



New Bills for the 2017-2018 Legislative Session

The California legislature reconvened January 3 for the second year of the 2017-2018 legislative session. One bill that was introduced but not resolved in 2017 is no longer eligible for the 2018 session. Three tobacco-related bills surrounding state parks and beaches have been introduced and are moving through the legislature. While there is still a week to introduce more bills, committee hearings are currently underway and will continue over the next several months as they move forward in the legislative process.

The key deadlines for the 2018 legislative session are:

- January 31 deadline to revisit bills that were not approved by their house of origin in 2017
- February 16 deadline to introduce new bills
- June 1 deadline for bills to pass their house of origin
- August 31 end of the legislative session, deadline for all bills to be passed and sent to the Governor

Bills No Longer Moving Forward in 2018

[SB 719](#) (Anderson – R, Alpine) STAKE Act: definitions.

Bills Moving Forward in 2018

[AB 1097](#) (Levine – D, San Rafael) State beaches and parks, smoking ban

[SB 835](#) (Glazer – D, Orinda) Parks: smoking ban

[SB 836](#) (Glazer – D, Orinda) State beaches: smoking ban

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One Tobacco-Related Bill will not Move Forward

[SB 719](#) (Anderson – R, Alpine) STAKE Act: definitions.

Senate Bill 719 would make minor changes to the definition of tobacco products in the STAKE Act. This bill was a “spot bill,” meaning that it was introduced containing minimal detail or non-substantive changes to existing law. This is done in order to meet the deadline to introduce legislation, and allows the author to amend the bill once language and/or policy has been decided upon.

Status: SB 719 failed to receive a committee hearing in 2017 and was not revisited before the January 31, 2018 deadline to be considered for the 2018 legislative session.

Three Tobacco-Related Bills are Moving Through the Legislature

[AB 1097](#) (Levine – D, San Rafael) State beaches and parks, smoking ban

Assembly Bill 1097 would make it a crime to smoke or dispose of cigar and cigarette waste on a state coastal beach or within the state park system. Anyone who violates this law could receive a fine up to \$50. This bill would allow the Director of Parks and Recreation at any affected location to designate exempted areas where smoking would be permitted.

Status: AB 1097 passed the Assembly on January 29 with 46 ayes, 24 noes, and 7 absent or not voting. It has since been referred to the Senate where it awaits a committee assignment.

[SB 835](#) (Glazer – D, Orinda) Parks: smoking ban

Senate Bill 835 would make it a crime to smoke or dispose of cigar and cigarette waste within a state park. Anyone who violates this law could receive a fine up to \$25. This bill would allow the Director of Parks and Recreation at any affected location to designate exempted areas where smoking would be permitted.

Status: SB 835 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Water on January 16 and is awaiting a hearing.

[SB 836](#) (Glazer – D, Orinda) State beaches: smoking ban

Senate Bill 836 would make it a crime to smoke or dispose of cigar and cigarette waste on a state coastal beach. Anyone who violates this law could receive a fine up to \$25. This bill would allow the Director of Parks and Recreation at any affected location to designate exempted areas where smoking would be permitted.

Status: SB 836 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Water on January 16 and is awaiting a hearing.

The Center’s Bill Tracker (www.center4tobaccopolicy.org/bill-tracker/) can be used to track all bills throughout the 2017-2018 legislative session. The Bill Tracker contains up-to-date information with full summaries, status updates and other information about pertinent bills introduced this session.

The American Lung Association in California Center for Tobacco Policy & Organizing will be following bills and providing updates as the session progresses. You can find those updates [here](#).

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Sources: Copies of the legislation outlined above and vote information may be obtained at www.leginfo.ca.gov/. The 2018 Legislative Master Calendar can be found at <http://assembly.ca.gov/legislativedeadlines>.