California Legislative Update

May 31st was the deadline for all bills to pass a full floor vote in their house of origin. Bills will now be repeating the same committee and voting process in their second house.

Remaining deadlines for the 2018-2019 legislative session:

July 10: Last day for fiscal bills to be approved by appropriation committees
July 12: Last day for policy bills to be approved by policy committees
July 12 to August 12: Summer Recess
August 12: Legislature Reconvenes
August 30: Last day for appropriations committees to send bills to the floor
September 6: Last day to amended bills on the floor
September 13: Last day for bills to pass each house and send to the Governor’s desk
October 13: Last day for Governor to veto bills or sign into law
January 1, 2020: Signed bills will take affect

Five tobacco-related bills are moving through the legislature:

**AB 1718** (Levine – D, San Rafael) State parks: state coastal beaches: smoking ban
**SB 8** (Glazer – D, Orinda) State parks: state coastal beaches: smoking ban
**SB 39** (Hill – D, San Mateo) Tobacco products
**SB 424** (Jackson – D, Santa Barbara) Tobacco products: single-use and multiuse components
**SB 538** (Rubio – D, Baldwin Park) Electronic cigarettes
**AB 1718** (Levine- D, San Rafael) State parks: state coastal beaches: smoking ban
Assembly Bill 1718 would make it an infraction for a person to smoke or dispose of used cigar or cigarette waste on a state coastal beach or in a unit of the state park system. The Director of Parks and Recreation would be allowed to designate smoking areas within units of the state park system. This is a reintroduction of legislation from last year.

**Status:** AB 1718 passed the Assembly Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife 10-4 and the Assembly Appropriations Committee 13-3 (2 assembly members abstaining/not voting). AB 1718 was approved by the Assembly Floor 57-19 and has been sent to the Senate. Referred to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water.

**SB 8** (Glazer – D, Orinda) State parks: state coastal beaches: smoking ban
Senate Bill 8 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 $25.

**Status:** SB 8 passed the Senate Natural Resources Committee 7-2 and the Senate Appropriations Committee 4-2. SB 8 was approved by the Senate Floor 28-10 and has been sent to the Assembly. SB 8 passed the Assembly Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife 10-3 and was referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**SB 424** (Jackson – D, Santa Barbara) Tobacco products: single-use and multiuse components
Senate Bill 424 would prohibit the sale and distribution of cigarettes with a single-use filter and single-use plastic devices to facilitate smoking. This also includes single-use electronic cigarettes or vaporizer devices. These products would not be allowed to be shipped to any address in California.

**Status:** SB 424 passed the Senate Health Committee 7-1 (1 senator abstaining/not voting), the Senate Environmental Quality Committee 5-1 (1 senator abstaining/not voting), and the Senate Appropriations Committee 4-2 with amendments. SB 424 was approved by the Senate Floor 25-10 (3 senators abstaining/not voting) and has been sent to the Assembly.

**SB 538** (Rubio- D, Baldwin Park) Electronic cigarettes
Senate Bill 538 would require electronic cigarette manufacturers to submit a photo and physical description of each type of their electronic cigarettes to the California Department of Public Health as of April 1, 2020. For new manufacturers, description and photo would need to be submitted within 30 days of the electronic cigarette being available for sale.

**Status:** SB 538 passed the Senate Health Committee 9-0 and the Senate Appropriations Committee 6-0. SB 538 was approved by the Senate Floor 38-0 with an urgency clause, which means that if the bill becomes law it will take effect immediately. SB 538 has been sent to the Assembly.

**SB 39** (Hill – D, San Mateo) Tobacco products
Senate Bill 39 would create more strict requirements for online tobacco sales. Current law requires the seller or distributor to verify the recipient’s age. This bill would require a person 21 years of age or older to sign for the package upon delivery. It would also require the packaging to be labeled “contains tobacco products: signature of person 21 years of age or older required for delivery,” Anyone caught in violation of the law would be subject to fines starting at $1,000.

**Status:** SB 39 passed the Senate Committee on Health with amendments 9-0. The Senate Appropriations Committee referred SB 39 to the Senate floor. SB 39 was approved by the Senate Floor 38-0 and has been sent to the Assembly. Referred to the Assembly Government Organization Committee and does not have a hearing date.
The following tobacco bills were introduced but are no longer moving forward this year. 
They are eligible to be brought up again in 2020.

**AB 131** (Cunningham – R, Templeton) Electronic smoking devices: manufacturers: advertising
**AB 739** (McCarty – D, Sacramento) Flavored tobacco products
**AB 1625** (Rivas, Robert – D, Hollister) Unflavored tobacco list
**AB 1626** (Rivas, Robert – D, Hollister) Cigarettes: administration: Attorney General
**AB 1627** (Rivas, Robert – D, Hollister) Cigarette Tobacco Directory
**AB 1691** (Gloria – D, San Diego) Cigarettes and tobacco products licensing
**SB 38** (Hill – D, San Mateo) Flavored tobacco products

This will be the last Legislative update provided by the Center. Bill updates are always available at [LegInfo](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/). Enter the bill number to bring up information.

The American Lung Association in California Center for Tobacco Policy & Organizing has been following bills and providing updates for this and previous sessions. You can find those updates [here](https://www.lung.org/california/).