California Legislative Update

The deadline for the governor to sign or veto new legislation was October 15. Governor Brown vetoed two tobacco-related bills that would have banned smoking within state parks and coastal beaches, citing over-reaching powers of government and excessive fines as reason to stop the bills from becoming law.

The first year of the 2017/2018 legislative session ended on Friday, September 18. One tobacco-related bill is eligible to be revisited during the next legislative session, which will reconvene on Wednesday, January 3.

Two Tobacco-Related Bills Presented Before the Governor were Vetoed:
AB 725 (Levine – D, San Rafael) - State beaches and parks: smoking ban. See the governor’s comments here.
SB 386 (Glazer – D, Orinda) - State beaches and parks: smoking ban. See the governor’s comments here.

One Tobacco-Related Bill Remains Eligible for the Next Legislative Session:
SB 631 (Nielsen – R, Gerber) - Nitrous oxide: retail sales

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 in 2017.

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.