539](#) AUTHOR: Williams
TITLE: Vehicles: Speeding: School Zones: Penalties
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Transportation and Housing Committee

Authorizes a local authority to adopt an ordinance or resolution that doubles a base fine imposed upon a person who is convicted of speeding in a school zone if certain conditions are met. Provides that the doubling of the base fine shall not result in an increase in any associated and additional penalties, fines, fees, or assessments, as provided by law. Provides funds to a local authority for driver awareness programs. Provides moneys for funds would come from fines for speeding in a school zone.

[AB 559](#) AUTHOR: Swanson
TITLE: Civil Actions: Costs
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: [Vetoed](#)

Amends existing law providing that a prevailing party is entitled as a matter of right to recover costs in any action or proceeding, and specifies those items allowable as costs and provides that costs, or any portion of claimed costs, shall be as determined by the court in a case other than a limited civil case, if the prevailing party recovers a judgment. Exempts from the latter provision an action brought under the State Fair Employment and Housing Act.

[AB 578](#) AUTHOR: Hill
TITLE: Disaster Assistance: Emergencies
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

Establishes the Debris Removal Account in the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties, and would continuously appropriate moneys in the account for allocation by the Director of Finance to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery for qualifying debris removal service costs incurred as a result of a proclamation by the Governor of a state of emergency.

[AB 581](#) AUTHOR: Perez J
TITLE: Public Health: Food Access
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Creates the state Healthy Food Financing Initiative. Requires the Department of Food and Agriculture to prepare recommendations regarding actions that need to be taken to promote food access in the state. Establishes a related council and advisory group. Creates a related fund for the purpose of expanding access to healthy foods in underserved communities and, to the extent practicable, to leverage other funding.

[AB 586](#) AUTHOR: Garrick
TITLE: Administrative Regulations: Legislative Review
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee

Requires a standing committee of the Legislature with jurisdiction over a state agency proposing to adopt a regulation with a gross cost in excess of \$10 million to hold an informational hearing regarding the proposed regulation.

[AB 592](#)

AUTHOR: Lara
TITLE: Employee: Leave: Interference, Restraint, and Denial
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Makes it an unlawful employment practice for an employer to interfere with, restrain, or deny the exercise of, the attempt to exercise, any right provided an employee to take leave to bond with a child who was born to, adopted by, or placed for foster care with the employee, to care for an employee's parent, spouse, or child who has a serious health condition, because the employee is suffering from a serious health condition, or related to pregnancy, or a related medical condition.

[AB 601](#)

AUTHOR: Yamada
TITLE: Vehicles: Transfer of Interest: Power of Attorney
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Transportation Committee

Authorizes an active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces as the owner of a vehicle to execute a valid military power of attorney for the purpose of using, operating, titling, or transferring his or her interest in or licensing and registering any vehicle in this state.

[AB 621](#)

AUTHOR: Calderon C
TITLE: Vehicle Rental Agreements
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Requires a vehicle rental company or its registered agent to accept service of a summons and complaint or other required documents against a renter who resides out of country for an accident or collision resulting from the operation of the rental vehicle in the state, if the company provides liability insurance coverage as part of, or associated with, the agreement. Requires any plaintiff who elects to serve the foreign renter by delivering the documents to the company to agree to limit his or her recovery.

[AB 624](#)

AUTHOR: Perez J
TITLE: State Organized Investment Network
PIFC POSITION: Support
STATUS: Chaptered

Amends the Personal Income Tax and the Corporation Tax laws that provide a specified investment tax credit for insurer investments made into a community development financial institution. Extends the operation of the credits. Eliminates limitations on the aggregate certified investments and certain certificate requirements. Requires the establishment of a related board. Increases the level and number of contacts among executives in the insurance industry. Recommends programmatic guidelines.

[AB 632](#)

AUTHOR: Wagner
TITLE: Regulations: Legislative Notice
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee

Amends an existing law that requires that an agency mail a notice of proposed action to specified entities prior to the hearing and close of a public comment period on the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a regulation. Requires that the notice also be submitted to the Legislature if it includes particular information relating to economic and cost impacts of the regulation on business and private persons.

[AB 674](#)

AUTHOR: Bonilla
TITLE: Vehicles: Registration Fees
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Extends the authorization for programs, funded from the fees charged for the registration of commercial motor vehicles, that enhance the capacity of local law enforcement to provide fingerprint identification of individuals who may be involved in driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, vehicular manslaughter, other vehicle-related crimes, and other crimes committed while operating a motor vehicle.

[AB 695](#)

AUTHOR: Norby
TITLE: Vehicles: Motorcycles: Safety Helmets
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Transportation Committee

Exempts from the requirement to wear a safety helmet when riding a motorcycle, a driver who is 18 years of age or older who has either completed a motorcycle safety training program, or has been authorized to operate a a vehicle pursuant to a valid class M1 license.

[AB 705](#)

AUTHOR: Blumenfield
TITLE: Insurance: Risk Retention
PIFC POSITION: Oppose Unless Amended
STATUS: Assembly Insurance Committee

Prohibits a domestic insurer from acquiring and direct or indirect investment in Iran. Disallows and treats as a nonadmitted asset on the financial statements required to be filed with the Insurance Commissioner any direct or indirect investment of an admitted foreign insurer in Iran.

[AB 731](#)

AUTHOR: Jeffries
TITLE: Firefighting
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

Appropriates a specified amount of revenue currently received by the state from specified tax and fee revenue sources for firefighting and emergency response purposes, including, but not limited to, the purchase of firefighting and rescue vehicles and equipment.

[AB 748](#)

AUTHOR: Yamada
TITLE: Continuing Care Retirement Communities: Contracts
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Human Services Committee

Relates to continuing care retirement communities. Transfers specified duties, powers, purposes, functions, responsibilities, and jurisdiction of the State Department of Social Services to the Department of Insurance, as prescribed.

[AB 753](#) AUTHOR: Monning
TITLE: Vehicles: Rentals
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee

Enacts the Raechel and Jacqueline Houck Rental Car Safety Act. Prohibits the short-term rental of a vehicle that is subject to a federal safety recall notice unless specified conditions are met. Prohibits a person from engaging in the short-term rental of vehicles from selling a vehicle at retail unless the vehicle meets specified requirements. Specifies that these provisions are applicable to a defined rental care company.

[AB 772](#) AUTHOR: Cedillo
TITLE: Vehicles: Unlicensed Drivers
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly

Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law which prohibits a peace officer from detaining or arresting a person solely on the belief that the person is an unlicensed driver, unless the officer has reasonable cause to believe the person driving is under 16 years of age.

[AB 793](#) AUTHOR: Eng
TITLE: Insurance Producers: Reverse Mortgages
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Prohibits an insurance broker or agent from participating in, being associated with, or employing any party that participates in, or is associated with, the originating of a reverse mortgage. Prohibits individuals transacting insurance from receiving compensation, commission, or direct incentive for providing reverse mortgage brokers with a noncasualty insurance product that is connected to or a result of the reverse mortgage.

[AB 806](#) AUTHOR: Torres
TITLE: Common Interest Developments
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Transportation and Housing Committee

Makes various technical conforming changes to reflect a proposed revision and recodification of the Davis-Stirling Common Interest Development Act.

[AB 817](#) AUTHOR: Gatto
TITLE: Vehicle Rental Contracts
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Inactive File

Amends existing law that governs contracts between rental car companies and their customers and sets forth a renter's responsibilities and liabilities, and imposes requirements on advertising. Requires the state Law Revision Commission to study whether the laws regulation vehicle rental companies and their consumers would benefit from greater clarity and concision, and to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature.

[AB 819](#) AUTHOR: Wieckowski
TITLE: Bikeways
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Transportation Committee

Relates to the design, planning, and construction of bikeways. Includes and defines a class IV bikeway to include a segregated bike lane which provides exclusive use of bicycles on streets.

[AB 830](#) AUTHOR: Olsen
TITLE: Employment: Flexible Work Schedules
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly

Permits an individual nonexempt employee to request an employee-selected flexible work schedule providing for workdays up to 10 hours per day within a 40-hour workweek. Allows an employer to implement this schedule without the obligation to pay overtime compensation for those additional hours in a workday.

[AB 885](#) AUTHOR: Cook
TITLE: Vehicles: Driver's Licenses: Registered Sex Offenders
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Transportation Committee

Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to comply with certain requirements when issuing an original driver's license or identification card to a person required to be registered as a sex offender. Requires the metallic strip of the license or identification card to contain that information. Requires the payment of an additional fee to cover the actual costs.

[AB 891](#) AUTHOR: Garrick
TITLE: Theft: Motor Vehicle: Penalties
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Public Safety Committee

Amends the existing law that punishes persons who have been previously convicted of specified motor vehicle violations and includes certain felony grand thefts of a motor vehicle. Applies those provisions to a person who has previously been convicted of one or more misdemeanor violations. Prohibits persons subject to punishment under provisions for previously having been convicted of 2 or more of the above offenses from being granted probation.

[AB 917](#) AUTHOR: Olsen
TITLE: State Agencies: Sunset Review
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly

Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would revise the scope of authority of Joint Sunset Review Committee.

[AB 927](#)

AUTHOR: Huffman
TITLE: Health Facilities: Seismic Safety
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Health Committee

Amends existing law that requires that any general acute care hospital building that is determined to be a potential risk of collapse be used only for nonacute care hospital purposes, except that the office may grant an extension under prescribed circumstances. Authorizes a health care district that is eligible to receive an additional extension to request that extension if it submits a plan to submit a ballot measure to issue bonds to the voters.

[AB 992](#)

AUTHOR: Nielsen
TITLE: Civil Liability: Wildfires
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Judiciary Committee

Provides that provisions of existing law relating to damages in civil action regarding the injury to trees without lawful authority, do not apply to damages caused by any wildfire, other than arson. Applies existing law that attaches civil liability to a person who allows a fire kindled or attended by him or her to escape to the property of another to a person who negligently, or in violation of law, commits those acts, and sets a statute of limitations for related actions.

[AB 1004](#)

AUTHOR: Hagman
TITLE: Insurance: Conservation and Liquidation Office
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Insurance Committee

Requires the Insurance Conservation and Liquidation Office to report and publish all specified claims on a quarterly basis through a public filing with the court in which an insurer's liquidation proceeding is pending. Requires the office to contact the claimants whose claims have been allowed. Requires the receiver, the Insurance Commissioner, and the office, upon receipt of notice that an allowed claim has been assigned to another party, to process that claim with a specified time period.

[AB 1024](#)

AUTHOR: Hueso
TITLE: Low Cost Automobile Insurance: Sales
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Authorizes a State Automobile Assigned Risk Plan certified producer to accept and process an application to purchase low-cost auto insurance policies through an Internet Web site. Requires the plan to coordinate with the Department of Insurance in order to develop a system for receiving and assigning policies issued through such sites. Requires producer contracts, by way of open bidding, to develop and maintain the Web site. Relates to applicant disclosure requirements and notification document.

[AB 1031](#)

AUTHOR: Donnelly
TITLE: Vehicles: DUI: Undocumented Drivers
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Public Safety Committee

Requires and arresting authority to report to the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement the presence of a person if the person is arrested for driving while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or drug, and the person fails to provide the arresting authority with appropriate documentation demonstrating his or her legal presence in the United States.

[AB 1047](#)

AUTHOR: Jeffries
TITLE: Vehicles: Motorcycle Safety
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly

Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to existing law which establishes the motorcyclist safety program and requires program services financed under the law to be provided under contractual arrangements or grant funding.

[AB 1061](#)

AUTHOR: Eng
TITLE: Consumer Warranties: Vehicles
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee

Requires every manufacturer, distributor, or retailer making express warranties with respect to a new vehicle also to fully set forth, in simple and readily understood language, a detailed list of items that are not covered under the warranty.

[AB 1062](#)

AUTHOR: Dickinson
TITLE: Arbitration: Appeals
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Inactive File

Amends existing law that specifies those types of orders and judgments from which an appeal may be taken, including, an order dismissing or denying a petition to compel arbitration. Limits that basis from which an appeal may be taken to an order dismissing or denying a petition to compel arbitration if the party who opposed the petition to arbitrate is 65 years of age or older or a dependent adult.

[AB 1063](#)

AUTHOR: Bradford
TITLE: Automobile Insurance: Underinsured Motorist Coverage
PIFC POSITION: Oppose
STATUS: Assembly Insurance Committee

Amends existing law that prohibits the maximum liability of an insurer providing uninsured motorist coverage for bodily injury to the insured caused by one or more vehicles from exceeding the insured's underinsured motorist coverage limits, less the amount paid to the insured by or for any person or organization that may be held legally liable for the injury. Eliminates the authority of the insurer to deduct the amount paid to the insured by or for any person or organization that may be held liable.

[AB 1072](#)

AUTHOR: Fuentes
TITLE: Community Development: Promise Neighborhoods Initiative
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee

Establishes the State Promise Neighborhoods Initiative. Requires the establishment of a specified number of promise neighborhoods to maximize collective efforts within a community to improve health, safety, education, and economic development of such neighborhood. Requires the use existing state resources and federal funds. Authorizes the acceptance of financial support from other public or private sources. Requires certain agencies to work together to establish program participation goals.

[AB 1080](#)

AUTHOR: Calderon C
TITLE: Internet Transactions: Verification: Banking
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Judiciary Committee

Requires a business that provides banking or other financial services and that allows for the movement of specified funds over the Internet to collect and report, on an annual basis, information relating to unauthorized transfers of funds over the Internet, and to post this report on its Internet Web site.

[AB 1098](#)

AUTHOR: Hagman
TITLE: Insurance: Unlawful Practices
PIFC POSITION: Support
STATUS: Senate Inactive File

Amends existing law that authorizes a registered auto body repair shop, denied participation in an insurer's direct repair program, to report the denial to the Department of Insurance, and requires an insurer, upon a request of the department, to disclose the fact that a denial was made. Requires the department's request that an insurer disclose the fact that a denial of participation in its direct repair program was made be in writing.

[AB 1104](#)

AUTHOR: Pan
TITLE: Vehicles: Driving-Under-the-Influence (DUI)
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles, upon receipt of a duly certified abstract of record of a court, to postpone the revocation or suspension of a person's driving privilege until the term of imprisonment is served if that person was convicted of certain driving under the influence provisions and sentenced to incarceration in state prison. Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to notify the department 30 days prior to the release of an inmate whose license was suspended.

[AB 1107](#)

AUTHOR: Fletcher
TITLE: Vehicles: Bicycles: Rules of the Road: Bike Lanes
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly

Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law which requires any person operating a bicycle upon a roadway at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic to ride within the bicycle lane, except as provided.

[AB 1108](#)

AUTHOR: Nielsen
TITLE: Consumer Remedies: Litigation Costs: Prevailing Party
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Judiciary Committee

Amends the Consumer Legal Remedies Act that permits a court to award reasonable attorney's fees to a prevailing party only if the court finds that the plaintiff's prosecution of the action was not in good faith. Revises these provisions to require a court to award attorney's costs and fees to the prevailing party in the action.

[AB 1146](#)

AUTHOR: Norby
TITLE: Political Reform Act of 1974: Contribution Limits
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Inactive File

Amends existing law prohibiting cash contributions or anonymous campaign contributions of \$100 or more to a candidate, committee, or other person in a calendar year, and prohibits such cash campaign expenditures of \$100 or more. Finds that the current limit of \$100 was established more than 30 years ago. Raises the limit for anonymous contributions and the threshold for reporting as to contributions and independent contributions.

[AB 1148](#)

AUTHOR: Brownley
TITLE: Political Reform Act: Advertisements: Disclosure
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee

Requires that a candidate or ballot measure appearing in the slate mailer be designated by an asterisk if the slate mailer organization or committee primarily formed to support or oppose one or more ballot measures that is sending the slate mailer has received payment to include the candidate or ballot measure in the slate mailer. Places certain disclosure requirements on political advertisements placed on radio, television, online, and mass mailing.

[AB 1171](#)

AUTHOR: Fong
TITLE: Vehicles: Ski or Toboggan on Roadway
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly

Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law that makes it unlawful for a person for ski or toboggan on or across any roadway in a manner as to interfere with the movement of vehicles on the roadway.

[AB 1202](#)

AUTHOR: Jeffries
TITLE: Vehicles: Driver's License Applicant: Organ Donation
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Requires a person who enrolls in the Donate Life California Organ and Tissue Registry when submitting an application for a driver's license to receive a discount on the application fee.

[AB 1241](#)

AUTHOR: Norby
TITLE: Political Reform Act of 1974: Contributions
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Inactive File

Amends the Political Reform Act of 1974 that regulates contributions to public officials and conflicts of interest on the part of public officials while carrying out their respective duties. Changes the definition of officer for these purposes to exclude an elected officer of the agency.

[AB 1286](#)

AUTHOR: Fuentes
TITLE: Wage Disputes: Waiver of Claims
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Labor and Employment Committee

Provides that unless approval of a settlement or compromise is being sought, an employee's waiver or release of a claim, and is covered by a pending certified or uncertified class action or representative action, shall not be valid or enforceable if that employee is a class member or a putative class member in a pending certified or uncertified class action or is represented or potentially represented in a representative action.

[AB 1291](#)

AUTHOR: Davis
TITLE: Vehicles: Existing and Emerging Technologies
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to pursue the use and development of existing or emerging technologies, including technological applications that impact traffic safety or law enforcement procedures for the purpose of maximizing the efficient delivery of vehicle registration services, and achieving cost savings for business partners, service providers, or other customer groups as determined by the department. Requires the department to follow specified procurement procedures.

[AB 1309](#)

AUTHOR: Miller
TITLE: Public Roads: Fire Suppression
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Inactive File

Amends existing law that authorizes a county board of supervisors, after adopting a resolution determining that the general county interest demands the improvement or repair of a privately owned road, to improve or repair that road. Grants a board of supervisors the same authority if necessary for purposes of fire suppression.

[AB 1311](#)

AUTHOR: Miller
TITLE: Vehicles: Automated Speed Enforcement Systems
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Transportation Committee

Authorizes a local authority to participate in a local traffic safety program that studies the feasibility of using an automated speed enforcement system for speed enforcement only in areas designated as school zones.

[AB 1322](#)

AUTHOR: Bradford
TITLE: Regulations: Principles of Regulation
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Adopts the regulatory philosophy and the principles of regulation, as outlined in Presidential Executive Order 12866, in order to achieve the same regulatory benefits within the state.

[AB 1323](#)

AUTHOR: Gatto
TITLE: Vehicles: Vehicle Theft Crimes: Investigative Costs
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Public Safety Committee

Requires, in specified counties, in any case involving grand theft of an automobile which is prosecuted by a local entity and in which all expenditures incurred in connection with the sale of the property are incurred by a local entity, that, in lieu of the distribution to the local government general fund, the proceeds shall be deposited with the Controller to fund programs that enhance the capacity of local police and prosecutors to deter, investigate, and prosecute vehicle theft crimes.

[AB 1358](#)

AUTHOR: Fuentes
TITLE: Vehicles Misdemeanor: Violations: Amnesty
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Amends existing law that authorizes a county to establish a one-time amnesty program for fines and bail that were imposed for an infraction or misdemeanor violation of the Vehicle Code, with specified exceptions. Authorizes, in addition to and at the same time as that amnesty program, the court and the county to establish a one-time amnesty program that would allow a person to pay 50% of the total fine or bail for a specified misdemeanor if certain conditions are met.

[AB 1369](#)

AUTHOR: Gatto
TITLE: Personal and Corporate Income Taxes: Illegal Activities
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Amends the Personal Income Tax and Corporation Tax laws. Disallows a deduction for expenses attributable to income derived by a taxpayer from any criminal profiteering activity, specified illegal activities relating to drug trafficking, and insurance fraud.

[AB 1378](#)

AUTHOR: Portantino
TITLE: Fireworks: Sale: Training
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

Authorizes the sale of fireworks on certain dates pursuant to a license issued by the State Fire Marshall, if authorized by a city or county. Requires the State Fire Marshall to establish and collect an additional fee on permits issued to licensees.

[AB 1386](#)

AUTHOR: Bradford
TITLE: Women, Minority and Disabled Veteran: Procurement
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Relates to minority-, women-, and disabled veteran-owned business enterprises and procurement contracts for public utilities regulated by the Public Utilities Commission. Declares that the Legislature encourages each cable television corporation and direct broadcast satellite provider to voluntarily adopt a plan for increasing women, minority, and disabled veteran business enterprise procurement and to voluntarily report activity. Requires related information on the commission's Internet Web site.

[AB 1389](#)

AUTHOR: Allen
TITLE: Vehicles: Sobriety Checkpoints: Impoundment
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: [Vetoed](#)

Relates to sobriety checkpoints, vehicle inspections, and impoundment of vehicles. Deletes the county board of supervisor's authority to conduct a combined vehicle inspection and sobriety checkpoint program. Requires law enforcement to provide public advance notice of the checkpoint's general location two hours prior to checkpoint operation. Deletes provisions regarding use of any legally permitted means to look for specified signs of intoxication.

[AB 1399](#)

AUTHOR: Assembly Labor and Employment Committee
TITLE: Employment Records: Right to Inspect
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Requires, with an exception, an employer to maintain personnel records for a specified period of time and to provide a current or former employee, or his or her representative, an opportunity to inspect and make copies of those records. Permits, in the event an employer violates these provisions, a current or former employee or the Labor Commissioner to recover a penalty from the employer and to obtain injunctive relief and attorney's fees. Modifies a violation to an infraction.

[AB 1403](#)

AUTHOR: Assembly Judiciary Committee
TITLE: Civil Actions
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Amends existing civil law regarding juror examination. Provides that the trial judge should allow a brief opening statement by counsel for each party prior to the commencement of the oral questioning phase of the voir dire process. Prohibits the trial judge from establishing a blanket policy time limit for voir dire. Provides that the judge in civil trials should provide the parties with both lists of prospective jurors in the order in which they will be called. Adds court interpreter fees to costs.

[AB 1407](#)

AUTHOR: Assembly Judiciary Committee
TITLE: Liability: Social Hosts: Alcoholic Beverages
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Permits a claim against a parent, guardian, or another adult for furnishing alcoholic beverages to a person whom he or she knows, or should have known, to be under 21 years of age and that furnishing the beverages may be found to be the proximate cause of resulting injuries or death. Permits a claim pursuant to these provisions to be brought by, or on behalf of, the person under 21 years of age or by a person who was harmed by the person under 21 years of age.

[AB 1413](#)

AUTHOR: Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee
TITLE: Elections
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee

Makes technical revisions to provisions of the Elections Code to reflect the voter-nominated primary election process. Conforms the procedures applicable in the case of a tie in the primary election for voter-nominated offices. Imposes requirements for forms related to such offices. Provides that the domicile of a member of the Legislature or a Representative in the Congress is conclusively presumed to be the address indicated on that person's currently filed affidavit of registration.

[AB 1416](#)

AUTHOR: Assembly Insurance Committee
TITLE: Insurance Omnibus
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Relates to fire and casualty insurance brokers, changes to filed documents by insurers, an authorized workers' compensation insurer depository, the authorization for personal lines and limited lines automobile insurance broker-agents to act as insurance solicitors, the procedures governing the review and comment by insurers prior to the Insurance Commissioner publishing a report on unfair or deceptive business practices, and the membership of the automobile insurance assigned risk plan advisory committee.

[AB 1420](#)

AUTHOR: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee
TITLE: Emergency Management Assistance Compact
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Amends existing law that ratifies, approves, and sets forth the provisions of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact that provides for mutual assistance between states responding to emergencies and disasters. Extends the inoperative and repeal dates of those provisions.

[AB 1428](#)

AUTHOR: Chesbro
TITLE: Disaster Relief: Tsunami
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Amends the Personal Income Tax and Corporation Tax laws to extend these provisions to losses sustained in the County of Mendocino as a result of the tsunami that occurred in March 2011. Authorizes a taxpayer to make an election to claim a deduction for those losses on the tax return for the preceding year.

[AB 1429](#)

AUTHOR: Chesbro
TITLE: Disaster Relief: March 2011 Tsunami
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: [Vetoed](#)

Amends the Disaster Assistance Act that provides the state share for disaster project allocations to local agencies is 75% of total state eligible costs, except for specified events for which the state share is 100% of state eligible costs. Adds the effects of the tsunami that occurred in Mendocino County and Del Norte County in March 2011, to the events for which the state share of state eligible cost is 100%. Exempts the county from a specified planning requirement as an assistance condition.

[ACA 7](#)

AUTHOR: Feuer
TITLE: Initiative Measures: Funding Source
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee

Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to prohibit an initiative measure that would result in a net increases in state or local government costs other than costs attributable to the issuance, sale, or repayment of bonds, from being submitted to the electors or having any effect unless and until the Legislative Analyst and the Director of Finance jointly determine that the initiative measure provides for additional revenues in an amount that meets or exceeds the net increases in costs.

[ACA 18](#)

AUTHOR: Swanson
TITLE: Taxation: Parcel Tax
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Local Government Committee

Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to condition the imposition, extension, or increase of a parcel tax by a city or county for the purpose of funding the maintenance or improvement of fire protection services or police protection services, or both, upon the approval of a majority of its voters voting on the proposition. Makes conforming changes to related provisions.

[ACR 38](#)

AUTHOR: Lowenthal B
TITLE: Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Continues in existence the Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management, comprised of 7 Members of the Senate and 7 Members of the Assembly to address the state's emergency management issues, until abolished by the Legislature.

[AJR 9](#)

AUTHOR: Cook
TITLE: Public Alert and Warning System
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Urges the Congress of the United States to expedite a solution to provide a public alert and warning system to alert and warn the American people in situations of war, terrorist attack, natural disaster, or other hazardous to the public safety, health, and well-being of the American people.

SENATE BILLS

[SB 5](#) AUTHOR: Harman
 TITLE: Intervention: Initiatives
 PIFC POSITION: Watch
 STATUS: Senate

Provides that the proponent of a state initiative statute or constitutional amendment that has been approved by the voters shall have the right to intervene and participate in any court action challenging the constitutionality of that initiative statute or constitutional amendment.

[SB 14](#) AUTHOR: Wolk
 TITLE: State Budget
 PIFC POSITION: Watch
 STATUS: [Vetoed](#)

Requires that the budget submitted by the Governor to the Legislature for the 2013-14 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, in a specified plan, be developed pursuant to performance-based budgeting. Requires a state agency budget to utilize such budgeting for all aspects. Requires including such budgeting in the Governor's budget proposal, posting on a specified Web site, and the use of such budgeting for departments and programs contingent upon Budget Act.

[SB 18](#) AUTHOR: Blakeslee
 TITLE: Political Reform Act of 1974: Gifts
 PIFC POSITION: Watch
 STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee

Prohibits a lobbyist, lobbying firm, or lobbying employer from making to an elected state official, and an elected state official from receiving from a lobbyist, lobbying firm, or lobbying employer, specified gifts, regardless of the value of the gift.

[SB 19](#) AUTHOR: Blakeslee
 TITLE: Political Reform Act of 1974: Automated Campaign Calls
 PIFC POSITION: Watch
 STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee

Makes it unlawful for any person to make an automated campaign telephone call to any person listed on the State Political Robocall Do Not Call List. Prohibits these calls even if the caller obtains prior consent. Requires the Secretary of State to develop, maintain, and furnish the list for a fee. Requires the Secretary to place a space on voter registration cards and online voter registration Web site for sign-up. Requires county elections officials to cooperate with various entities to implement the bill.

[SB 28](#)

AUTHOR: Simitian
TITLE: Vehicles: Electronic Wireless Communications Devices
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Vetoed

Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to include a test of the applicant's understanding of the distractions and dangers of handheld cell phone use and text messaging while operating a motor vehicle. Increases the base fines for wireless communications device usage. Exempts a hands-free texting device. Requires a portion of the bicycle violation fine to the county courts. Deletes the prohibition on stopping a vehicle only for wireless communication device use. Relates to violation point assessments.

[SB 49](#)

AUTHOR: Strickland
TITLE: Local Government: Emergency Response: Fees
PIFC POSITION: Support
STATUS: Senate Public Safety Committee

Prohibits a city, including a charter city, county, district, municipality or public authority from charging a fee to any person, regardless of residency, for the expense of an emergency response, except where a fee is otherwise authorized. Provides that these provisions do not apply to a special district unless that district receives revenue from transaction and use fees.

[SB 88](#)

AUTHOR: Yee
TITLE: Elections: Names of Candidates
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: [Vetoed](#)

Requires that, if a jurisdiction provides a translation of candidates' alphabet-based names into a character-based language, such as Chinese, Japanese or Korean, phonetic transliterations of the alphabet-based names of candidates be provided. Provides the procedures when a candidate's name is on the ballot in more than one jurisdiction. Relates to candidates with character-based names. Requires a county to purchase voting equipment that permits compliance.

[SB 89](#)

AUTHOR: Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Committee
TITLE: Vehicle License Fee and Registration Fee
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Requires the Legislature to determine and appropriate annually an amount for the use of the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Franchise Tax Board for the enforcement of the Vehicle License Fee Law. Deems, for the 2011-12 fiscal year, a specified amount of funds to be the cost of the department for the collection of the motor vehicle license fee. Relates to the ad valorem property tax on vehicles, the vehicle registration fee, money to municipalities from the vehicle license fee.

[SB 94](#)

AUTHOR: Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Committee
TITLE: Vehicle License Fee Law: Vehicle Registration
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Relates to the time period for notification that vehicle registration fees are due, the enforcement of noncompliance with commercial vehicle registration renewal requirements, the minimum time frame prior to expiration for renewal of a vehicle registration, the accompanying of vehicle registration renewal fees with an application, and special license plates and the penalty added on any late vehicle registration renewal. Appropriates funds to the Department of Motor Vehicles for administrative operations.

[SB 105](#)

AUTHOR: Yee
TITLE: Public Safety: Snow Sport Helmets
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: [Vetoed](#)

Requires a person under 18 years of age to wear a properly fitted and fastened snow sport helmet while operating snow skis or a snowboard, or while riding upon a seat or other device that is attached to the snow skis or a snowboard while participating in the sport of downhill skiing or snowboarding. Requires a ski resort to post signs at the resort giving reasonable notice of the snow sport helmet requirement and written notice on all trail maps and resort Internet Web sites.

[SB 111](#)

AUTHOR: Yee
TITLE: Civil Rights: Language Restrictions
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: [Vetoed](#)

Makes it a violation of the Unruh Civil Rights Act to adopt or enforce a policy that requires, limits, or prohibits the use of any language in or with a business establishment, unless the policy is justified by a business necessity, and notification has been provided to persons subject to the language restriction or requirement of the circumstances and the time when the language restriction or requirement is to be observed and of the consequences for its violation.

[SB 130](#)

AUTHOR: Gaines T
TITLE: Insurance: Fraud Prevention
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Rules Committee

Makes technical nonsubstantive changes to existing law that requires an insurer doing business in this state to pay an annual special purpose assessment for each vehicle insured under an insurance policy it issues in this state in order to fund increased investigation and prosecution of fraudulent automobile insurance claims and economic automobile theft.

[SB 131](#)

AUTHOR: Gaines T
TITLE: Surplus Lines Brokers: Statement of Business Transacted
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Specifies that certain filing requirements apply to certain surplus line brokers. Requires that the information in a sworn statement be expanded to include certain premium information for single and multistate risks. Requires the filing to apply to a home state insured that directly procures insurance with a nonadmitted insurer. Requires that when multiple brokers are involved in placing a policy, only the one responsible for filing the report would be considered transacting business for tax purposes.

[SB 166](#)

AUTHOR: Steinberg
TITLE: Health Care Coverage: Mental Illness: Autism
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Health Committee

Requires health care service plan contracts and health insurance policies to provide coverage for behavioral intervention therapy for pervasive developmental disorder or autism. Provides that no benefits are required to be provided that exceed the essential health benefits required under federal law.

[SB 188](#) AUTHOR: Harman
TITLE: Civil Actions: Jurisdiction
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Rules Committee

Makes a technical change to the existing law that authorizes a court to exercise jurisdiction on any basis not inconsistent with the California or the United States Constitutions and that requires a court to stay or dismiss an action in whole or in part on any conditions that may be just when the court finds that in the interest of substantial justice an action should be heard in a forum outside of the state.

[SB 209](#) AUTHOR: Corbett
TITLE: Common Interest Developments: Electric Vehicle Charging
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: [Chaptered](#)

Provides any covenant contained in any deed, contract, security instrument, or other instrument affecting the transfer or sale of an interest in a common interest development that prohibits or restricts the installation or use of an electrical vehicle charging station is void and unenforceable. Authorizes an association to impose reasonable restrictions. Imposes requirements with respect to an association's approval process. Requires a liability policy that names the association as an additional insured.

[SB 221](#) AUTHOR: Simitian
TITLE: Small Claims Court: Jurisdiction
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Increases the jurisdiction of the small claims court to \$10,000. Makes an exception. Makes a technical change by deleting a duplicate code section that contains identical provisions.

[SB 223](#) AUTHOR: Leno
TITLE: Voter-Approved Local Assessment: Vehicles
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: [Vetoed](#)

Authorizes the City and County of San Francisco to impose a voter-approved local assessment for specified vehicles if certain conditions are met. Requires the city and county to contract with the DMV to collect and administer the assessment. Requires the Franchise Tax Board to annually notify the department of estimated revenue losses resulting from taxpayers deducting the assessment under the Personal Income and Corporation Tax laws. Requires replacement of losses to the General Fund.

[SB 251](#) AUTHOR: Correa
TITLE: Vehicles: Driver's License: Selective Service
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee

Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to revise the application for a driver's license, to include a specified statement that would allow a person who is required to register with the federal Selective Service System to consent to registration. Requires the DMV to forward to the federal Selective Service System the necessary personal information for the registration in compliance with the federal act. Prohibits forwarding the information of persons who did not consent to registration.

[SB 264](#) AUTHOR: Correa
TITLE: Recreational Activities: Skateboard Parks
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Continues indefinitely the provision in existing law deeming skateboarding at a public skateboard park a hazardous recreational activity. Requires that copies of the records of injuries incurred at such park be maintained by a local public agency and all related claims and lawsuits against the public agency to be filed annually with the Assembly and Senate committees on Judiciary. Requires the maintenance of those records indefinitely.

[SB 277](#) AUTHOR: Vargas
TITLE: Insurance: Regulation of Insurers
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Judiciary Committee

Amends an existing law exempting employees of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners from civil liability for libel, slander, or any other cause of action by virtue of their collection, review, and analysis or dissemination of the data and information collected from certain required filings. Adds NAIC working groups and subgroups to the group of persons with immunity from civil liability.

[SB 278](#) AUTHOR: Gaines T
TITLE: Public Safety: Ski Resorts
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: [Vetoed](#)

Requires a ski resort to prepare an annual safety plan, make the safety plan, and, upon request, make available to the public the same day the request is received. Require a ski resort to make available to the public, within 30 days of receipt of a request, a monthly report with specified details about any fatal incidents at the resort which resulted from a recreational activity. Requires a ski resort to establish its own signage policy and its own safety padding policy.

[SB 319](#) AUTHOR: Wyland
TITLE: Meal and Rest Periods: Exceptions
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Labor and Industrial Relations

Amends existing law that prohibits an employer from requiring any employee to work during a meal or rest period mandated by an applicable order of the Industrial Welfare Commission. Exempts from these provisions an employee in the transportation industry whose work places him or her inside an armored car in shifts during a workday.

[SB 333](#) AUTHOR: LaMalfa
TITLE: Vehicles: Speed Limits
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Transportation Committee

Permits a person to drive certain motortrucks and truck tractors, a passenger vehicle or a bus at a speed not to exceed 5 miles less per hour than the posted speed limit for a passenger vehicle on a specified portion of Interstate 5. Requires a report on the traffic flow and traffic safety on that portion of Interstate 5.

[SB 353](#) AUTHOR: Blakeslee
TITLE: Regulations: Economic Analysis
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Governmental Organization Committee

Amends regulatory procedures to exempt the review or regulations or amendments by the Office of Administrative Law from the State Environmental Quality Act, the involvement of all parties subject to a proposed regulation in an open meeting, a proposed regulation cost-benefit economic analysis, information included in a proposed regulation informative digest, a submitted regulation approval or disapproval time frame, and the mandatory priority review provisions. Requires justification for noncompliance.

[SB 366](#) AUTHOR: Calderon R
TITLE: Regulations: Agency Review
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Governmental Organization Committee

Requires each state agency except the California State University to undertake specified actions in regards to the regulations that have been adopted by the state agency. Requires each of the overseeing agencies to notify any state department, board, or commission within that agency of any regulations adopted by those entities that the agency has determined may be duplicative, overlapping, or inconsistent with a regulation adopted by another state department.

[SB 367](#) AUTHOR: Dutton
TITLE: Employment: Working Hours
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee

Permits an individual nonexempt employee employed by an employer with 25 or less employees to request an employee-selected flexible work schedule providing for workdays up to 10 hours per day within a 40-hour workweek. Allows the employer to implement this schedule without any obligation to pay overtime compensation.

[SB 378](#) AUTHOR: Dutton
TITLE: Employment: Alternative Workweek Schedules
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee

Provides that an alternative workweek schedule may include a regularly scheduled alternative workweek that authorizes work by the affected employees for more than 10 hours a day, as long as the employees are paid at the appropriate overtime rate set forth in those provisions. Exempts from those provisions employers with 5 or fewer employees.

[SB 384](#) AUTHOR: Evans
TITLE: Courts: Complex Case Fees
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Relates to the filing of an advisory regarding a construction-related accessibility claim against a building owner or tenant. Relates to court fees for a civil action if the case is designated as a complex case or whenever the case is determined by the court to be a complex case. Requires the payment of a single complex case fee on behalf of all plaintiffs. Authorizes a party to move for summary adjudication of a legal issue or claim for damages, other than punitive damages, under specified conditions.

[SB 389](#) AUTHOR: Dutton
TITLE: Employment: Meal Periods
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee

Provides that the payment of an additional hour of pay per workday in which the employer failed to provide a meal period or a rest period would constitute compliance with any requirements to provide an employee with a meal period or rest period and is the exclusive remedy for that failure to provide a meal period or rest period and would not longer constitute a misdemeanor.

[SB 396](#) AUTHOR: Huff
TITLE: Regulations: Review Process
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Environmental Quality Committee

Requires each agency to review each regulation adopted prior to January 1, 2011, and to develop a report with prescribed information that shall be submitted to the Legislature. Requires each agency to conduct additional reviews of regulations that have been in effect for at least 20 years, and to submit an annual report to the Legislature that identifies the regulations reviewed that year and the associated findings.

[SB 400](#) AUTHOR: Dutton
TITLE: Regulations: Impact on Businesses
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Environmental Quality Committee

Amends existing law regarding a regulation to perform an assessment of the potential for adverse economic impact on California business enterprises and individuals. Requires the agency to submit economic assessments for certain regulations to the Office of Administrative Law for purposes of reviewing them. Requires the office to reject a regulation that is based upon an economic assessment that was determined to not be based on sound economic knowledge, methods, and practices.

[SB 401](#) AUTHOR: Fuller
TITLE: Regulations: Repeal Provisions
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Environmental Quality Committee

Requires that every regulation proposed by an agency after January 1, 2012, include a provision repealing the regulation in 5 years. Prohibits the office from approving a proposed regulation unless it contains repeal provisions. Authorizes an agency, in the year prior to a regulations scheduled repeal, to amend the regulation to extend the repeal date, as specified, after complying with certain public hearing requirements.

[SB 409](#) AUTHOR: LaMalfa
TITLE: Flood Control: Department of Water Resources
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Rules Committee

Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law that authorizes the Department of Water Resources to make examinations of lands subject to inundation and overflow by flood waters.

[SB 459](#)

AUTHOR: Corbett
TITLE: Employment: Independent Contractors
PIFC POSITION: Neutral
STATUS: Chaptered

Prohibits willful misclassification of individuals as independent contractors, charging those who have been mischaracterized as independent contractors a fee, or making deductions from wages where the acts would have violated the law if the individuals had not been mischaracterized. Provides for damages and disciplinary actions on persons and employers. Requires violator notification to the Contractor's License Board. Relates to complaints. Provides for joint and several liability in certain situations.

[SB 464](#)

AUTHOR: Anderson
TITLE: Property Taxation: Construction Exclusion: Fire Devices
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Governance and Finance Committee

Amends existing law regarding property taxation of new construction. Expands a property tax exclusion to include the construction or installation of any fire sprinkler system, other fire extinguishing system, and fire detection system in a new building. Requires the county tax assessor to administer this expansion and to reduce the base year value of the new building by the value of the fire sprinkler system, or other fire extinguishing system, and fire protection detection system.

[SB 488](#)

AUTHOR: Correa
TITLE: Political Reform Act of 1974: Slate Mailers
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: In Conference

Provides that if a slate mailer organization sends a mass mailing that displays a logo that is substantially similar to the logo of a governmental agency or a nongovernmental organization that represents law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical, or other public safety personnel, the slate mailer organization shall be required to obtain the express written consent of the governmental agency or nongovernmental organization associated with the logo. Requires other disclosures by such organizations.

[SB 596](#)

AUTHOR: Price
TITLE: Insurance: Disclosures
PIFC POSITION: Support
STATUS: Chaptered

Amends an existing law that requires an insurer, upon receiving notice of a claim, to immediately provide the insured with a legible reproduction of the specified Insurance Code section detailing acts prohibited as unfair trade practices, and a written notice. Revises the written notice and requires that it be provided to the insured with a legible reproduction of only specified portions of the Insurance Code in at least 10-point type. Requires the insurer to provide a certain code provision when requested.

[SB 627](#) AUTHOR: Walters
TITLE: Vehicles: Driving Schools and Traffic Violator Schools
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: [Vetoed](#)

Amends existing law that requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue or renew a license certificate for a driving school owner or operator, a driving school instructor or all-terrain vehicle safety instructor, a traffic violator school owner or traffic violator school operator. Requires the department to approve or disapprove an application for renewal within a specified time period following receipt of an application, provided the application includes all required information.

[SB 631](#) AUTHOR: Evans
TITLE: Insurance Commissioner: Violations: Remedies
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Insurance Committee

Authorizes the Insurance Commissioner, in the exercise of his or her discretion to take enforcement action, to impose upon an insurer, licensee, or other entity or person subject to the commissioner's authority specified remedies, either by way of settlement, or following a hearing, whenever the commissioner finds that there has been a violation of an applicable insurance provision.

[SB 636](#) AUTHOR: Corbett
TITLE: Personal Information: Internet Disclosure Prohibition
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Amends existing law authorizing victims of domestic violence or stalking and reproductive health care providers, employees, and volunteers to complete an application enabling agencies to respond to requests for public records without disclosing a residence address. Authorizes information disclosure under certain conditions. Provides civil penalties. Prohibits a person or business from displaying on the Internet participant information, or that of a provider or patient of a reproductive health facility.

[SB 639](#) AUTHOR: Cannella
TITLE: Regulations: Economic Impact Analysis
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Environmental Quality Committee

Requires the Environmental Protection Agency and the Division of Occupational Safety and Health, when proposing to adopt, amend, or repeal an administrative regulation, to complete an economic impact analysis of that action prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal. Requires the agency making the report to make the report available on the agency's Internet Web site.

[SB 643](#) AUTHOR: Correa
TITLE: Administrative Procedures
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Requires that if a proposed regulation impacts housing, the initial statement of reasons include the estimated cost and benefits of compliance and the related assumptions used in determining that estate. Requires that in making the evaluation available to the public, the agency officer include the estimated costs and benefits of compliance.

[SB 647](#) AUTHOR: Senate Judiciary Committee
TITLE: Civil Law: Omnibus Bill
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Relates to small claims judgment appeals and any related levy of a deposit account or safe-deposit account, obtaining a subpoena in an out-of-state proceeding, the addition of an estate conservator to a list of persons with control of the disposition of remains, restrictions upon a person's or beneficiary's entitlement to a decedent's estate, the issuance of a summons during the objection to the probate of a will, appointment of a humane officer, and collections for court costs.

[SB 684](#) AUTHOR: Corbett
TITLE: Workers Compensation Insurance: Dispute Resolution
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Requires an insurer that intends to use a dispute resolution or arbitration agreement to resolve disputes arising out of a workers' compensation insurance policy or endorsement to disclose to the employer that the choice of law and choice of venue or forum may be a jurisdiction other than California and that the terms are negotiable. Requires the employer to sign the disclosure as evidence of receipt, when the offer of coverage is accepted. Authorizes the negotiation of terms before a dispute arises.

[SB 688](#) AUTHOR: Wright
TITLE: Regulations: Legislative Approval
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Environmental Quality Committee

Amends Administrative Procedure Act to require an agency to produce a detailed estimate of the cumulative statewide costs impact for affected businesses and individuals. Requires the agency to notify specified committees of the Legislature if the estimated cumulative statewide cost impacts for affected businesses exceed a specified amount.

[SB 712](#) AUTHOR: Senate Insurance Committee
TITLE: Insurance
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions regarding the State Compensation Insurance Fund, workers' compensation insurance, domestic fraternal benefit societies, title insurer deposits, long-term care insurer records, and unfair and deceptive acts or practices in the insurance business. Relates to workers' compensation claims bonds, the State Life and Health Insurance Guarantee Association, and property and casualty insurer statement of actuarial opinion and supporting materials.

[SB 713](#) AUTHOR: Calderon R
TITLE: Insurance: Proceeds: Disclosure
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Requires insurers to provide written disclosures to life insurance beneficiaries at the time a claim is made and before a retained asset account is selected or established as the payment. Requires an insurer that settles life insurance benefits through a retained asset account to provide the beneficiary with a supplemental contract that clearly discloses the rights of the beneficiary and

obligations of the insurer under the contract and to provide a related statement. Relates to violation civil penalties.

[SB 714](#)

AUTHOR: Senate Insurance Committee
TITLE: Insurance: Holding Companies
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Insurance Committee

Amends existing law, the Insurance Holding Company System Regulatory Act, revise the definition of "insurer" to exclude agencies, authorities, or instrumentalities of the United States, define the term "enterprise risk" to mean any activity, circumstance, or event, or series of events, involving one or more affiliates of an insurer that, is likely to have a material adverse effect upon the financial condition or liquidity of the insurer.

[SB 716](#)

AUTHOR: Senate Insurance Committee
TITLE: Insurance: Surplus Lines Insurers: Reinsurance
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Rules Committee

Declares that it is the intent of the Legislature to reconcile surplus lines and reinsurance law with the recent changes to federal law to minimize any possibly adverse effects of preemption by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

[SB 719](#)

AUTHOR: Vargas
TITLE: Vehicles: Motor Carrier of Property: Insurance
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Transportation and Housing Committee

Authorizes the director of the department to initiate a rulemaking process, upon making a finding that the minimum coverage requirements are insufficient, to alter, by regulation, the required coverage amounts to better reflect market conditions, costs, and operational risks. Authorizes the director to alter the minimum coverage requirements for motor carriers based on the time, place, and manner of their operations if that operation is being conducted pursuant to its motor carrier permit.

[SB 720](#)

AUTHOR: Runner S
TITLE: Vehicles: Drivers' Licenses: Military Personnel
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Amends existing law requiring a state driver's license held by a person who enters the United States Armed Forces to continue in full force and effect, so long as the service continues and the person remains absent from this state. Extends that benefit to the spouse of the person who enters or is in the United States Armed Forces.

[SB 726](#)

AUTHOR: Berryhill T
TITLE: Fire Suppression: Fire Sprinkler Systems
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Transportation and Housing Committee

Authorizes a county, by ordinance or resolution, to opt not to be subject to a regulation published in the State Building Standards Code requiring the installation of a fire sprinkler system in a single-family residential dwelling.

[SB 731](#)

AUTHOR: Senate Judiciary Committee
TITLE: Civil Actions
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Amends existing law that permits a court to enter a prefiling order prohibiting a vexatious litigant from filing any new litigation without first obtaining leave of the presiding judge of the court where the litigation is proposed to be filed. Permits a vexatious litigant to file an application to vacate the prefiling order and remove his or her name from the list of vexatious litigants. Amends existing law regarding arbitration awards. Extends the period for making a request for dismissal or de novo trial.

[SB 748](#)

AUTHOR: Gaines T
TITLE: Insurance: Replacement Cost
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Insurance Committee

Amends an existing law that requires the Insurance Commissioner to appoint a curriculum committee to develop prelicensing and continuing education curriculum. Requires the curriculum committee to make certain recommendations to the commissioner regarding specified broker-agents and applicants for those broker-agent licenses.

[SB 761](#)

AUTHOR: Lowenthal A
TITLE: Computer Spyware
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee

Requires the Attorney General, in consultation with the Office of Privacy Protection, to adopt regulations that require a covered entity to provide a consumer in California with a method to opt out of the collection, use, and storage of such information. Defines a covered entity as an entity that collects, uses, or stores online data containing covered information from a consumer. Prohibits a covered entity from selling, sharing, or transferring a consumer's covered information and is liable for damages.

[SB 767](#)

AUTHOR: Harman
TITLE: Vehicles: Radio Frequency Identification Technology
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Transportation and Housing Committee

Authorizes a local potential subdivision of this state to participate in a local traffic safety program that uses radio frequency identification (RFID) technology in order to aid law enforcement efforts, promote environmental initiatives, including congestion mitigation, and enhance revenue collections of unpaid fines and penalties.

[SB 780](#)

AUTHOR: Emmerson
TITLE: Vehicles: Driving Offenses: Punishment
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Public Safety Committee

Deletes a certain 10-year limitation in provisions relating to enhanced penalties for DUI offenses. Increases the punishment for driving under the influence of alcohol or a drug with prior convictions. Subjects a person who flees the scene of a crime after committing vehicular homicide to an additional state prison term.

[SB 822](#) AUTHOR: Evans
TITLE: Infrastructure Plan
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Budget Committee

Provides that the Governor, in conjunction with the Governor's Budget, to submit annually to the Legislature a proposed 5-year infrastructure plan containing specified information concerning infrastructure needed by state agencies, public schools, and public postsecondary educational institutions and a proposal for funding the needed infrastructure. Requires that the Governor also submit the infrastructure plan to the Treasurer.

[SB 845](#) AUTHOR: Wolk
TITLE: Central Valley Flood Protection Plan
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Rules Committee

Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to an existing law requiring the Department of Water Resources to prepare the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan. Provides that certain cities or counties are prohibited from entering into a development agreement for property that is located within a flood hazard zone, are prohibited from approving specified permits, and are required to deny approval of a tentative map for a subdivision located within the flood hazard zone unless certain findings are made.

[SB 849](#) AUTHOR: Walters
TITLE: Financial Information: Privacy
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Rules Committee

Makes nonsubstantive changes to the California Financial Information Privacy Act that states the intent of the Legislature to provide greater protection of a person's nonpublic personal information provided to a financial institution.

[SB 859](#) AUTHOR: Padilla
TITLE: Vehicles: Records: Confidentiality
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Relates to motor vehicles records confidentiality. Adds an exception for an electrical corporation, or a local publicly owned electric utility, if the corporation or utility, or its agent, under penalty of perjury, requests and uses the information only for the purposes of identifying where an electric vehicle is registered, and if certain conditions are met.

[SB 869](#) AUTHOR: Yee
TITLE: Automotive Repair Dealers
PIFC POSITION: Support
STATUS: Chaptered

Amends the Automotive Repair Act. Provides that an automotive repair dealer who prepares a written estimate for repairs that includes the replacement of a deployed airbag, who fails to restore the airbag is guilty of a misdemeanor that is punishable by a specified fine, imprisonment in a county jail, or both.

[SB 880](#)

AUTHOR: Corbett
TITLE: Common Interest Developments: Vehicle Charging Stations
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Natural Resources Committee

Authorizes the board of directors of an association to grant exclusive use of a portion of the common area without the affirmative vote of the members of the association for the purpose of installing and using an electric vehicle charging station in an owner's garage or designated parking space, under specified circumstances, such as when the installation or use of the charging station requires reasonable access through the common area for utility lines or meters.

[SB 883](#)

AUTHOR: Correa
TITLE: Employers: Good Faith Defense
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee

Permits an employer to raise as an affirmative defense that, at the time of an alleged violation, the employer was acting in good faith and in compliance with or reliance upon an applicable employment statute or regulation.

[SB 886](#)

AUTHOR: Corbett
TITLE: Sprinkler Fitters: Licensing
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee

Enacts a comprehensive program for the certification and regulation of sprinkler fitter by the State Fire Marshal. Prohibits a person from performing work on any fire suppression system, unless he or she possesses a valid sprinkler fitter certificate issued by the State Fire Marshal.

[SB 903](#)

AUTHOR: Anderson
TITLE: Public Retirement Systems: Investments: Iran
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Amends Public Divest from Iran Act prohibits the Public Employees' Retirement System and the State Teachers' Retirement System from investing public employee retirement funds in a company with business operations in Iran that is invested in or engaged in business operations with entities in certain sectors. Provides that nothing in those provisions requires either board to take action described in this section if it determines that the action would be a breach of the fiduciary responsibilities described.

[SB 910](#)

AUTHOR: Lowenthal A
TITLE: Vehicles: Bicycles: Passing Distance
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: [Vetoed](#)

Recasts and upgrades provisions of existing law regarding the requirements of a driver of a motor vehicle when passing a bicycle proceeding in the same direction. Provides a fine for a violation and an additional fine if the violation results in a collision causing bodily harm to the bicyclist. Prohibits a driver from crossing over any double parallel solid white lines. Provides exceptions. Permits a driver to cross over double parallel lines in specified lanes to pass a bicycle if in compliance with law.

[SB 929](#)

AUTHOR: Evans
TITLE: Vehicles: Child Passenger Restraints
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Chaptered

Relates to the required use of child passenger restraints by children a specified ages by the operator of a limousine for hire, an authorized emergency vehicle operator, taxicab operator, parents, and legal guardians. Provides probable cause for a law enforcement officer to stop a vehicle for a related violation. Provides the age and height requirements for restraint use. Requires hospitals to disseminate restraint use requirements upon the discharge of a child. Relates to rental car company information.

[SCR 40](#)

AUTHOR: Corbett
TITLE: Emergency services: earthquake preparedness
PIFC POSITION: 04/15/2011
STATUS: Chaptered

Declares the month of April as California Earthquake Preparedness Month, and urges all Californians and government agencies to engage in education, evaluation of seismic hazards, mitigation, safety activities, and the exchange of information related to earthquake preparedness with other states and nations during the month.

[AB 9 a](#)

AUTHOR: Chesbro
TITLE: Taxation: Vehicle License Fees
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly

Amends the Vehicle License Fees that provides in lieu of any ad valorem property tax upon vehicles, imposes an annual license fee for any vehicle subject to registration in this state in the amount of 1% of the market value of that vehicle for a specified amount of time and imposes an additional tax equal to 0.15% of the market value of specified vehicles. Repeals the provision relating to the sunset date and repeal of the additional 0.15% tax.

[AB 45 a](#)

AUTHOR: Jeffries
TITLE: State Responsibilities Areas: Fire Prevention Fees
PIFC POSITION: Watch
STATUS: Assembly

Repeals existing law provisions regarding a fire prevention fee to be charged on each structure on a parcel that is within a state responsibility area, and existing law provisions that established the State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fund and collection of fire prevention fees by the State Board of Equalization.

[EXECUTIVE
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TITLE: Californians Affected by Tsunami
ORDERED: 03/18/2011

Mitigates the effects of the emergency due to the tsunami and water surge in the counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo and Santa Cruz. Suspends an unemployment waiting period. Requests that the Franchise Tax Board and the Board of Equalization consider using administrative powers to provide individuals and businesses impacted with extensions for filing, audits, billing, notices, assessments and relief from subsequent penalties.

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