

# California State Commanders Veterans Council

## Legislative Update & Bill List

The Governor had until last Friday midnight, September 30<sup>th</sup>, to take action on all the legislation that reached his desk during the final days of session. Literally hundreds of bills were sent to him in the final couple weeks of August. He has signed into law the majority of the legislation sent to him and vetoed some of the bills.

The Legislature is now on recess and the legislators are working in their districts and many running for election or re-election in November. Technically, this session will adjourn “sine die” at midnight on November 30<sup>th</sup> and a new Legislature will be sworn in and organized at noon on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. They will only be in Sacramento a day or two and then recess until January. They will be working in their districts.

With the recent change in term limits in place, there will be fewer turnovers in the new Legislature than there has been in the last few sessions. Six state Senators and fourteen Assemblymembers are termed out this time so there will be very few new legislators (out of 120). There are some previous members running for a few of these seats.

We will update you after the election on the changes and makeup of the incoming Legislature.

Now that the Governor’s deadline has passed, below is a final list of the bills were followed for your organization during this year. Please distribute this information to your membership as you see fit.

### California

#### 1.CA AB 13

Author: Chavez (R)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Nonresident Tuition

Last Amend: 05/28/2015

Summary: Exempts nonresident students living in the State and enrolled at a community college who are defined covered individuals, using Federal GI Bill education benefits to cover the costs associated with enrollment as a community college student, from nonresident tuition. Authorizes community college districts to report students

exempted from nonresident tuition for purposes of calculating apportionments to those districts.

Status: 06/19/2015 To SENATE Committee on EDUCATION.

Position: Support

## 2.CA AB 27

Author: Chavez (R)

Title: Postsecondary Education: Non-resident Tuition Exemption

Last Amend: 05/07/2015

Summary: Requires or requests that the non-resident tuition exemption policies of each segment of public postsecondary education be updated and adopted to ensure continued participating in GI Bill education benefits.

Status: 05/07/2015 To SENATE Committee on EDUCATION.

05/07/2015 From SENATE Committee on EDUCATION with author's amendments.

05/07/2015 In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on EDUCATION.

Position: Support

## 3.CA AB 171

Author: Irwin (D)

Title: Department of Veterans Affairs: Veterans Services

Last Amend: 08/31/2015

Summary: Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop an allocation formula based upon performance standards that encourage innovation and reward outstanding service by county veterans service officers. Requires those funds to be allocated in accordance with that formula. Requires an annual report on the impact of the subvention funds on each county that receives those funds. Deletes obsolete provisions. Makes conforming changes.

Status: 08/29/2016 In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.

Position: Watch

#### 4.CA AB 253

Author: Hernandez R (D)

Title: Mental Health

Last Amend: 04/30/2015

Summary: Increases the membership on the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission. Relates to a preference for funding for supporting housing projects for veterans when the applicant can demonstrate a multiyear commitment of specified funding for the housing project funding plan. Requires the submission of county cultural competence plans with specified components to the Legislature. Requires the Department of Health Care Services to post the plan on a dedicated Internet Web page.

Status: 01/12/2016 In SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING: Not heard.

Position: Support

#### 5.CA AB 887

Author: Ting (D)

Title: Military and Overseas Voters: Ballot Submission

Last Amend: 01/04/2016

Summary: Permits a military and overseas voter to return his or her ballot by electronic mail along with a copy of an identification envelope and an oath of voter declaration and to cast his or her vote on the Internet by electronically marking the ballot and securely transmitting the ballot to the appropriate elections officials. Requires the ballot to be received no later than the closing of polls on election day. Provides these measures will become operative after all security issues have been addressed.

Status: 02/01/2016 Died pursuant to Art. IV, Sec. 10(c) of the Constitution.

Position: Support, Watch

#### 6.CA AB 930

Author: Irwin (D)

Title: Work for Warriors Program

Last Amend: 04/16/2015

Summary: Authorizes the State Military Department to establish a Work for Warriors program, to provide direct placement job services to service members, veterans, and military families, and other related populations. Authorizes the Department to accept federal funding to supplement the program, and to adopt regulations, rules, and guidelines as are necessary to implement the program.

Status: 08/29/2016 In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.

Position: Support

#### 7.CA AB 1029

Author: Frazier (D)

Title: Veterans: Service Providers

Last Amend: 06/21/2016

Summary: Allows entities meeting specified requirements to apply to the Department of Veterans Affairs to become certified veterans service providers. Requires the Department of maintain a list of such providers on its Internet Web site, including the type of supportive services provided. Provides a validity time period for certification. Requires the Department to adopt rules, procedures, and regulations as necessary to decertify an entity that no longer meets certification requirements. Requires a related fee.

Status: 08/11/2016 In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

Position: Support

#### 8.CA AB 1278

Author: Gray (D)

Title: Cigarettes and Tobacco Products: Identification

Summary: Provides that, for the purposes of buying tobacco products requirements, if a customer or recipient provides an identification card issued by the United States Armed Forces as proof of age and the identification card lacks a physical description, but includes date of birth and a photo, further proof of age is not required.

Status: 08/29/2016 In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File.

Position: Support

#### 9.CA AB 1383

Author: Jones (R)

Title: Veterans' Preferences: Voluntary Policy

Last Amend: 06/13/2016

Summary: Enacts the Voluntary Veterans' Preference Employment Policy. Authorizes a private employer to establish and maintain a written veterans' preference employment policy, to be applied uniformly in employment decisions, to be used to hire or retain a veteran over another qualified applicant or employee. Removes references to discrimination on account of sex and to Vietnam-era veterans. Relates to hiring discrimination and the veterans' preference.

Status: 06/21/2016 In SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Failed passage.

06/21/2016 In SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Reconsideration granted.

Position: Support

#### 10.CA AB 1556

Author: Mathis (R)

Title: Property Taxation: Exemptions: Disabled Veterans

Last Amend: 05/16/2016

Summary: Relates to property tax exemptions for disabled veterans. Exempts that portion of the full value of the principal place of residence of a veteran or veterans spouse from property taxation that does not exceed a specified amount. Defines a related term. Specifies that a totally disabled veteran includes a veteran blind in both eyes or so severely disabled as to be unable to move without an assistive device. Makes technical and conforming changes to the disabled veterans' property tax exemption.

Status: 05/27/2016 In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

05/27/2016 In ASSEMBLY. Joint Rule 62(a) suspended.

Position: Support

#### 11.CA AB 1560

Author: Mathis (R)

Title: Veterans: Substance Abuse Programs

Last Amend: 03/17/2016

Summary: Authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs to refer a veteran to a drug and alcohol treatment program for veterans that is administered by the United State Department of Veterans Affairs. Authorizes the department to, by regulation, create a form for the purpose of making these referrals.

Status: 03/17/2016 From ASSEMBLY Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS with author's amendments.

03/17/2016 In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS.

Position: Support

#### 12.CA AB 1596

Author: Mathis (R)

Title: Veterans Service Organizations

Last Amend: 04/19/2016

Summary: Appropriates funds from the General Fund each fiscal year to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of grants to veterans service organizations. Requires the Department to establish criteria, regulations, and reporting requirements for any organization it contracts with pursuant to these provisions. Requires a veteran service organization that contracts with the state to have a presence in the state and be registered with both the Secretary of State and Attorney General.

Status: 05/27/2016 In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

Position: Support

#### 13.CA AB 1672

Author: Mathis (R)

Title: Veterans Treatment Courts: Judicial Council Survey

Last Amend: 08/01/2016

Summary: Requires the Judicial Council to report to the Legislature on a study of veterans and veterans treatment courts that includes a statewide assessment of such courts currently in operation, and a survey of courts that do not operate such courts, that identifies barriers to program implementation and assesses the need for such courts' establishment in those counties. Creates a related fund to fund the survey and its related report. Makes an appropriation therefor.

Status: 08/11/2016 In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

Position: Support

#### 14.CA AB 1706

Author: Chavez (R)

Title: Military Fraud

Last Amend: 03/08/2016

Summary: Requires specified elected officers to forfeit office upon the conviction of a crime pursuant to the federal Stolen Valor Act of 2013 or the Stolen Valor Act that involves a fraudulent claim, made with the intent to obtain money, property, or other tangible benefit that the person is a veteran or a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, as prescribed in those acts. Imposes a misdemeanor for such actions only if accomplished for stated beneficial purposes, or false documents for a stated benefit.

Status: 08/11/2016 In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspense File.  
08/11/2016 In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

Position: Support

#### 15.CA AB 1844



Author: Gallagher (R)  
Title: Hunting and Fishing Licenses: Reduced Fees: Veterans  
Last Amend: 05/27/2016  
Summary: Requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to reduce the fee required to obtain lifetime hunting and sport fishing licenses by a specified percentage for a person who is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, was honorably discharged, and is a resident of the State.  
Status: 08/11/2016 In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.  
Position: Watch

#### 16.CA AB 1913

Author: Baker (R)  
Title: Veterans: Employment Development Department  
Last Amend: 03/30/2016  
Summary: Requires the Employment Development Department, upon request of the local county veterans service officer, to provide training to the county veterans service officer and his or her staff in providing assistance to veterans applying for unemployment insurance benefits. Requires the Department to coordinate with such officers for purposes of becoming familiar with the services provided by such officers. Requires a system for referral of veterans to such officers by the Department.  
Status: 05/27/2016 In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.  
Position: Support

#### 17.CA AB 1936

Author: Chavez (R)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education

Summary: Extends the resident classification for designated dependents of transferred and retired members of the Armed Forces of the United States to those dependents who have been admitted to a public postsecondary institution before the transfer or retirement. Requests the Regents of the University of California to establish the same residency benefits as those established by this bill for students enrolled at the University of California.

Status: 08/11/2016 In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspense File.  
08/11/2016 In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

Position: Watch

#### 18.CA AB 1972

Author: Chau (D)

Title: Veterans: State Park Passes

Last Amend: 05/27/2016

Summary: Requires the Department of Parks and Recreation to issue a park pass for free use of all park facilities in the state park system to any veteran who meets specified criteria. Requires the Department to report in its proposed budget on revenue losses with regard to the issuance of free veterans passes under these provisions.

Status: 08/11/2016 In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

Position: Support

#### 19.CA AB 2085

Author: Irwin (D)

Title: Military and Veterans

Last Amend: 05/31/2016

Summary: Creates the Office of Military Legal Assistance within the Military Department to assist current service members who require legal assistance by providing access to educational and informational resources and providing referral services to available legal assistance programs, including reduced fee services, pro bono services, and self-help services. Authorizes the areas of legal services assistance the Office may provide.

Status: 09/14/2016 Vetoed by GOVERNOR.

Position: Support

#### 20.CA AB 2128

Author: Achadjian (R)

Title: Marriage

Last Amend: 06/06/2016

Effective Date: 01/01/2017 [code impact]

Summary: Amends existing law that allows a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is stationed overseas and serving in a conflict or a war and is unable to appear for the license and solemnization of a marriage to enter into that marriage by the appearance of an attorney-in-fact. Provides that the completion of the power of attorney is the sole determinant as to whether the county clerk's office or State Registrar will accept the power of attorney.

Status: 08/17/2016 Signed by GOVERNOR.  
08/17/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 130

Position: Watch

#### 21.CA AB 2254

Author: Achadjian (R)  
Title: Armories: Homeless Shelter  
Last Amend: 06/08/2016  
Effective Date: 01/01/2017 [code impact]  
Summary: Revises the list of armories to be made available for providing temporary shelter to homeless persons to include the Atascadero armory in San Luis Obispo County.  
Status: 09/22/2016 Signed by GOVERNOR.  
09/22/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 462  
Position: Watch

## 22.CA AB 2273

Author: Irwin (D)  
Title: Military Law: Suicide  
Last Amend: 03/14/2016  
Effective Date: 01/01/2017 [code impact]  
Summary: Prohibits a member of the active militia, including the National Guard, from being prosecuted for a military crime based on an attempt to kill himself or herself. Requires the Adjutant General to ensure that any member of the active militia that attempts to kill himself or herself is referred to the Behavioral Health Liaison Program to receive assistance, counseling, or referral to other appropriate available services.  
Status: 09/13/2016 Signed by GOVERNOR.  
09/13/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 328  
Position: Watch

## 23.CA AB 2315

Author: Olsen (R)

Title: Asbestos Tort Trust Transparency Act

Summary: Enacts the Asbestos Tort Claim Trust Transparency Act, establishes additional procedures with respect to civil actions pertaining to asbestos tort claims, requires that a plaintiff disclose specified information with respect to any asbestos trusts, against which the plaintiff has or could pursue a claim, and would entitle a defendant to discover relevant information pertaining to the plaintiff held by other asbestos trusts and to pursue various motions.

Status: 03/03/2016 To ASSEMBLY Committee on JUDICIARY.

Position: Watch

## 24.CA AB 2472

Author: Linder (R)

Title: Personal Income Taxes: Credits: Veterans:Service Animal

Last Amend: 05/18/2016

Summary: Amends the Personal Income Tax Law to allow a credit in an amount equal to a specified percentage of the amounts paid or incurred during the taxable year by a qualified disabled veteran for the ownership and maintenance of a qualified animal, not to exceed a specified amount. Requires the amount of the credit to be multiplied by the tax credit adjustment factor.

Status: 05/27/2016 In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.  
05/27/2016 In ASSEMBLY. Joint Rule 62(a) suspended.

Position: Watch

## 25.CA AB 2494

Author: Hernandez R (D)

Title: Veteran Resource Centers Grant Program

Last Amend: 05/27/2016

Summary: Establishes the Veteran Resource Centers Grant Program, which would authorize the governing board of a community college district and a community college campus to apply for a grant for purposes of providing resources to veterans and active duty members of the Armed Forces enrolled at the campus. Establishes a related fund to be disbursed for the administration of the program and awards to community college districts and campuses.

Status: 08/11/2016 In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

Position: Watch

#### 26.CA AB 2512

Author: Grove (R)

Title: Task Force on Women Veterans Health

Last Amend: 04/06/2016

Summary: Creates the Task Force on Women Veterans Health Care to study the health care needs of women veterans in the State; requires a report.

Status: 05/27/2016 In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

Position: Support

#### 27.CA AB 2561

Author: Irwin (D)

Title: Water Supply Planning: Projects: Energy Generation

Last Amend: 08/31/2016

Effective Date: 09/26/2016 [code impact]

Summary: Relates to the California Environmental Quality Act. Exempts certain photovoltaic or wind energy generation facilities from the definition of project under the Act. Extends the duties on local agencies with respect to determining whether a project is subject to water supply assessment requirements. Encourages the development of photovoltaic and wind generation facilities to meet the state's renewable portfolio standard and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.

Status: 09/26/2016 Signed by GOVERNOR.  
09/26/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 669

Position: Watch

## 28.CA AB 2562

Author: Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee

Title: Military Service: Benefits

Effective Date: 01/01/2017 [code impact]

Summary: Relates to military service benefits. Deletes references to the date a reservist is called to active duty, both the definition of a reservist and payment deferral provisions, thereby making benefits available to any reservist who otherwise meets the definition.

Status: 09/13/2016 Signed by GOVERNOR.  
09/13/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 332

Position: Watch

## 29.CA AB 2563

Author: Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee

Title: Veterans: Service Advocate: Correctional Facility

Effective Date: 01/01/2017 [code impact]

Summary: Relates to veterans, service advocates and correctional facilities. Revises the definition of a veteran by deleting the reference to the American Red Cross and including a person who has been discharged from the National Guard of any state.

Status: 08/26/2016 Signed by GOVERNOR.  
08/26/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 203

Position: Watch

## 30.CA AB 2574

Author: Chavez (R)

Title: Veteran Farmers and Ranchers

Last Amend: 06/15/2016

Summary: Requires specified State departments to develop a New Veterans Farmer and Rancher Outreach and Assistance Plan to disseminate information to veterans in the State agricultural education, training, and other related assistance programs. Authorizes other public and private sector resources to be included in that dissemination.

Status: 08/11/2016 In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

Position: Watch

## 31.CA AB 2876



Author: Bloom (D)  
Title: Veterans Housing: Assistance  
Last Amend: 03/18/2016  
Summary: Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to establish a program to provide on an annual basis a grant to eligible cities, counties, or nonprofit organizations that provide services to homeless veterans. Requires these grants be used to provide specified veterans with supplemental funding for move-in expenses.  
Status: 04/19/2016 In ASSEMBLY Committee on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Not heard.  
Position: Watch

#### 32.CA AB 2879

Author: Stone (D)  
Title: Service Member Employment Protection Act  
Last Amend: 05/27/2016  
Summary: Amends existing law that prohibits discrimination against a member of the military forces because of his or her membership or service. Prohibits a person from requiring a waiver of the protections afforded under specified provisions of existing law as a condition of employment, including the right to file and pursue a civil action or complaint. Requires any waiver of these protection to be knowing and voluntary, in writing, and expressly not made as a condition of employment.  
Status: 06/13/2016 In ASSEMBLY. To Inactive File.  
Position: SupportIfAmended

#### 33.CA ACR 95

Author: Mathis (R)  
Title: American Flag  
Last Amend: 07/13/2015  
Summary: Declares that the American flag is an inseparable part of California's rich history, tradition, and culture, that it represents the values of freedom and liberty, and calls upon the state and local governments to prohibit any government entity in the State from banning the American flag from public property.  
Status: 08/16/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State.  
08/16/2016 Resolution Chapter No. 115  
Position: Support

#### 34.CA ACR 108

Author: Mathis (R)  
Title: Women's Military History Week  
Last Amend: 02/23/2016  
Summary: Recognizes Women Warriors by proclaiming the week of March 14, 2016, to March 20, 2016, inclusive, as Women's Military History Week. Encourages State residents to recognize the contributions of women to our military and our freedom and the historic lifting of the ban on women in combat.  
Status: 03/17/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State.  
03/17/2016 Resolution Chapter No. 14  
Position: Support

#### 35.CA ACR 129

Author: Kim (R)  
Title: Month of the Military Child  
Last Amend: 04/04/2016  
Summary: Declares the Month of April 2016 as the Month of the Military Child.  
Status: 04/19/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State.  
04/19/2016 Resolution Chapter No. 23  
Position: Support

#### 36.CA ACR 188

Author: Melendez (R)  
Title: PTS Awareness Month  
Last Amend: 06/23/2016  
Summary: Proclaims the month of June 2016 as PTS Awareness Month.  
Status: 08/16/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State.  
08/16/2016 Resolution Chapter No. 129  
Position: Support

#### 37.CA ACR 191

Author: Gallagher (R)  
Title: National Purple Heart Trail

Last Amend: 08/15/2016

Summary: Designates the portions of State Highway Routes 16, 20, and 45 in the County of Colusa for inclusion in the National Purple Heart Trail.

Status: 09/01/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State.  
09/01/2016 Resolution Chapter No. 163

Position: Support

### 38.CA AJR 20

Author: Kim (R)

Title: Veterans Affairs Hospitals

Last Amend: 04/11/2016

Summary: Requests that the Congress of the United States support and build a central Veterans Affairs Hospital in Orange County.

Status: 07/11/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State.  
07/11/2016 Resolution Chapter No. 92

Position: Support

### 39.CA AJR 33

Author: Bonilla (D)

Title: Port Chicago Disaster: Sailors of the U.S. Navy

Last Amend: 05/05/2016

Summary: Urges the recognition that the trial and conviction of African American sailors of the U.S. Navy for mutiny in connection with their service at the Port Chicago Naval Magazine in Concord, California, during World War II were wrongfully pursued because of racial prejudice. Urges the Congress to publicly exonerate those African American sailors in order to further aid in healing the racial divide that continues to exist in the United States.

Status: 07/11/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State.

07/11/2016 Resolution Chapter No. 93

Position: Support

#### 40.CA HR 34

Author: Daly (D)

Title: Black April Memorial Week

Last Amend: 04/21/2016

Summary: Proclaims the week of April 23, 2016, to April 30, 2016, as Black April Memorial Week.

Status: 04/21/2016 In ASSEMBLY. Read third time and amended. To third reading.

04/21/2016 In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Adopted by ASSEMBLY.

Position: Support

#### 41.CA HR 63

Author: Salas (D)

Title: Gold Star Mothers' and Families' Day

Last Amend: 08/25/2016

Summary: Proclaims September 25, 2016, as Gold Star Mothers' and Families' Day in California.

Status: 08/25/2016 In ASSEMBLY. Read third time and amended. To third reading.

08/25/2016 In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Adopted by ASSEMBLY.

Position: Support

#### 42.CA SB 15

Author: Block (D)

Title: Postsecondary Education: Aid: Incentive Grants

Last  
Amend: 03/25/2015

Summary: Increases the total number of Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards granted annually and increases the maximum tuition award amount for Cal Grant A and B for students at private nonprofit postsecondary institutions for the 2015-16 award year and each award year thereafter. Establishes the Graduation Incentive Grant Award. Provides matriculating undergraduate students at the California State University with a specified maximum number of college years of aid. Requires an annual report on the program.

Status: 06/15/2015 To ASSEMBLY Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION.

Position: Support

#### 43.CA SB 112

Author: Roth (D)

Title: State Veterans' Bill of Rights

Last  
Amend: 01/13/2016

Summary: Establishes the State Veterans' Bill of Rights. Proclaims the rights of veterans in the State, including, that veterans have the right to be treated with dignity, understanding, and respect, and have the right to housing, education, job training, and physical and mental health services.

Status: 04/28/2016 To ASSEMBLY Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS.

Position: Support

#### 44.CA SB 159

Author: Nielsen (R)

Title: Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise: Goal Achievement

Last Amend: 08/19/2016

Summary: Amends the State Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program. Specifies that an awarding department's goal under the program, and statewide total of those goals shall be measured in a specified manner.

Status: 08/30/2016 In ASSEMBLY. From Inactive File. To third reading.

Position: Support

#### 45.CA SB 294

Author: Pan (D)

Title: Public Employment: Military Service: Credit

Last Amend: 08/01/2016

Effective Date: 01/01/2017 [code impact]

Summary: Requires the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System to provide a form to be used by a member to receive credit for his or her military

service with employer-paid employee and employer contributions. Requires employers to inform the member his or her rights to receive credit within certain number of days of the member's return to state service by utilizing that form. Requires employer to provide letters or electronic communications to all employees informing them of those rights.

Status: 09/27/2016 Signed by GOVERNOR.  
09/27/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 707

Position: Support

#### 46.CA SB 384

Author: Leyva (D)

Title: Veterans Housing: Multifamily: Underserved Veterans

Last Amend: 06/30/2016

Summary: Requires, for all multifamily housing units acquired, constructed, rehabilitated or preserved under the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act for the purpose of housing veterans, that a percentage of the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act of 2014 bond funds be used for purposes of the Act be reserved for housing for underserved veterans; requires the percentage of the bond act funds to be determined by specified State agencies.

Status: 08/11/2016 In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

Position: Support

#### 47.CA SB 543

Author: Wolk (D)

Title: Veterans: Veteran's Home of California



Last Amend: 08/01/2016

Effective Date: 01/01/2017 [code impact]

Summary: Amends existing law that establishes Veteran's Home of California in Barstow, Chula Vista, Lancaster, Ventura and Yountville. Provides for an administrator for each home or homesite. Provides funding for designing and constructing veterans' homes. Requires each home to establish a Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Operating Fund to administer quality of life activities for the general welfare of residents. Provides for funding.

Status: 09/21/2016 Signed by GOVERNOR.  
09/21/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 424

Position: Support

#### 48.CA SB 806

Author: Vidak (R)

Title: Dr. Charlie Waters Memorial Veterans Home

Last Amend: 03/02/2016

Summary: Renames the veterans' home in the County of Fresno as the Dr. Charlie Waters Memorial Veterans Home.

Status: 03/02/2016 From SENATE Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS with author's amendments.  
03/02/2016 In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS.

Position: Support

#### 49.CA SB 866

Author: Roth (D)  
Title: Veterans Housing  
Last Amend: 06/16/2016  
Effective Date: 01/01/2017 [code impact]  
Summary: Authorizes a housing developer or service provider that provides housing or services pursuant to the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014, to provide housing or services to veterans and their children in women-only facilities in limited instances.  
Status: 09/23/2016 Signed by GOVERNOR.  
09/23/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 535  
Position: Watch

#### 50.CA SB 905

Author: Bates (R)  
Title: Alcoholic Beverage Control: Club Licenses  
Last Amend: 08/11/2016  
Effective Date: 01/01/2017 [code impact]  
Summary: Defines a club for purposes of the qualification for a on-premises liquor license for members of a club and their guests. Includes a nonprofit umbrella organization established to provide a central meeting location, and services for veterans, including those on active duty, and that owns or leases, operates, and maintains a facility for these purposes. Requires the organization to serve a minimum number of veteran organizations.  
Status: 09/14/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 363  
Position: Support

## 51.CA SB 951

Author: McGuire (D)

Title: Golden State Patriot Passes Program

Last Amend: 04/26/2016

Summary: Creates the Golden State Patriot Passes Program to provide veterans with free access to transit services. Requires the development of guidelines for use by a participating transit operator to demonstrate that proposed expenditures would increase veteran mobility and fulfill specified requirements. Requires the selection of operators to participate. Requires selected operators to match State moneys with local moneys. Requires reports regarding the program.

Status: 05/27/2016 In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

Position: Watch

## 52.CA SB 980

Author: Nielsen (R)

Title: Veterans' Homes

Last Amend: 06/22/2016

Summary: Provides that the administrator is the senior executive appointed to oversee the operations of a veterans' home. Specifies which veterans homes are administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to adopt uniform statewide policies and procedures, for the operations of those veterans homes. Updates admission criteria. Requires an electronic medical records system for such homes. Relates to the setting of related fees.

Status: 08/11/2016 In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

Position: Support

## 53.CA SB 1012

Author: Nguyen (R)

Title: Flags: Purchase

Last Amend: 04/18/2016

Effective Date: 01/01/2017 [code impact]

Summary: Requires any Flag of the United State or the Flag of the State purchased by the State or any local government agency be made in the United States.

Status: 09/27/2016 Signed by GOVERNOR.  
09/27/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 717

Position: Support

## 54.CA SB 1059

Author: Monning (D)

Title: Postsecondary Education: Title 38 Awards

Last Amend: 06/21/2016

Effective Date: 01/01/2017 [code impact]

Summary: Relates to the State Approving Agency for Veterans Education. Includes as a qualifying institution for federal Title 38 awards, an institution that has been accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners, if the institution complies with specified disclosure and compliance requirements.

Status: 09/21/2016 Signed by GOVERNOR.  
09/21/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 428

Position: Watch

#### 55.CA SB 1080

Author: Morrell (R)

Title: Memorials

Summary: Makes it a crime to receive a grave marker or other structure designed to commemorate the grave of a veteran, peace officer, firefighter, or other first responder that the person knows, or reasonably should know, is stolen.

Status: 04/19/2016 In SENATE Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY: Failed passage.

Position: Support

#### 56.CA SB 1081

Author: Morrell (R)

Title: Hunting and Sport Fishing Free and Reduced License Fee

Last Amend: 03/28/2016

Summary: Requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to issue a free hunting license to a disabled veteran or recovering service member and to issue a reduced fee hunting license, upon application and a payment of a fee to a veteran of the Armed Forces who was honorably discharged, and a free fishing license thereto.

Status: 05/27/2016 In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

Position: Support

#### 57.CA SB 1104

Author: Stone (R)

Title: Property Tax: Senior and Disabled Veterans

Last Amend: 05/11/2016

Summary: Relates to senior and disabled veteran property tax exemption. Provides the inflation factor shall not apply to the principal place of residence, including a manufactured home, of a qualified veteran who meets specified qualifying requirements. Exempts, beginning with a lien date in a specified fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, the full value of the principal place of residence of a veteran or veteran's spouse. Makes technical and conforming changes to the exemption provisions.

Status: 05/27/2016 In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

Position: Watch

#### 58.CA SB 1155

Author: Morrell (R)

Title: Professions and Vocations: Licenses: Military

Last Amend: 06/23/2016

Summary: Requires every board within the Department of Consumer Affairs to grant a fee waiver for the application for and the issuance of an initial license to an applicant who supplies satisfactory evidence that the applicant has served as an active duty member of the State National Guard or the United States Armed Forces and was honorably discharged. Requires a veteran be granted only one fee waiver. Provides an exception.

Status: 08/11/2016 In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

Position: Watch

#### 59.CA SB 1180

Author: Jackson (D)

Title: Public School Employees: Military Veterans

Last Amend: 04/26/2016

Effective Date: 01/01/2017 [code impact]

Summary: Requires that a certificated or classified employee who is a military veteran with a specified military service-connected disability rating be entitled to a specified number of days leave of absence with pay for the purpose of undergoing disability-related medical treatment.

Status: 09/27/2016 Signed by GOVERNOR.  
09/27/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 728

Position: Watch

#### 60.CA SB 1183

Author: Bates (R)

Title: Property Taxation: Exemptions: Disabled Veterans

Last Amend: 05/10/2016

Summary: Exempt that portion of the full value of the principal place of residence of a veteran or veteran's spouse that does not exceed a specified amount from taxation. Defines the term blind in both eyes to mean that the veteran is a blind person. Specifies that a totally disabled veteran includes a veteran so severely disabled as to be unable to move without the aid of an assistive device. Makes other technical and conforming changes to the disabled veterans' property tax exemption.

Status: 05/27/2016 In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

Position: Watch

#### 61.CA SB 1227

Author: Lara (D)  
Title: California Conservation Corps  
Last Amend: 08/11/2016  
Effective Date: 01/01/2017 [code impact]  
Summary: Requires the California Conservation Corps to collaborate with the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Employment Development Department to assist any corps member who is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces, in obtaining employment after participating in the corps program. Provides that such collaboration efforts shall include providing access to veterans supportive services and workforce services.  
Status: 09/22/2016 Signed by GOVERNOR.  
09/22/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 485  
Position: Support

#### 62.CA SB 1259

Author: Runner (R)  
Title: Vehicles: Toll Payment: Veterans  
Last Amend: 04/21/2016  
Summary: Exempts vehicles registered to a veteran and displaying a specialized veterans license plate, from payment of a toll or related fines on a toll road, high-occupancy toll lane, toll bridge, toll highway, a vehicular crossing, or any other toll facility. Makes conforming changes.  
Status: 06/14/2016 In ASSEMBLY Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS: Not heard.  
Position: Watch

#### 63.CA SB 1314



Author: Block (D)

Title: Cal Grant Program: Scholarship: Community College

Last Amend: 08/01/2016

Effective Date: 01/01/2017 [code impact]

Summary: Provides that community college students participating in specified baccalaureate degree programs who also satisfy specified eligibility requirements shall receive awards for upper division coursework fee. Extends awards under the Middle Class Scholarship Program to community college students enrolled in upper division coursework of a baccalaureate degree program. Requires the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to provide any financial data necessary for award determination.

Status: 09/21/2016 Signed by GOVERNOR.  
09/21/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 438

Position: Support

#### 64.CA SB 1348

Author: Cannella (R)

Title: Licensure Applications: Military Experience

Last Amend: 05/31/2016

Effective Date: 01/01/2017 [code impact]

Summary: Requires each board within the Department of Consumer Affairs with a governing law authorizing veterans to apply military experience and training towards licensure requirements to post information on the board's Internet Web site about the ability of veteran applicants to apply their military experience and training towards licensure requirements.

Status: 08/22/2016 Signed by GOVERNOR.

08/22/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 174

Position: Watch

#### 65.CA SB 1455

Author: Block (D)

Title: Pupil Enrollment: Military Dependents

Last Amend: 06/08/2016

Effective Date: 01/01/2017 [code impact]

Summary: Provides that a pupil complies with a school district's residency requirements for school attendance in a school district if he or she is a pupil whose parent is transferred or is pending transfer to a military installation within the boundaries of the district while on active military duty pursuant to an official documentation. Requires a school district to accept applications by electronic means for enrollment and course registration for those pupils.

Status: 09/12/2016 Signed by GOVERNOR.

09/12/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 312

Position: Watch

#### 66.CA SB 1458

Author: Bates (R)

Title: Property Taxation: Exemptions: Disabled Veterans

Last Amend: 06/29/2016

Effective Date: 09/30/2016 [code impact]

Summary: Amends an existing property tax law which provides a disabled veteran's property tax exemption for the principal place of residence of a veteran or a veteran's spouse. Expands that definition of veteran to include a person who has been discharged in other than dishonorable conditions from service under certain conditions and who has been determined to be eligible for federal veterans' health and medical benefits. Provides time periods regarding the disabled veterans' exemption.

Status: 09/30/2016 Signed by GOVERNOR.  
09/30/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 871

Position: Support

#### 67.CA SCR 104

Author: Nguyen (R)

Title: Black April Memorial Month

Last Amend: 04/06/2016

Summary: Proclaims the month of April 2016 as Black April Memorial Month.

Status: 05/24/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State.  
05/24/2016 Resolution Chapter No. 46

Position: Support

#### 68.CA SCR 110

Author: Mendoza (D)

Title: Brain Injury Awareness, Treatment, and Prevention Month

Summary: Designates the month of March 2016, and each year thereafter, as Brain Injury Awareness, Treatment, and Prevention Month.

Status: 05/04/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State.

05/04/2016 Resolution Chapter No. 32

Position: Support

#### 69.CA SCR 113

Author: Fuller (R)

Title: National Military Appreciation Month

Summary: Recognizes the month of May 2016 as National Military Appreciation Month.

Status: 08/16/2016 Enrolled.

08/16/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State.

08/16/2016 Resolution Chapter No. 108

Position: Support

#### 70.CA SCR 159

Author: Morrell (R)

Title: Purple Heart Day

Summary: Declares August 7, 2016, as Purple Heart Day in California.

Status: 08/26/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State.

08/26/2016 Resolution Chapter No. 147

Position: Support

## 71.CA SR 69

Author: Glazer (D)

Title: Port Chicago Disaster

Summary: Urges the President and the Congress to take action all necessary action to restore honor to, and rectify the mistreatment by the U.S. Military of, any sailors who were unjustly blamed for and convicted of mutiny after the Port Chicago disaster, which occurred in the town of Port Chicago, California, in 1944.

Status: 06/23/2016 In SENATE. Read third time. Adopted by SENATE. (35-0)

Position: Support

## 72.CA SB 7 b

Author: Hernandez (D)

Title: Tobacco Products: Minimum Legal Age

Last Amend: 03/02/2016

Effective Date: 06/09/2016 [code impact]

Summary: Relates to existing law which prohibits the furnishing of tobacco products to, and the purchase of tobacco products by, a person under a specified age. Extends the applicability of these provisions to persons under a new specified age. Authorizes the Department of Public Health to conduct random, onsite sting inspections of tobacco product retailers with the assistance of persons under the new specified age. Deletes existing penalty provisions for individuals under the old specified age. Exempts military.

Status: 05/04/2016 Signed by GOVERNOR.  
05/04/2016 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 8

Position: Oppose

