



California Independent Grocers Association

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Legislative Update

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Governor Jerry Brown took action on the following bills on which CIGA was active:

AB 22 (Mendoza-D-Artesia): Employment: Credit Reports – CIGA Position: OPPOSE – Signed by Governor

This bill prohibits an employer or prospective employer, except certain financial institutions, from obtaining a consumer credit report for employment purposes unless the position of the person for whom the report is sought is one of a specified type of positions. Effective January 1, 2012.

AB 183 (Ma-D-San Francisco): Alcohol Beverage Licenses: Self-Service – CIGA Position: OPPOSE – Signed by Governor

This bill prohibits off-sale licensees from selling alcoholic beverages using a customer-operated checkout stand located on the licensee's physical premises. Effective January 1, 2012.

AB 325 (Lowenthal, B.-D-Long Beach): Employee's Right to Bereavement Leave – CIGA Position: OPPOSE – Vetoed by Governor

This measure would have prohibited an employer from refusing to grant a request by an employee to take up to 3 days of bereavement leave or to interfere with an employee from doing so. Authorized an employee who has been discharged, disciplined, or discriminated against for exercising his or her right to bereavement leave to bring a civil action against their employer.

AB 688 (Pan-D-Sacramento): Food and Drugs: Sale – CIGA Position: OPPOSE – Signed by Governor

This bill prohibits a retailer from selling or offering for sale after the expiration date of an over-the-counter drug, as defined. The bill will also prohibit a retail food facility from selling or offering for sale after the "use by" date infant formula or baby food that is required to have this date on its packaging pursuant to federal law. The bill would make its violations an infraction, carrying a penalty of ten dollars per day (\$10/day) for each item sold or offered for sale. Effective January 1, 2012.

AB 712 (Williams-D-Santa Barbara): Recycling: Beverage Containers – CIGA Position: Support – Signed by Governor

This measure will prohibit the Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery from making any payments, grants, or loans from the Beverage Container Recycling Fund to a city, county or city and county, if that city, count, or city and county has adopted or is enforcing a land-use restriction that prevents the siting or operation of a certified recycling center at a supermarket site. Effective July 1, 2012.

AB 1044 (Butler-D-Torrance): Registered Warrants: Taxation – CIGA Position: Support – Vetoed by Governor

This bill would have permitted a taxpayer who has a tax liability, with respect to personal income taxes or band and corporation taxes, and who is a payee named in a registered warrant to pay any tax, fee, or surcharge liability with a registered warrant, subject to certain conditions.

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AB 1219 (Perea-D-Fresno): Credit Cards: Personal Information – CIGA Position: Support – Signed by Governor

This measure amends existing law that prohibits specified entities that accept credit cards from requesting or requiring the cardholder to provide personal identification that is recorded in order to accept the card. Exempts cases where the entity uses ZIP code information for prevention of fraud, theft, or identity theft in specified retail motor fuel transactions. **Effective October 10, 2011.**

AB 1236 (Fong-D-Mountain View): Employment: Hiring Practices: Electronic Verification – CIGA Position: Support – Signed by Governor

This bill will prohibit the state, or a city, county, city and county, or special districts, from requiring an employer other than one of those government entities to use an electronic employment verification system (i.e., "E-Verify) except when required by federal law or as a condition of receiving federal funds. Effective January 1, 2012.

SB 469 (Vargas-D-San Diego): Land Use: Development Project Revise – CIGA Position: Support – Vetoed by Governor

This bill would have required a city or county, prior to approving or disapproving a development project that would permit the construction of a superstore retailer, to prepare an economic impact report that included an assessment of the effect that the facility would have on retail operations and employment in the marketplace.

For more information on these, or other legislative activities, please call John Handley, Vice President, Government Relations at (800) 852-7606.

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