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**Locations:** California  
**Issues:** Antibiotic Resistance/Stewardship, Certification/Credentialing, COVID-19, Infection Control Programs, Miscellaneous, Reporting Requirements, Vaccines  
**Priorities:** High, Medium, Low, None  
**Positions:** Support, Monitor, Oppose, None  
**Bills:** 24 Bills  
**Regulations:** 0 Regulations

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## Antibiotic Resistance/Stewardship Bills

## Certification/Credentialing Bills

## Miscellaneous Bills

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| Bill ID:           | <a href="#">CA AB 2618</a>   |
| Location:          | California   |
| Title:             | Health care: employers.  |
| Description:       | AB 2618, as introduced, Chen. Health care: employers. Existing law requires employers to provide specified information to health care providers or health insurers regarding employees who were terminated on or after March 2, 2010, and who were enrolled in an employer-offered health care service plan or health insurance policy on or after September 1, 2008, as specified. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that requirement. |
| Status:            | Failed   |
| Last Action:       | Died at Desk.. November 30, 2022   |
| Introduction Date: | February 18, 2022  |
| Priority:          | None   |
| Position:          | None   |
| Labels:            | --   |
| Issues:            | --   |
| Bill ID:           | <a href="#">CA SB 1231</a>   |
| Location:          | California   |
| Title:             | California Standard Diagnostic for Valley Fever.   |
| Description:       | SB 1231, as amended, Caballero. California Standard Diagnostic for Valley Fever. Existing law establishes the State Department of Public Health to implement and administer various programs relating to public health. This bill would require the State Department of Public Health to create a California Standard Diagnostic for Valley Fever. The bill  |

would request that the University of California at Merced and the University of California at San Francisco School of Medicine Fresno campus consult on the creation of that standard diagnostic. The bill would additionally, until January 1, 2028, require the department to conduct an awareness campaign about the diagnostic, as specified.

Status: Failed  
Last Action: From Assembly without further action.. November 30, 2022  
Introduction Date: February 17, 2022  
Priority: None  
Position: None  
Labels: --  
Issues: --

Bill ID: [CA AB 1207](#)  
Location: California  
Title: Pathways Through Pandemics Task Force.  
Description: AB 1207, Akilah Weber. Pathways Through Pandemics Task Force. Existing law establishes the California Health and Human Services Agency, under the direction of the Secretary of California Health and Human Services, which includes, among other departments, the State Department of Public Health and the State Department of Health Care Services. Existing law establishes various programs for the prevention and control of communicable diseases, including programs that provide for the testing for, notifications of exposure to, and tracking by the state of, communicable diseases. This bill would establish, in the California Health and Human Services Agency, the Pathways Through Pandemics Task Force to study lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and to develop strategies to navigate future pandemics. The bill would require the task force to convene various entities to engage in discussions on the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, develop and recommend....<TRUNCATED>

Status: Failed  
Last Action: Consideration of Governor's veto stricken from file.. February 03, 2022  
Introduction Date: February 19, 2021  
Priority: None  
Position: None  
Labels: --  
Issues: --

Bill ID: [CA AB 805](#)  
Location: California  
Title: Personal protective equipment: distribution reports.  
Description: AB 805, as introduced, Maienschein. Personal protective equipment: distribution reports. Existing law authorizes the county health officer and the local Emergency Medical

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|                    | <p>Services (EMS) agency administrator in each operational area to act jointly as the medical health operational area coordinator (MHOAC) or to jointly appoint another person to fulfill those responsibilities. Existing law requires the MHOAC, in cooperation with various specified local and state agencies, to ensure the development of a medical and health disaster plan for the provision of medical and health mutual aid within the operational area. Existing law requires the MHOAC to assist the agency operational area coordinator in the coordination of medical and health disaster resources within the operational area in the event of a local, state, or federal declaration of emergency. This bill would require, during a health-related state of emergency in California proclaimed by the President of t... &lt;TRUNCATED&gt;</p>  |
| Status:            | Failed  |
| Last Action:       | From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.. February 01, 2022  |
| Introduction Date: | February 16, 2021   |
| Priority:          | None  |
| Position:          | None  |
| Labels:            | --  |
| Issues:            | --  |
| Bill ID:           | <a href="#">CA AB 1533</a>  |
| Location:          | California  |
| Title:             | Pharmacy.   |
| Description:       | <p>AB 1533, Committee on Business and Professions. Pharmacy. (1) Existing law, the Pharmacy Law, provides for the licensure and regulation of the practice of pharmacy by the 13-member California State Board of Pharmacy, which is within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law requires the Governor to appoint 7 competent pharmacists who reside in different parts of the state to serve as members of the board. Existing law requires the membership of the board to include at least one pharmacist representative from each of specified practice settings. Existing law authorizes the appointment of 6 public members, 4 of whom are appointed by the Governor, and the Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly each appoint a public member, as prescribed. These provisions are repealed as of January 1, 2022. Under other existing law with respect to the department and its constituent boards, an appointing authority has power to remove from office at any time a... &lt;TRUNCATED&gt;</p> |
| Status:            | Passed  |
| Last Action:       | Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 629, Statutes of 2021.. October 07, 2021  |
| Introduction Date: | February 19, 2021   |
| Priority:          | None  |

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| Position:          | None   |
| Labels:            | --   |
| Issues:            | --   |
| Bill ID:           | <a href="#">CA AB 2537</a>   |
| Location:          | California   |
| Title:             | Personal protective equipment: health care employees.  |
| Description:       | AB 2537, Rodriguez. Personal protective equipment: health care employees. Existing law requires an employer to furnish employment and a place of employment that is safe and healthful for the employees and to establish, implement, and maintain an effective injury prevention program, as prescribed. Regulations enacted by the Department of Industrial Relations regulate the nature and use personal protective equipment and regulate practices in health care facilities connected with aerosol transmissible diseases. This bill would require public and private employers of workers in a general acute care hospital, as defined, to supply those employees who provide direct patient care or provide services that directly support personal care with the personal protective equipment necessary to comply with the regulations described above, as specified. The bill would also require an employer to ensure that the employees use the personal protective equipment supplied to them.....<TRUNCATED> |
| Status:            | Passed   |
| Last Action:       | Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 313, Statutes of 2020.. September 29, 2020   |
| Introduction Date: | February 19, 2020  |
| Priority:          | None   |
| Position:          | None   |
| Labels:            | --   |
| Issues:            | --   |
| Bill ID:           | <a href="#">CA SB 275</a>  |
| Location:          | California   |
| Title:             | Health Care and Essential Workers: personal protective equipment.  |
| Description:       | SB 275, Pan. Health Care and Essential Workers: personal protective equipment. Existing law establishes the State Department of Public Health to implement various programs throughout the state relating to public health, including licensing and regulating health facilities and control of infectious diseases. This bill would require the State Department of Public Health and the Office of Emergency Services, in coordination with other state agencies, to, upon appropriation and as necessary, establish a personal protective equipment (PPE) stockpile. The bill would require the department to establish guidelines for the procurement, management, and distribution of PPE, taking into account,   |

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|                    | among other things, the amount of each type of PPE that would be required for all health care workers and essential workers in the state during a 90-day pandemic or other health emergency.Existing law requires every employer to furnish and use safety devices and safeguards, and t....<TRUNCATED> |
| Status:            | Passed  |
| Last Action:       | Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 301, Statutes of 2020.. September 29, 2020   |
| Introduction Date: | February 13, 2019   |
| Priority:          | None  |
| Position:          | None  |
| Labels:            | PPE   |
| Issues:            | --  |

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| Bill ID:           | <a href="#">CA AB 973</a>   |
| Location:          | California  |
| Title:             | Pharmacies: compounding.  |
| Description:       | AB 973, Irwin. Pharmacies: compounding. Under the Pharmacy Law, the California State Board of Pharmacy licenses and regulates the practice of pharmacy by pharmacists and pharmacy corporations in this state. That law prohibits a pharmacy from compounding sterile drug products unless the pharmacy has obtained a sterile compounding pharmacy license from the board. A violation of that law is a crime.This bill would require the compounding of drug preparations by a pharmacy for furnishing, distribution, or use to be consistent with standards established in the pharmacy compounding chapters of the current version of the United States Pharmacopeia-National Formulary, including relevant testing and quality assurance. The bill, by imposing a new requirement on pharmacies, the violation of which would be a crime, would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would authorize the board to adopt regulations to impose additional standards for compounding drug pr....<TRUNCATED> |
| Status:            | Passed  |
| Last Action:       | Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 184, Statutes of 2019.. August 30, 2019   |
| Introduction Date: | February 21, 2019   |
| Priority:          | None  |
| Position:          | None  |
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## Reporting Requirements Bills

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| Bill ID:  | <a href="#">CA SB 1296</a> |
| Location: | California                 |

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| Title:             | Viral surveillance program.  |
| Description:       | SB 1296, Pan. Viral surveillance program. Existing law establishes the State Department of Public Health to implement various programs throughout the state relating to public health, including licensing and regulating health facilities and control of infectious diseases. Existing law requires the department to examine the causes of communicable disease in humans and domestic animals occurring, or likely to occur, in the state, and to establish a list of reportable diseases and the mechanism and timeline requirements for that reporting. Existing law requires local health departments to have available the services of a public health laboratory for the examination of specimens from suspected cases of infectious and environmental diseases. Existing law requires the laboratory to provide the analyses required to assist in community disease surveillance. This bill, no later than January 1, 2024, would require the department to complete an evaluation of the effectiveness.... <TRUNCATED> |
| Status:            | Failed   |
| Last Action:       | Last day to consider Governor's veto pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.. November 30, 2022   |
| Introduction Date: | February 18, 2022  |
| Priority:          | None   |
| Position:          | None   |
| Labels:            | --   |
| Issues:            | --   |
| Bill ID:           | <a href="#">CA AB 805</a>  |
| Location:          | California   |
| Title:             | Personal protective equipment: distribution reports.   |
| Description:       | AB 805, as introduced, Maienschein. Personal protective equipment: distribution reports. Existing law authorizes the county health officer and the local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agency administrator in each operational area to act jointly as the medical health operational area coordinator (MHOAC) or to jointly appoint another person to fulfill those responsibilities. Existing law requires the MHOAC, in cooperation with various specified local and state agencies, to ensure the development of a medical and health disaster plan for the provision of medical and health mutual aid within the operational area. Existing law requires the MHOAC to assist the agency operational area coordinator in the coordination of medical and health disaster resources within the operational area in the event of a local, state, or federal declaration of emergency. This bill would require, during a health-related state of emergency in California proclaimed by the President of t.... <TRUNCATED>      |
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Last Action: From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.. February 01, 2022  
Introduction Date: February 16, 2021  
Priority: None  
Position: None  
Labels: --  
Issues: --

Bill ID: [CA AB 2644](#)  
Location: California  
Title: Skilled nursing facilities: deaths: reporting.  
Description: AB 2644, Wood. Skilled nursing facilities: deaths: reporting. Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of health facilities, defined to include skilled nursing facilities, by the State Department of Public Health. Under existing law, a violation of the provisions governing health facilities constitutes a crime. Existing law requires all skilled nursing facilities to adopt and implement an antimicrobial stewardship policy that is consistent with the antimicrobial stewardship guidelines developed by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, or specified professional organizations. Existing law requires a health facility, as defined to exclude a skilled nursing facility, to report an adverse event to the department within 24 hours of detecting the event, including, among other things, specified patient deaths. In the event of a declared emergency related to a communicable d...<TRUNCATED>  
Status: Passed  
Last Action: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 287, Statutes of 2020.. September 29, 2020  
Introduction Date: February 20, 2020  
Priority: None  
Position: None  
Labels: --  
Issues: --

Bill ID: [CA AB 2537](#)  
Location: California  
Title: Personal protective equipment: health care employees.  
Description: AB 2537, Rodriguez. Personal protective equipment: health care employees. Existing law requires an employer to furnish employment and a place of employment that is safe and healthful for the employees and to establish, implement, and maintain an effective injury prevention program, as prescribed. Regulations enacted by the Department of Industrial Relations regulate the nature and use personal protective equipment and regulate practices in health care facilities connected with aerosol transmissible diseases. This bill would require public and private employers of workers in

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|                    | a general acute care hospital, as defined, to supply those employees who provide direct patient care or provide services that directly support personal care with the personal protective equipment necessary to comply with the regulations described above, as specified. The bill would also require an employer to ensure that the employees use the personal protective equipment supplied to them.....<TRUNCATED> |
| Status:            | Passed  |
| Last Action:       | Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 313, Statutes of 2020.. September 29, 2020  |
| Introduction Date: | February 19, 2020   |
| Priority:          | None  |
| Position:          | None  |
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## Vaccines Bills

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| Bill ID:           | <a href="#">CA AB 2539</a>  |
| Location:          | California  |
| Title:             | Public health: COVID-19 vaccination: proof of status.   |
| Description:       | AB 2539, as introduced, Choi. Public health: COVID-19 vaccination: proof of status. Existing federal law, the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, authorizes the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to approve new drugs and products, including vaccines, for introduction into interstate commerce, and authorizes the secretary to authorize vaccines for use in an emergency upon declaring a public health emergency. On February 4, 2020, the secretary determined that there is a public health emergency and declared circumstances exist justifying the authorization of emergency use of drugs and biological products. The secretary subsequently authorized the emergency use of 3 vaccines for the prevention of COVID-19, and on August 23, 2021, the secretary approved a vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19.The California Emergency Services Act authorizes the Governor to declare a state of emergency during conditions of disaster or extreme peril to persons ....<TRUNCATED> |
| Status:            | Failed  |
| Last Action:       | Died at Desk.. November 30, 2022  |
| Introduction Date: | February 17, 2022   |
| Priority:          | None  |
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| Bill ID:           | <a href="#">CA SB 871</a>   |
| Location:          | California  |



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| Title:             | Public health: immunizations.  |
| Description:       | SB 871, as introduced, Pan. Public health: immunizations. Existing law prohibits the governing authority of a school or other institution from unconditionally admitting any person as a pupil of any public or private elementary or secondary school, childcare center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, or development center, unless prior to their admission to that institution they have been fully immunized against various diseases, including measles, mumps, pertussis, hepatitis B, and any other disease deemed appropriate by the State Department of Public Health, as specified. Existing law authorizes an exemption from those provisions for medical reasons. Under existing law, notwithstanding the above-described prohibition, full immunization against hepatitis B is not a condition by which the governing authority admits or advances a pupil to the 7th grade level of a public or private elementary or secondary school. This bill would remove the above-d....<TRUNCATED>  |
| Status:            | Failed   |
| Last Action:       | From committee without further action.. November 30, 2022  |
| Introduction Date: | January 24, 2022   |
| Priority:          | None   |
| Position:          | None   |
| Labels:            | --   |
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| Bill ID:           | <a href="#">CA AB 327</a>  |
| Location:          | California   |
| Title:             | COVID-19 vaccination status: prohibition on required disclosure.   |
| Description:       | AB 327, as amended, Kiley. COVID-19 vaccination status: prohibition on required disclosure. Existing law regulates the disclosure of personal information related to, among others, social security numbers, business records, drivers license numbers, medical information, and credit reporting information. Existing law prohibits discrimination against a person on certain characteristics, including, among others, disability, medical condition, and genetic information, as specified. Existing law also prohibits compelling a person in any state, county, city, or other local civil, criminal, administrative, legislative, or other proceedings to identify or provide identifying characteristics that would identify any individual who is the subject of an HIV test, except as specified. Existing federal law, the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, authorizes the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to authorize the introduction into interstate commerce of a dr....<TRUNCATED> |
| Status:            | Failed   |

Last Action: From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.. February 01, 2022  
Introduction Date: January 26, 2021  
Priority: None  
Position: None  
Labels: --  
Issues: --

Bill ID: [CA SB 742](#)  
Location: California  
Title: Vaccination sites: unlawful activities: obstructing, intimidating, or harassing.  
Description: SB 742, Pan. Vaccination sites: unlawful activities: obstructing, intimidating, or harassing. (1) Existing law makes it a crime to, by force, threat of force, or physical obstruction that is a crime of violence, intentionally injure, intimidate, interfere with, or attempt to injure, intimidate, or interfere with any person or entity because that person or entity is a reproductive health services client, provider, or assistant, or with any person lawfully exercising or seeking to exercise the First Amendment right of religious freedom at a place of religious worship.This bill would make it unlawful for a person to knowingly approach a person or an occupied vehicle at a vaccination site, as specified, for the purpose of obstructing, injuring, harassing, intimidating, or interfering with, as defined, that person or vehicle occupant. The bill would define "vaccination site" as the physical location where vaccination services are provided, including, but not li....<TRUNCATED>  
Status: Passed  
Last Action: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 737, Statutes of 2021.. October 08, 2021  
Introduction Date: February 19, 2021  
Priority: None  
Position: None  
Labels: --  
Issues: --

Bill ID: [CA AB 526](#)  
Location: California  
Title: Dentists and podiatrists: clinical laboratories and vaccines.  
Description: AB 526, Wood. Dentists and podiatrists: clinical laboratories and vaccines. Existing law provides for the certification and regulation of podiatrists by the Podiatric Medical Board of California within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Under existing law, the certificate to practice podiatric medicine authorizes the holder to practice podiatric medicine and defines "podiatric medicine" to mean the diagnosis, medical, surgical, mechanical, manipulative, and electrical treatment of the human foot, including the ankle and tendons that

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|                    | <p>insert into the foot and the nonsurgical treatment of the muscles and tendons of the leg governing the functions of the foot.Existing law, the Dental Practice Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of persons engaged in the practice of dentistry by the Dental Board of California. Existing law defines dentistry as the diagnosis or treatment, by surgery or other method, of diseases and lesions and the correction of malpo....&lt;TRUNCATED&gt;</p>   |
| Status:            | Passed   |
| Last Action:       | Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 653, Statutes of 2021.. October 08, 2021   |
| Introduction Date: | February 10, 2021  |
| Priority:          | None   |
| Position:          | None   |
| Labels:            | --   |
| Issues:            | --   |
| Bill ID:           | <a href="#">CA AB 283</a>  |
| Location:          | California   |
| Title:             | CalWORKs: school attendance: immunizations.  |
| Description:       | <p>AB 283, Chu. CalWORKs: school attendance: immunizations. Existing law requires each county to provide cash assistance and other social services to needy families through the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program using federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program, state, and county funds.Existing law generally makes persons between the ages of 6 and 18 years of age subject to compulsory full-time education, unless exempted. Existing law also requires children in a CalWORKs assistance unit for whom school attendance is compulsory to attend school, except as specified. Under existing law, the needs of a child in the assistance unit who is 16 years of age or older are not considered in computing the specified grant of the family for any month in which the county is informed by a school district or a county school attendance review board that the child did not attend school, unless at least one of certa....&lt;TRUNCATED&gt;</p> |
| Status:            | Failed   |
| Last Action:       | Consideration of Governor's veto stricken from file.. January 21, 2020   |
| Introduction Date: | January 28, 2019   |
| Priority:          | None   |
| Position:          | None   |
| Labels:            | --   |
| Issues:            | --   |
| Bill ID:           | <a href="#">CA SB 714</a>  |
| Location:          | California   |
| Title:             | Immunizations.   |

Description: SB 714, Pan. Immunizations. Existing law generally prohibits the governing authority of a school or other institution from admitting for attendance any pupil who fails to obtain required immunizations within the time limits prescribed by the State Department of Public Health, except when the pupil has an exemption from this requirement. Existing law, as proposed by SB 276 of the 2019–20 Regular Session, requires the department, by January 1, 2021, to develop and make available for use by licensed physicians and surgeons an electronic, standardized, statewide medical exemption certification form that would be transmitted using the California Immunization Registry (CAIR), and which, commencing January 1, 2021, would be the only documentation of a medical exemption that a governing authority may accept. SB 276 also specifies the information to be included in the form, including a certification under penalty of perjury that the statements and information conta....<TRUNCATED>

Status: Passed

Last Action: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 281, Statutes of 2019.. September 09, 2019

Introduction Date: February 22, 2019

Priority: None

Position: None

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Bill ID: [CA SB 276](#)

Location: California

Title: Immunizations: medical exemptions.

Description: SB 276, Pan. Immunizations: medical exemptions. Existing law prohibits the governing authority of a school or other institution from admitting for attendance any pupil who fails to obtain required immunizations within the time limits prescribed by the State Department of Public Health. Existing law exempts from those requirements a pupil whose parents have filed with the governing authority a written statement by a licensed physician to the effect that immunization is not considered safe for that child, indicating the specific nature and probable duration of their medical condition or circumstances, including, but not limited to, family medical history.This bill would instead require the State Department of Public Health, by January 1, 2021, to develop and make available for use by licensed physicians and surgeons an electronic, standardized, statewide medical exemption request that would be transmitted using the California Immunization Registry (CAIR), an....<TRUNCATED>

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| Last Action:       | Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 278, Statutes of 2019.. September 09, 2019 |
| Introduction Date: | February 13, 2019   |
| Priority:          | None  |
| Position:          | None  |
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## Infection Control Programs Bills

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| Bill ID:           | <a href="#">CA SB 1296</a>  |
| Location:          | California  |
| Title:             | Viral surveillance program.   |
| Description:       | SB 1296, Pan. Viral surveillance program. Existing law establishes the State Department of Public Health to implement various programs throughout the state relating to public health, including licensing and regulating health facilities and control of infectious diseases. Existing law requires the department to examine the causes of communicable disease in humans and domestic animals occurring, or likely to occur, in the state, and to establish a list of reportable diseases and the mechanism and timeline requirements for that reporting. Existing law requires local health departments to have available the services of a public health laboratory for the examination of specimens from suspected cases of infectious and environmental diseases. Existing law requires the laboratory to provide the analyses required to assist in community disease surveillance.This bill, no later than January 1, 2024, would require the department to complete an evaluation of the effectiveness...<TRUNCATED> |
| Status:            | Failed  |
| Last Action:       | Last day to consider Governor's veto pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.. November 30, 2022  |
| Introduction Date: | February 18, 2022   |
| Priority:          | None  |
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| Bill ID:     | <a href="#">CA SB 1231</a>   |
| Location:    | California   |
| Title:       | California Standard Diagnostic for Valley Fever.   |
| Description: | SB 1231, as amended, Caballero. California Standard Diagnostic for Valley Fever. Existing law establishes the State Department of Public Health to implement and administer various programs relating to public health.This bill would require the State Department of Public Health to create a California Standard Diagnostic for Valley Fever. The bill would request that the University of California at Merced and the University of California at San Francisco School of |

Medicine Fresno campus consult on the creation of that standard diagnostic. The bill would additionally, until January 1, 2028, require the department to conduct an awareness campaign about the diagnostic, as specified.

Status: Failed  
Last Action: From Assembly without further action.. November 30, 2022  
Introduction Date: February 17, 2022  
Priority: None  
Position: None  
Labels: --  
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Bill ID: [CA AB 1585](#)  
Location: California  
Title: Health care.  
Description: AB 1585, Committee on Health. Health care. Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of health facilities, including skilled nursing facilities, by the State Department of Public Health. Existing law requires a skilled nursing facility to have a full-time, dedicated Infection Preventionist (IP), who is a registered nurse or licensed vocational nurse. A violation of these provisions is a misdemeanor. This bill would revise the required qualifications for the IP to require an IP to have primary professional training as a licensed nurse, medical technologist, microbiologist, epidemiologist, public health professional, or other health care related field. The bill would also require the IP to be qualified by education, training, clinical or healthcare experience, or certification, and to have completed specialized training in infection prevention and control. By expanding existing requirements, the bill would expand an existing crime, thereby imposing a....<TRUNCATED>

Status: Passed  
Last Action: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 181, Statutes of 2021.. September 16, 2021  
Introduction Date: March 11, 2021  
Priority: None  
Position: None  
Labels: --  
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Bill ID: [CA AB 2604](#)  
Location: California  
Title: Public health: pandemic protocols.  
Description: AB 2604, as amended, Carrillo. Public health: pandemic protocols. Existing law provides for the licensure of health facilities by the State Department of Public Health. Existing law requires a health facility to comply with specified infection control protocols, including reporting specified infections to the department and having a health facility

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|                    | infection control officer or their designee available 24 hours per day. A violation of the licensing requirements for health facilities is a crime. This bill would require a health facility to limit the possible introduction of the pathogen, infection, or illness that is the subject of a declared pandemic or health-related state of emergency or local emergency into the facility by indefinitely postponing routine medical appointments and prohibiting visitor access, as specified. The bill would also require a health facility to institute universal precautions based on scientific evidence and universal source contro...<TRUNCATED> |
| Status:            | Failed   |
| Last Action:       | From committee without further action.. November 30, 2020  |
| Introduction Date: | February 20, 2020  |
| Priority:          | None   |
| Position:          | None   |
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| Bill ID:           | <a href="#">CA AB 2644</a>  |
| Location:          | California  |
| Title:             | Skilled nursing facilities: deaths: reporting.  |
| Description:       | AB 2644, Wood. Skilled nursing facilities: deaths: reporting. Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of health facilities, defined to include skilled nursing facilities, by the State Department of Public Health. Under existing law, a violation of the provisions governing health facilities constitutes a crime. Existing law requires all skilled nursing facilities to adopt and implement an antimicrobial stewardship policy that is consistent with the antimicrobial stewardship guidelines developed by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, or specified professional organizations. Existing law requires a health facility, as defined to exclude a skilled nursing facility, to report an adverse event to the department within 24 hours of detecting the event, including, among other things, specified patient deaths. In the event of a declared emergency related to a communicable d...<TRUNCATED> |
| Status:            | Passed  |
| Last Action:       | Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 287, Statutes of 2020.. September 29, 2020  |
| Introduction Date: | February 20, 2020   |
| Priority:          | None  |
| Position:          | None  |
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| Bill ID:  | <a href="#">CA AB 2537</a> |
| Location: | California                 |

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| Title:             | Personal protective equipment: health care employees.  |
| Description:       | AB 2537, Rodriguez. Personal protective equipment: health care employees. Existing law requires an employer to furnish employment and a place of employment that is safe and healthful for the employees and to establish, implement, and maintain an effective injury prevention program, as prescribed. Regulations enacted by the Department of Industrial Relations regulate the nature and use personal protective equipment and regulate practices in health care facilities connected with aerosol transmissible diseases. This bill would require public and private employers of workers in a general acute care hospital, as defined, to supply those employees who provide direct patient care or provide services that directly support personal care with the personal protective equipment necessary to comply with the regulations described above, as specified. The bill would also require an employer to ensure that the employees use the personal protective equipment supplied to them.....<TRUNCATED> |
| Status:            | Passed   |
| Last Action:       | Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 313, Statutes of 2020.. September 29, 2020   |
| Introduction Date: | February 19, 2020  |
| Priority:          | None   |
| Position:          | None   |
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## COVID-19 Bills

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| Bill ID:     | <a href="#">CA AB 2833</a>  |
| Location:    | California  |
| Title:       | COVID-19 testing capacity.  |
| Description: | AB 2833, as amended, Irwin. COVID-19 testing capacity. Existing law requires the State Department of Public Health to examine the causes of communicable diseases occurring, or likely to occur, in the state and sets forth the department's duties for disease inspection and reporting, including through state and local public health laboratories. Existing law requires the department and the Office of Emergency Services to establish a personal protective equipment (PPE) stockpile, upon appropriation and as necessary, with PPE-related guidelines established for a pandemic or other health emergency. Existing law sets forth various provisions specific to COVID-19 testing, including, among others, provisions relating to health care coverage for testing and certain programs or requirements for the workplace or educational setting. This bill would require the department to make plans to ensure that the laboratory |



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| Status:            | infrastructure in the state is sufficient and prepared f....<TRUNCATED><br>Failed   |
| Last Action:       | From Senate committee without further action.. November 30, 2022  |
| Introduction Date: | February 18, 2022   |
| Priority:          | None  |
| Position:          | None  |
| Labels:            | --  |
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| Bill ID:           | <a href="#">CA AB 2539</a>  |
| Location:          | California  |
| Title:             | Public health: COVID-19 vaccination: proof of status.   |
| Description:       | AB 2539, as introduced, Choi. Public health: COVID-19 vaccination: proof of status. Existing federal law, the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, authorizes the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to approve new drugs and products, including vaccines, for introduction into interstate commerce, and authorizes the secretary to authorize vaccines for use in an emergency upon declaring a public health emergency. On February 4, 2020, the secretary determined that there is a public health emergency and declared circumstances exist justifying the authorization of emergency use of drugs and biological products. The secretary subsequently authorized the emergency use of 3 vaccines for the prevention of COVID-19, and on August 23, 2021, the secretary approved a vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19.The California Emergency Services Act authorizes the Governor to declare a state of emergency during conditions of disaster or extreme peril to persons ....<TRUNCATED> |
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| Introduction Date: | February 17, 2022   |
| Priority:          | None  |
| Position:          | None  |
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| Bill ID:           | <a href="#">CA AB 1993</a>  |
| Location:          | California  |
| Title:             | Employment: COVID-19 vaccination requirements.  |
| Description:       | AB 1993, as introduced, Wicks. Employment: COVID-19 vaccination requirements. Existing law, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA), establishes the Department of Fair Employment and Housing within the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency and sets forth its powers and duties relating to the enforcement of civil rights laws with respect to housing and   |

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Introduction Date: February 10, 2022  
Priority: None  
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Bill ID: [CA AB 2693](#)  
Location: California  
Title: COVID-19: exposure.  
Description: AB 2693, Reyes. COVID-19: exposure. (1) Existing law, the California Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973, authorizes the Division of Occupational Safety and Health to prohibit the performance of an operation or process, or entry into that place of employment when, in its opinion, a place of employment, operation, or process, or any part thereof, exposes workers to the risk of infection with COVID-19, so as to constitute an imminent hazard to employees.Existing law requires a notice of the prohibition to be posted in a conspicuous location at the place of employment and makes violating the prohibition or removing the notice, except as specified, a crime. Existing law requires that the prohibition be issued in a manner so as not to materially interrupt the performance of critical governmental functions essential to ensuring public health and safety functions or the delivery of electrical power, renewable natural gas, or water. Existing law requires th....<TRUNCATED>

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Introduction Date: February 18, 2022  
Priority: None  
Position: None  
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Bill ID: [CA SB 1479](#)

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| Location:          | California  |
| Title:             | COVID-19 testing in schools: COVID-19 testing plans.  |
| Description:       | SB 1479, Pan. COVID-19 testing in schools: COVID-19 testing plans. Existing law appropriates funds to the State Department of Public Health for various programs related to the safe reopening of schools during the COVID-19 pandemic, including funds to support COVID-19 testing in schools allocated from the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and funds from the General Fund for the Safe Schools For All Team to coordinate technical assistance, community engagement, increased transparency, and enforcement by the appropriate entity for public school health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. Existing law authorizes certain school apportionments to be used for any purpose consistent with providing in-person instruction for any pupil participating in in-person instruction, including, but not limited to, COVID-19 testing, as provided. Existing law prescribes public health reporting requirements related to COVID-19 for local educational agencies, including....<TRUNCATED> |
| Status:            | Passed  |
| Last Action:       | Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 850, Statutes of 2022.. September 29, 2022   |
| Introduction Date: | February 18, 2022   |
| Priority:          | None  |
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