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Legislative Update

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Final action has been taken on the following bills that which CIGA Government Relations Department had been engaged:

SB 39 (Padilla-D-Pacoima): Caffeinated Beer Beverages. Signed by Governor.

This bill prohibits the import, production, manufacture, distribution or sale of beer to which caffeine has been directly added as a separate ingredient at retail locations within the state. **Effective January 1, 2012.**

SB 272 (DeSaulnier-D-Concord): Leave of Absence: Organ Donation. Signed by Governor.

This bill amends existing law requiring an employer to grant a leave of absence to an employee who is an organ donor or a bone marrow donor. Provides that the days of leave are *business days*, rather than calendar days, and that the one-year period is measured from the date the employee's leave begins and consists of 12 consecutive months. **Effective January 1, 2012.**

SB 303 (Padilla-D-Pacoima): Food Safety: Food Handlers. Signed by Governor.

This bill defines a food facility to mean a food facility that sells food for human consumption to the general public, and requires all employees of the food facility to obtain certification of food safety training. **CIGA was successful in getting the bill amended to exclude grocery and convenience stores from this requirement. This bill is effective as of September 7, 2011.**

SB 514 (Simitian-D-Palo Alto): Dextromethorphan: Sales to Minors Prohibited. Signed by Governor.

This bill prohibits the sale, in an over-the-counter sale to willfully and knowingly supply, deliver, or give possession of a nonprescription drug containing Dextromethorphan to a person under the age of 18, unless that person possesses a valid prescription for the drug. **Effective January 1, 2012.**

AB 350 (Solorio-D-Santa Ana): Displaced Janitor Opportunity Act. Failed passage in the Senate.

This bill would have required contractors or subcontractors that are awarded contracts or subcontracts by an awarding authority to provide janitorial or building maintenance services at a particular job site to retain, for a period of 60 days, certain employees who were employed at that site by the previous contractor or subcontractor. Expands existing law to include property services of licensed security, window cleaning, food cafeteria and dietary services, janitorial services and building maintenance services. **CIGA OPPOSED this measure.**

SB 111 (Yee-D-San Francisco): Civil Rights: Language Restrictions. Vetoed by Governor.

This bill would have made it a violation of the Unruh Civil Rights Act to adopt or enforce a policy that requires, limits, or prohibits the use of any language in or with a business establishment unless the language restriction or requirement is justified by a business necessity, as defined, and notification has been provided to persons subject to the language restriction of the circumstances and the time when the language restriction or requirement is required to be observed, and of the consequences for its violation. **CIGA OPPOSED this measure.**

For further information on these bills, or any other legislative issues, please call John Handley, Vice President, Government Relations at 1(800) 852-7606.