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Locations: California

Issues: +4

Priorities: High, Medium, Low, None

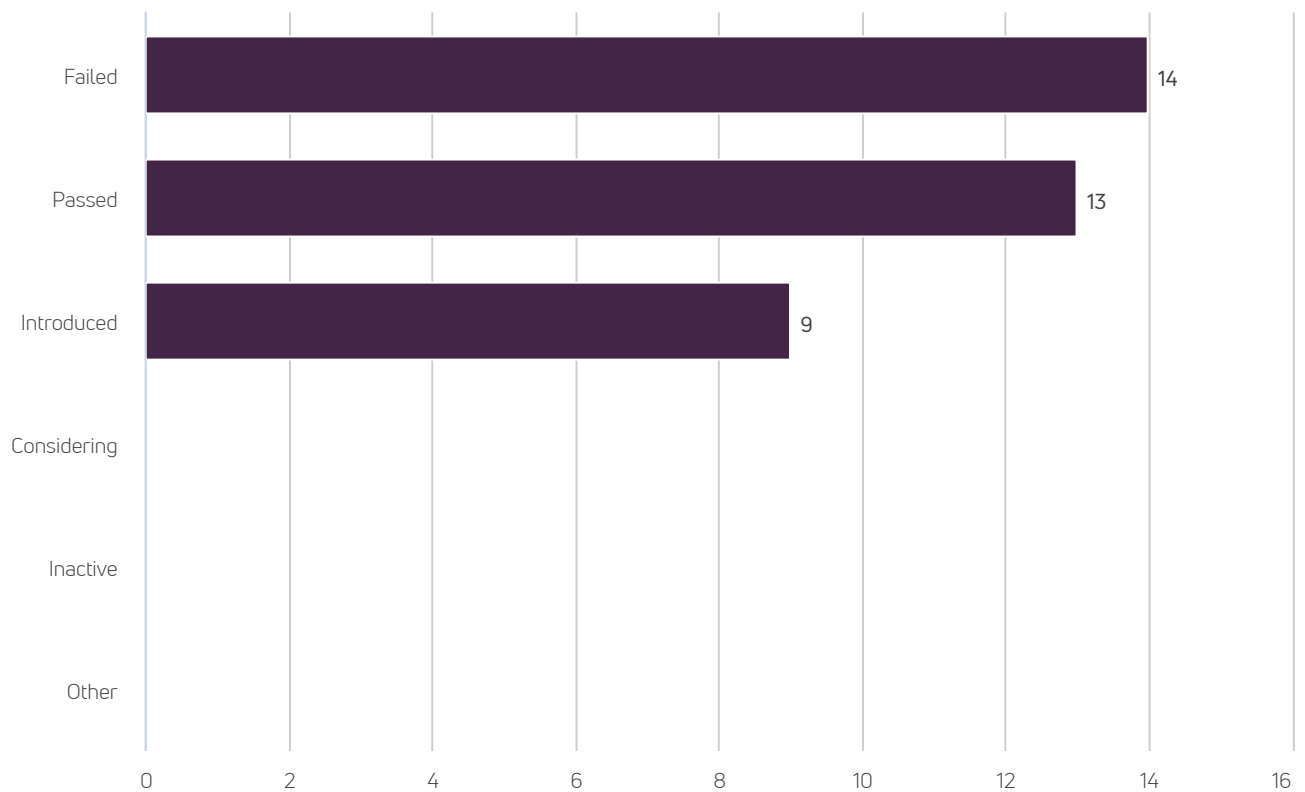
Positions: Support, Monitor, Oppose, None

Bills: 36 Bills

Regulations: 0 Regulations

Bills by Status

■ Bills by Status



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Antibiotic Resistance/Stewardship Bills

0 Bills

Miscellaneous Bills

10 Bills

CA AB 309

Title: Hypodermic needles and syringes.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: January 23, 2025

Last Action Date: Referred to Com. on Health.. February 10, 2025

Description: AB 309, as introduced, Zbur. Hypodermic needles and syringes. Existing law, the Pharmacy Law, provides for the licensure and regulation of pharmacists and pharmacies by the California State Board of Pharmacy. Existing law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes a physician or pharmacist to, without a prescription or permit, furnish hypodermic needles and syringes for human use to a person 18 years of age or older, and authorizes a person 18 years of age or older to, without a prescription or license, obtain hypodermic needles and syringes solely for personal use from a physician or pharmacist, as a public health measure, as specified. Existing law, until January 1, 2026, requires a pharmacy that furnishes nonprescription syringes to provide written information or verbal counseling to consumers, as specified, at the time of furnishing or sale of nonprescription hypodermic needles or syringes. Existing law, when no other penalty is provided, makes a knowing violation....

Location: US-CA

CA AB 3106

Title: School employees: COVID-19 cases: protections.

Current Status: Failed

Introduction Date: February 16, 2024

Last Action Date: From committee without further action.. November 30, 2024

Description: AB 3106, as amended, Schiavo. School employees: COVID-19 cases: protections. Existing law grants the Division of Occupational Safety and Health, which is within the Department of Industrial Relations, jurisdiction over all employment and places of employment, with the power necessary to enforce and administer all occupational health and safety laws and standards. The Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board, an independent entity within the department, has the exclusive authority to adopt occupational safety and health standards within the state. Existing law, the California Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973, requires employers to comply with certain standards ensuring healthy and safe working conditions, as specified, and charges the division with enforcement of the act. Other existing law relating to occupational safety imposes special provisions on certain industries and charges the division with enforcement of these provisions. This bill woul...

Location: US-CA

CA AB 2618

Title: Health care: employers.

Current Status: Failed

Introduction Date: February 18, 2022

Last Action Date: Died at Desk.. November 30, 2022

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.

Location: US-CA

CA SB 1231

Title: California Standard Diagnostic for Valley Fever.

Current Status: Failed

Introduction Date: February 17, 2022

Last Action Date: From Assembly without further action.. November 30, 2022

Summary: The Department of Public Health shall conduct an awareness campaign to communicate with local health jurisdictions, healthcare providers, and the public about the 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.

Location: US-CA

CA AB 1207

Title: Pathways Through Pandemics Task Force.

Current Status: Failed

Introduction Date: February 19, 2021

Last Action Date: Consideration of Governor's veto stricken from file.. February 03, 2022

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....

Location: US-CA

CA AB 805

Title: Personal protective equipment: distribution reports.

Current Status: Failed

Introduction Date: February 16, 2021

Last Action Date: From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.. February 01, 2022

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....

Location: US-CA

CA AB 1533

Title: Pharmacy.

Current Status: Passed

Introduction Date: February 19, 2021

Last Action Date: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 629, Statutes of 2021.. October 07, 2021

Description: 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...

Location: US-CA

CA AB 2537

Title: Personal protective equipment: health care employees.

Current Status: Passed

Introduction Date: February 19, 2020

Last Action Date: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 313, Statutes of 2020.. September 29, 2020

Summary: Requires an employer to supply personal protective equipment to employees who provide direct patient care in a hospital setting. Also requires an employer ensures. that employees use the personal protective equipment supplied to them. Employers must maintain a stockpile of unexpired personal protective equipment in the amount equal to one year of normal consumption. An employer shall provide an inventory of its stockpile to the Division of Occupational Safety and Health upon request.

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.....

Location: US-CA

CA SB 275

Title: Health Care and Essential Workers: personal protective equipment.

Current Status: Passed

Introduction Date: February 13, 2019

Last Action Date: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 301, Statutes of 2020.. September 29, 2020

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, 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....

Location: US-CA

 PPE

CA AB 973

Title: Pharmacies: compounding.

Current Status: Passed

Introduction Date: February 21, 2019

Last Action Date: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 184, Statutes of 2019.. August 30, 2019

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....

Location: US-CA

Reporting Requirements Bills

6 Bills

CA SB 504

Title: Communicable diseases: HIV reporting.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: February 19, 2025

Last Action Date: Set for hearing March 26.. March 17, 2025

Description: SB 504, as introduced, Laird. Communicable diseases: HIV reporting. Existing law requires all health care providers and laboratories to report cases of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection to the local health officer and requires the local health officer to report

unduplicated HIV cases to the State Department of Public Health. Existing law requires public health records related to HIV or acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), containing personally identifying information, that were developed or acquired by a state or local public health agency, or an agent of that agency, to be confidential and not disclosed, except as otherwise provided by law for public health purposes or pursuant to a written authorization by the person who is the subject of the record or by their guardian or conservator. Existing law authorizes certain state or local public health officials to disclose those records to other local, state, or federal public health agencies or....

Location: US-CA

CA AB 3161

Title: Health facilities: patient safety and antidiscrimination.

Current Status: Passed

Introduction Date: February 16, 2024

Last Action Date: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 757, Statutes of 2024.. September 27, 2024

Summary: Requires demographic data alongside current HAI reporting requirements (age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, primary language spoken, disability status, and income). Creates a reporting system that allows individuals to report patient safety events and includes anonymous reporting options.

Description: AB 3161, Bonta. Health facilities: patient safety and antidiscrimination. Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of health facilities by the State Department of Public Health. Existing law requires a health facility to develop, implement, and comply with a patient safety plan to improve the health and safety of patients and to reduce preventable patient safety events. The patient safety plan requires specified elements, including, but not limited to, a reporting system for patient safety events that allows anyone involved to make a report of a patient safety event to the health facility, and a process for a team of facility staff to conduct analyses related to root causes of patient safety events. A violation of these provisions is a crime. This bill would require the reporting system to include anonymous reporting options. The bill would also require analysis of patient safety events by specified sociodemographic factors to identify dispari....

Location: US-CA

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CA SB 1296

Title: Viral surveillance program.

Current Status: Failed

Introduction Date: February 18, 2022

Last Action Date: Last day to consider Governor's veto pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.. November 30, 2022

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....

Location: US-CA

CA AB 805

Title: Personal protective equipment: distribution reports.

Current Status: Failed

Introduction Date: February 16, 2021

Last Action Date: From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.. February 01, 2022

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 the United States...

Location: US-CA

CA AB 2644

Title: Skilled nursing facilities: deaths: reporting.

Current Status: Passed

Introduction Date: February 20, 2020

Last Action Date: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 287, Statutes of 2020.. September 29, 2020

Summary: to be determined

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....

Location: US-CA

CA AB 2537

Title: Personal protective equipment: health care employees.

Current Status: Passed

Introduction Date: February 19, 2020

Last Action Date: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 313, Statutes of 2020.. September 29, 2020

Summary: Requires an employer to supply personal protective equipment to employees who provide direct patient care in a hospital setting. Also requires an employer ensures. that employees use the personal protective equipment supplied to them. Employers must maintain a stockpile of unexpired personal protective equipment in the amount equal to one year of normal consumption. An employer shall provide an inventory of its stockpile to the Division of Occupational Safety and Health upon request.

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.....

Location: US-CA

Vaccines Bills

13 Bills

CA AB 463

Title: Emergency medical services: police canines.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: February 06, 2025

Last Action Date: Re-referred to Com. on Health.. March 18, 2025

Description: AB 463, as amended, Michelle Rodriguez. Emergency medical services: police canines. Existing law authorizes a private ambulance owner to operate an emergency ambulance service upon obtaining a license from the Department of the California Highway Patrol, as specified. This bill would authorize those license holders or a person who operates ambulances owned or operated by a fire department of a federally recognized Indian tribe to transport a police canine, as defined, or a search and rescue dog, as defined, that is injured in the line of duty, to a veterinary clinic or similar facility if there is no other person requiring medical attention or transport at that time. Existing law requires emergency services and care to be provided to any person requesting the services or care, as specified. Existing law authorizes an emergency responder to provide basic first aid to dogs and cats, as specified, and exempts from civil liability specified emergency personnel who,

Location: US-CA

CA SB 290

Title: CalWORKs.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: February 06, 2025

Last Action Date: Set for hearing April 7.. March 13, 2025

Description: SB 290, as introduced, Smallwood-Cuevas. CalWORKs. Existing law generally 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 daycare home, or development center, unless prior to the person's admission to that institution they have been fully immunized against various diseases, including measles, mumps, and pertussis, subject to any specific age criteria. Existing law establishes the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program, under which each county provides cash assistance and other benefits to qualified low-income families using federal, state, and county funds. Existing law also requires all applicants for or recipients of CalWORKs to ensure and provide documentation that each child in the assistance unit who is not required to be enrolled in school....

Location: US-CA

CA AB 1037

Title: Public health: substance use disorder.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: February 20, 2025

Last Action Date: Referred to Coms. on Health and JUD.. March 10, 2025

Description: AB 1037, as introduced, Elhawary. Public health: substance use disorder. (1) Existing law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes a physician or pharmacist, without a prescription or permit,

to furnish hypodermic needles and syringes for human use to a person 18 years of age or older, and authorizes a person 18 years of age or older to, without a prescription or license, obtain hypodermic needles and syringes solely for personal use from a physician or pharmacist, as a public health measure, as specified. Existing law requires a pharmacist that provides nonprescription syringes to provide information on access to testing and treatment for HIV and hepatitis C. This bill would extend this authority indefinitely and would additionally require a pharmacist to provide information on other bloodborne diseases. (2) Under existing law, a licensed health care provider who is authorized by law to prescribe an opioid antagonist may issue standing orders for the distribution o....

Location: US-CA

CA AB 1074

Title: CalWORKs.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: February 20, 2025

Last Action Date: Referred to Com. on HUM. S.. March 10, 2025

Description: AB 1074, as introduced, Patel. CalWORKs. (1) Under existing law, if the federal government provides funds for the care of a needy relative with whom a needy child is living, aid to the child for any month includes aid to meet the needs of that relative, except as prescribed. Existing law establishes the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program, under which each county provides cash assistance and other benefits to qualified low-income families using federal, state, and county funds. Existing law provides that the parent or parents are to be considered living with the needy child for a period of up to 6 months, or for a time period as determined by the State Department of Social Services, of the needy child's absence from the family assistance unit, and that the parents are eligible for CalWORKs aid and childcare services if specified conditions are met, including, among others, that the child has been removed from the parent

Location: US-CA

CA SB 439

Title: California Health Benefit Review Program: extension.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: February 18, 2025

Last Action Date: Referred to Com. on HEALTH.. February 26, 2025

Description: SB 439, as introduced, Weber Pierson. California Health Benefit Review Program: extension. Existing law establishes the Health Care Benefits Fund to support the University of California's implementation of the California Health Benefit Review Program. Under the program, the University of California assesses legislation proposing to repeal or mandate a benefit or service requirement on health care insurance plans or health insurers. Under the program, the University of California provides a written analysis that includes, among other data, financial impacts of legislation on publicly funded state health insurance programs, including the Medi-

Cal program and the Healthy Families Program. Existing law imposes an annual charge on health care service plans and health insurers for the 2022–23 to 2026–27 fiscal years, inclusive, as specified, to be deposited into the fund. Existing law prohibits the total annual assessment on health care service plans and health insu....

Location: US-CA

CA AB 2539

Title: Public health: COVID-19 vaccination: proof of status.

Current Status: Failed

Introduction Date: February 17, 2022

Last Action Date: Died at Desk.. November 30, 2022

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

Location: US-CA

CA SB 871

Title: Public health: immunizations.

Current Status: Failed

Introduction Date: January 24, 2022

Last Action Date: From committee without further action.. November 30, 2022

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....

Location: US-CA

CA AB 327

Title: COVID-19 vaccination status: prohibition on required disclosure.

Current Status: Failed

Introduction Date: January 26, 2021

Last Action Date: From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56..
February 01, 2022

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....

Location: US-CA

CA SB 742

Title: Vaccination sites: unlawful activities: obstructing, intimidating, or harassing.

Current Status: Passed

Introduction Date: February 19, 2021

Last Action Date: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 737, Statutes of 2021.. October 08, 2021

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....

Location: US-CA

CA AB 526

Title: Dentists and podiatrists: clinical laboratories and vaccines.

Current Status: Passed

Introduction Date: February 10, 2021

Last Action Date: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 653, Statutes of 2021.. October 08, 2021

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 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....

Location: US-CA

CA AB 283

Title: CalWORKs: school attendance: immunizations.

Current Status: Failed

Introduction Date: January 28, 2019

Last Action Date: Consideration of Governor's veto stricken from file.. January 21, 2020

Summary: This bill would eliminate the personal belief exception for required immunizations required under the CalWORKs program.

Description: 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....

Location: US-CA

CA SB 714

Title: Immunizations.

Current Status: Passed

Introduction Date: February 22, 2019

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

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...

Location: US-CA

CA SB 276

Title: Immunizations: medical exemptions.

Current Status: Passed

Introduction Date: February 13, 2019

Last Action Date: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 278, Statutes of 2019.. September 09, 2019

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...

Location: US-CA

Infection Control Programs Bills

9 Bills

CA SB 412

Title: Home care aides.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: February 14, 2025

Last Action Date: Set for hearing April 7.. March 13, 2025

Description: SB 412, as introduced, Limón. Home care aides. Existing law, the Home Care Services Consumer Protection Act, requires a home care organization, as defined, to ensure that an affiliated home care aide completes specified training requirements prior to providing home care services, including annual training related to the aide's clients' rights and safety and how to provide for a client's daily living needs. Existing law provides for the registration of unaffiliated home care aides, and conditions the registration renewal of an unaffiliated home care aide on compliance with specified requirements, including that the aide submits a registration renewal application form and pays a fee. This bill would additionally require a home care organization to ensure that a home care aide completes, prior to providing home care and annually thereafter, training related to the special care needs of clients with dementia. The bill would additionally require an unaffiliated ho....

Location: US-CA

CA AB 873

Title: Dentistry: dental assistants: infection control course.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: February 19, 2025

Last Action Date: Referred to Com. on B. & P.. March 03, 2025

Description: AB 873, as introduced, Alanis. Dentistry: dental assistants: infection control course. Existing law, the Dental Practice Act, establishes the Dental Board of California to license and regulate the practice of dentistry, including the licensure and regulation of dental auxiliaries, including, among others, dental assistants, as defined, and sets forth duties and functions that those dental auxiliaries are authorized to perform. Existing law establishes various requirements for courses in infection control for certain unlicensed dental assistants and requires an unregistered dental assistant not enrolled in a board-approved program for registered dental assisting or an alternative dental assisting program, as specified, to complete a certification course, as specified. This bill would repeal those requirements for courses in infection control for certain unlicensed dental assistants. Existing law provides the employer of a dental assistant is responsible for ensu....

Location: US-CA

CA SB 1082

Title: Augmented residential care facilities.

Current Status: Failed

Introduction Date: February 12, 2024

Last Action Date: From committee without further action.. November 30, 2024

Summary: This bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), jointly with the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California, to implement a certification program to provide augmented services to adults with serious mental illness in

homelike community settings, and would require those settings to be licensed by the State Department of Social Services (DSS) as an augmented residential care facility (ARCF), as defined.

Description: SB 1082, as amended, Eggman. Augmented residential care facilities. Existing law, the Bronzan-McCorquodale Act, contains provisions governing the operation and financing of community mental health services in every county through locally administered and locally controlled community mental health programs. Existing law, the California Community Care Facilities Act, provides for the licensing and regulation of various community care facilities, including, but not limited to, adult residential facilities and enhanced behavioral supports homes, as defined, by the State Department of Social Services. Under existing law, the department similarly regulates residential care facilities for the elderly. A violation of provisions relating to these facilities is a misdemeanor. This bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), jointly with the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California, to implement a certification program to pro...

Location: US-CA

CA SB 1296

Title: Viral surveillance program.

Current Status: Failed

Introduction Date: February 18, 2022

Last Action Date: Last day to consider Governor's veto pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.. November 30, 2022

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...

Location: US-CA

CA SB 1231

Title: California Standard Diagnostic for Valley Fever.

Current Status: Failed

Introduction Date: February 17, 2022

Last Action Date: From Assembly without further action.. November 30, 2022

Summary: The Department of Public Health shall conduct an awareness campaign to communicate with local health jurisdictions, healthcare providers, and the public about the

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.

Location: US-CA

CA AB 1585

Title: Health care.

Current Status: Passed

Introduction Date: March 11, 2021

Last Action Date: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 181, Statutes of 2021.. September 16, 2021

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....

Location: US-CA

CA AB 2604

Title: Public health: pandemic protocols.

Current Status: Failed

Introduction Date: February 20, 2020

Last Action Date: From committee without further action.. November 30, 2020

Summary: During a pandemic or health declared state emergency, a hospital facility would be required to take certain infection control measures: - Postpone routine and elective medical care. - Prohibit visitors with some exceptions. - Ensure patients and staff are always wearing surgical masks, except when a higher level of personal protective equipment (PPE) is indicated. - Ensure thorough education and enforcement regarding hand hygiene and cough etiquette for patients and staff. - Ensure consistent and regular environmental cleaning and disinfection, including

disinfection of floors, walls, furniture, surfaces, and objects at least three times per day with cleaning chemicals that contain a disinfectant known to be effective against the pathogen, infection, or illness that is the subject of the pandemic or emergency. - Add air cleaning equipment to ventilation systems, including ultraviolet cleaners and High Efficiency Particulate Air filter units. - Establish three zones within the health facility using the "three zones, two passages" model to prevent transmission. - The three zones, a contaminated zone, a potentially contaminated zone, and a clean zone, shall be clearly demarcated, with two buffer zones between the contaminated zone and potentially contaminated zone. - A health facility shall have dedicated teams who only work in one particular zone. - A separate passageway shall be established for each zone strictly for the one-way transport of items directly from that zone. - A health facility shall implement strict procedures for donning and doffing PPE between zones, which shall include hands on training, full-length mirrors, and observation by trained personnel. Dedicated walkways shall be used to prevent transmission and contamination between zones. - A health facility shall tightly control transport of patients and health workers through the facility to prevent transmission and contamination. - Implement outdoor triage where patients are promptly triaged and sent to the appropriate zone to prevent transmission within crowded waiting rooms. - Monitor all entrances to the facility and consider limiting public access by reducing the number of entrances. - Consider all patients to have "suspected cases" of the pathogen, infection, or illness until confidently ruled out or confirmed.

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 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....

Location: US-CA

CA AB 2644

Title: Skilled nursing facilities: deaths: reporting.

Current Status: Passed

Introduction Date: February 20, 2020

Last Action Date: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 287, Statutes of 2020.. September 29, 2020

Summary: to be determined

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....

Location: US-CA

CA AB 2537

Title: Personal protective equipment: health care employees.

Current Status: Passed

Introduction Date: February 19, 2020

Last Action Date: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 313, Statutes of 2020.. September 29, 2020

Summary: Requires an employer to supply personal protective equipment to employees who provide direct patient care in a hospital setting. Also requires an employer ensures. that employees use the personal protective equipment supplied to them. Employers must maintain a stockpile of unexpired personal protective equipment in the amount equal to one year of normal consumption. An employer shall provide an inventory of its stockpile to the Division of Occupational Safety and Health upon request.

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.....

Location: US-CA

COVID-19 Bills

6 Bills

CA AB 3106

Title: School employees: COVID-19 cases: protections.

Current Status: Failed

Introduction Date: February 16, 2024

Last Action Date: From committee without further action.. November 30, 2024

Description: AB 3106, as amended, Schiavo. School employees: COVID-19 cases: protections.

Existing law grants the Division of Occupational Safety and Health, which is within the Department of Industrial Relations, jurisdiction over all employment and places of employment, with the power necessary to enforce and administer all occupational health and safety laws and standards. The Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board, an independent entity within the department, has the exclusive authority to adopt occupational safety and health standards within the state. Existing law, the California Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973, requires employers to comply with certain standards ensuring healthy and safe working conditions, as specified, and charges the division with enforcement of the act. Other existing law relating to occupational safety imposes special provisions on certain industries and charges the division with enforcement of these provisions.This bill woul...

Location: US-CA

CA AB 2833

Title: COVID-19 testing capacity.

Current Status: Failed

Introduction Date: February 18, 2022

Last Action Date: From Senate committee without further action.. November 30, 2022

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 infrastructure in the state is sufficient and prepared f...

Location: US-CA

CA AB 2539

Title: Public health: COVID-19 vaccination: proof of status.

Current Status: Failed

Introduction Date: February 17, 2022

Last Action Date: Died at Desk.. November 30, 2022

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

Location: US-CA

CA AB 1993

Title: Employment: COVID-19 vaccination requirements.

Current Status: Failed

Introduction Date: February 10, 2022

Last Action Date: From committee without further action.. November 30, 2022

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 employment. 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....

Location: US-CA

CA AB 2693

Title: COVID-19: exposure.

Current Status: Passed

Introduction Date: February 18, 2022

Last Action Date: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 799, Statutes of 2022.. September 29, 2022

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...

Location: US-CA

CA SB 1479

Title: COVID-19 testing in schools: COVID-19 testing plans.

Current Status: Passed

Introduction Date: February 18, 2022

Last Action Date: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 850, Statutes of 2022.. September 29, 2022

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....

Location: US-CA