

Item: **2021 Legislation of Interest**

Item Summary: Following are bills that have been identified as legislation of interest as of February 17, 2021. Bills are presented to members to take one of the following positions: Watch, Support, Support if amended, Oppose, or Oppose unless amended.

**AB 29 (Cooper) - Staff Recommended Position: Watch**

Title: State bodies: meetings

Status: 1/11/21: Referred to Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

This bill would require that any meeting notice issued include all writings or materials provided for the noticed meeting to a member of the state body by the staff of a state agency, board, or commission, or another member of the state body that are in connection with a matter subject to discussion or consideration at the meeting. The bill would require those writings or materials to be made available on the state body's internet website, and to any person who requests the writings or materials in writing, on the same day as the dissemination of the writings and materials to members of the state body or at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting, whichever is earlier. The bill would prohibit a state body from discussing those writings or materials, or from taking action on an item to which those writings or materials pertain, at a meeting of the state body unless the state body has complied with these provisions.

**AB 54 (Kiley) - Staff Recommended Position: Watch**

Title: COVID-19 emergency order violation: license revocation

Status: 1/11/21: Referred to Assembly Committees on Business and Professions and Governmental Organization

This bill would prohibit the Department of Consumer Affairs, a board within the Department of Consumer Affairs, and the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control from revoking a license for failure to comply with any COVID-19 emergency orders unless the board or department can prove that lack of compliance resulted in transmission of COVID-19.

**AB 107 (Salas) - Staff Recommended Position: Watch**

Title: DCA: boards: temporary licenses: military spouses

Status: 1/11/21: Pending referral.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation relating to temporary licenses within the Department of Consumer Affairs for military spouses.

**AB 619 (Calderon) - Staff Recommended Position: Support**

Title: Lung health

Status: 2/16/21: Pending referral (may be heard after 3/15/21)

This bill would require the California Department of Public Health (department) to conduct a Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Provider Awareness Campaign to increase awareness of COPD, as specified, and to target the COPD Provider Awareness Campaign to, among others, primary care providers and family care providers. The bill would make related findings and declarations.

This bill would require the department to develop a plan, addressing specified issues, with recommendations and guidelines for counties to use in the case of a significant air quality event caused by wildfires or other sources. The bill would require the department to consult with specified stakeholders in developing the plan. The bill would also require the department to undertake a statewide public educational campaign regarding wildfires and other environmental hazards triggering asthma, COPD, and other respiratory illnesses.

This bill would require a county, in advance of its next emergency plan update, to create a task force to use the air quality plan developed by the department and to develop a county-specific plan that addresses all of the recommendations and guidelines of the department's air quality plan, as specified. By requiring a county to create an air quality emergency planning task force, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

**AB 646 (Low) - Staff Recommended Position: Watch**

Title: DCA: boards: expunged convictions

Status: 2/16/21: Pending referral (may be heard after 3/15/21)

This bill would require a board within the department that has posted on its internet website that a person's license was revoked because the person was convicted of a crime, within 90 days of receiving an expungement order for the underlying offense from the person, if the person reapplies for licensure or is relicensed, to post notification of the expungement order and the date thereof on the board's internet website. The bill would require the board, on receiving an expungement order, if the person is not currently licensed and does not reapply for licensure, to remove within the same period the initial posting on its internet website that the person's license was revoked and information previously posted regarding arrests, charges, and convictions. The bill would require a person in either case to pay a \$50 fee to the board, unless another amount is determined by the board to be necessary to cover the cost of administering the bill's provisions..

**SB 102 (Melendez) - Staff Recommended Position: Watch**

Title: COVID-19 emergency order violation: license revocation

Status: 2/10/21: Referred to Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development

This bill would prohibit the Department of Consumer Affairs, a board within the Department of Consumer Affairs **that does not regulate healing arts licensees**, and the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control from revoking a license or imposing a fine or penalty for failure to comply with any COVID-19 emergency orders unless the board or department can prove that lack of compliance resulted in transmission of COVID-19.