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During the 2021 Regular Legislative Session, 320 measures were referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee. This report contains summaries of the bills referred to the Judiciary Committee during the 2021 Regular Legislative Session. Bills that were passed by the Legislature and became law are followed by the chapter number and year enacted. For bills that did not become law, the last location of the bill in the legislative process is shown. Veto messages are included for bills vetoed by Governor Gavin Newsom. Bills are listed categorically based on the main subjects of the bill.

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Status: Chapter 244, Statutes of 2021

SB-555 (McGuire) - Local agencies: transient occupancy taxes: short-term rental facilitator: collection.

This bill, beginning July 1, 2022, authorizes a local agency to enact an ordinance delegating its authority to collect transient occupancy tax on short-term rentals to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

Status: In the Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-572 (Hertzberg) - Labor Commissioner: enforcement: lien on real property.

This bill authorizes the Labor Commissioner to record a real property lien, as an alternative to a judgment lien, as part of the Labor Commissioner's efforts to collect money owed by an employer based on a Bureau of Field Enforcement citation for labor law violations.

Status: Chapter 335, Statutes of 2021

SB-585 (Stern) - Cats: declawing procedures: prohibition.

This bill prohibits an individual from declawing a cat unless it is for a specified therapeutic purpose, and imposes a civil penalty for a violation; and requires veterinarians who perform an exempt declawing to report specified information to the Veterinary Medical Board.

Status: In the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee

SB-598 (Pan) - Sacramento Regional Transit District: employee relations.

This bill gives exclusive employee organizations the option of transferring jurisdiction over unfair labor practices for their represented bargaining units within the Sacramento Regional Transit District from the judicial system to the Public Employee Relations Board.

Status: Chapter 492, Statutes of 2021

SB-606 (Gonzalez) - Workplace safety: violations of statutes: enterprise-wide violations: employer retaliation.

This bill expands and fortifies the authority of the Division of Occupational Safety and Health to issue citations, require abatement, and seek court orders to address violations of workplace safety laws that are enterprise-wide or egregious, as defined.

Status: Chapter 336, Statutes of 2021

SB-703 (Hurtado) - Diseased animals: laboratory services.

This bill allows the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to establish laboratory certification standards for laboratories analyzing samples obtained from California livestock and poultry for the purpose of detecting conditions that would trigger a regulatory animal health response. This bill allows CDFA to collect an application or renewal fee from an applicant, which CDFA could adjust to cover its reasonable costs to implement laboratory certification requirements. Finally, this bill exempts those laboratories that already comply with existing state and federal laws.

Status: Chapter 495, Statutes of 2021

SB-776 (Gonzalez) - Safe drinking water and water quality.

This bill makes changes to the statute that guides the implementation of the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund, including consolidating the State Water Resources Control Board's authority to enforce the terms, conditions, and requirements of its financial assistance programs.

Status: Chapter 187, Statutes of 2021

AB-45 (Aguiar-Curry) - Industrial hemp products.

This bill establishes a regulatory framework for industrial hemp under the Sherman Food, Drug, & Cosmetic Law; requires manufacturers of products containing industrial hemp or hemp products to obtain a process food registration and comply with good manufacturing practices; and contains an urgency clause to ensure the provisions of this bill go into immediate effect upon enactment.

Status: Chapter 576, Statutes of 2021

AB-298 (Irwin) - Accountancy: California Board of Accountancy.

This bill permits the California Board of Accountancy (CBA) to admit an applicant to sit for the Certified Public Accountant Examination if the applicant is within 180 days of graduation; clarifies educational coursework required for licensure as a Certified Public Accountant; and permits the secretary-treasurer of the CBA to preside over a meeting, as specified.

Status: Chapter 300, Statutes of 2021

AB-323 (Kalra) - Long-term health facilities.

This bill changes the standard for the Department of Public Health when issuing penalties against long-term care (LTC) facilities for violations that result in the death of a resident from "direct proximate cause" to "substantial factor", and increases the amount of civil penalties assessed against LTC facilities.

Status: Chapter 458, Statutes of 2021

AB-332 (Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials) - Hazardous waste: treated wood waste: management standards.

This bill authorizes treated wood waste to be managed under alternative management standards instead of as a hazardous waste.

Status: Chapter 147, Statutes of 2021

AB-412 (Reyes) - California Commission on Human Rights.

This bill would have established the California Commission on Human Rights to identify and evaluate the State's efforts in protecting human rights, and develop an annual report to the California State Legislature and Governor.

This bill was vetoed by Governor Newsom, whose veto message stated that while the aims of the bill are noble and worthwhile, the work that would be entrusted to this Commission is duplicative of the work being done by Department of Fair Employment and Housing, and that the bill creates significant cost pressures that are currently not accounted for within the 2021 Budget Act.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

AB-450 (Lorena Gonzalez) - Paramedic Disciplinary Review Board.

This bill establishes the Paramedic Disciplinary Review Board (Board), and provides the Board, effective January 1, 2023, with authority to act on appeals of the Emergency Medical Services Authority's final decision to place a license holder on probation, suspend or revoke an EMT-P license, and denial of licensure.

Status: Chapter 463, Statutes of 2021

AB-471 (Low) - Bureau of Automotive Repair: administration: citations: safety inspections.

This bill authorizes the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) to establish an informal citation conference for automotive repair dealers on or after July 1, 2023; requires BAR until July 1, 2026 to establish a program to permit remedial training in lieu of posting minor violations online; requires BAR to collect additional information on licensing applications; and revises and recasts the provisions of the brake and lamp inspection act into a new Vehicle Safety Inspection program, as determined by the BAR.

Status: Chapter 372, Statutes of 2021

AB-478 (Ting) - Solid waste: thermoform plastic containers: postconsumer thermoform recycled plastic: commingled rates.

This bill establishes minimum recycled content requirements for thermoform plastic containers, as specified; redefines “commingled rate” for purposes of California’s Bottle Bill program; and requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to exclude thermoform plastic for purposes of calculating the commingled rate for each type of plastic container.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-480 (Carrillo) - Hazardous materials.

This bill authorizes a unified program agency (UPA), in the event of a hazardous waste spill or release that the UPA reasonably determines poses an imminent and substantial endangerment to public health, to take actions to protect the health and safety of the public.

Status: Chapter 743, Statutes of 2021

AB-1100 (Aguiar-Curry) - Communications service: disasters: reports.

This bill requires the California Public Utilities Commission to collect specified information related to the damage, repair, restoration, and backup generation of telecommunications infrastructure as a result of a fire or other disaster.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-1126 (Bloom) - Commission on the State of Hate.

This bill establishes, until January 1, 2027, and upon appropriation of the Legislature, the Commission on the State of Hate (Commission) in state government and prescribes the goals of the Commission, which would include, among other things, providing resources to various state agencies and the public to inform them on the state of hate and advising the Legislature, the Governor, and state agencies on policy recommendations to promote inter-social education designed to foster mutual respect and understanding among California’s diverse population.

Status: Chapter 712, Statutes of 2021

AB-1349 (Mathis) - California Advanced Services Fund: Broadband Adoption Account.

This bill adds nonprofit religious organizations to the list of groups eligible for grant funding from the California Advanced Services Fund broadband adoption account.

Status: Assembly Inactive File

AB-1574 (Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy) - Public contracts: small business liaisons and advocates and disabled veteran business enterprises: preferences.

This bill enacts the Leveraging State Procurement for an Inclusive Economic Recovery Act of 2021 which makes various changes to California's certified small and microbusiness, Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise, and Target Area Contract Preference Act programs, including enhanced public promotion of the programs, authorizing specified public entities to bring a civil action for a violation involving a knowingly fraudulent representation, and expanding and clarifying the Target Area Contract Preference Act.

Status: Chapter 756, Statutes of 2021

ANIMALS

SB-252 (Wiener) - Toxicological testing on dogs and cats.

This bill prohibits certain facilities from conducting toxicological experiments on dogs and cats unless conducted for specified purposes. This bill subjects violations to civil penalties to be assessed in actions brought by the Attorney General or other local prosecutors, as specified.

Status: In the Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-585 (Stern) - Cats: declawing procedures: prohibition.

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Status: Chapter 495, Statutes of 2021

AB-468 (Friedman) - Emotional support dogs.

This bill requires a person or business that sells or provides an emotional support dog to provide notice specifying that the dog does not have the special training required to be a

guide, signal, or service dog; requires a person or business that sells or provides a certificate, tag, vest, leash, or harness for an emotional support animal to provide notice to the buyer that the material does not entitle an emotional support animal to the rights and privileges afforded to a guide, signal, or service dog; prohibits a licensed healthcare practitioner from providing documentation about an individual's need for an emotional support dog without meeting specified requirements; and provides civil penalties for specified violations.

Status: Chapter 168, Statutes of 2021

AB-974 (Luz Rivas) - Equestrian safety.

This bill requires persons under the age of 18 to wear a helmet while riding an equestrian animal on certain surface types, and requires all persons to use reflective gear while riding after dark.

Status: Chapter 175, Statutes of 2021

AB-1282 (Bloom) - Veterinary medicine: blood banks for animals.

This bill establishes guidelines for veterinarians to operate community blood banks for animals that source blood from animals volunteered by their owners. This bill establishes conditions on which captive closed-colony canine blood banks would be eliminated. This bill allows the importation of animal blood from out-of-state blood banks that comply with California standards. This bill provides implementation requirements for the Veterinary Medical Board and the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

Status: Chapter 752, Statutes of 2021

ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION

SB-76 (Nielsen) - Excluded employees: binding arbitration.

This bill gives excluded State employees, such as managers and supervisors, the option of requesting binding arbitration as a method for resolving disputes with their employers after first exhausting the current grievance resolution procedures.

The Governor vetoed the bill on the grounds that it would add a "costly" step to resolving such employment disputes and could result in arbitration decisions that conflict with statutory authority delegated to CalHR and the Legislature.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

SB-762 (Wieckowski) - Arbitration: fees and costs: invoicing.

This bill requires arbitration providers in consumer or employee arbitrations to send invoices, at specified times and setting forth amounts due and due dates, for costs and fees required to be paid by the business or employer who drafted the contract.

Status: Chapter 222, Statutes of 2021

AB-930 (Levine) - Subsurface installations: attorney's fees and costs.

This bill requires a court or arbitrator to award attorney fees, as specified, to a prevailing excavator under specified conditions.

Status: Chapter 173, Statutes of 2021

ATTORNEYS AND THE PRACTICE OF LAW

SB-211 (Umberg) - State Bar: board of trustees: report: attorneys' annual license fees: California Lawyers Association.

This bill authorizes the State Bar of California (State Bar) to collect annual license fees for 2022 in the same amounts as 2021—\$395 for active licensees and \$97.40 for inactive licensees. The bill requires the California State Auditor's Office to conduct an independent audit of the State Bar by April 15, 2022 to determine whether the State Bar's discipline process adequately protects the public from misconduct by licensed attorneys or those who wrongfully hold themselves out as licensed attorneys by investigating, among other issues, the State Bar's conflict of interest policies to ensure that investigations are not compromised by any undue influence. The bill requires the State Bar to, no later than October 21, 2022, establish and report on processing goals for discipline cases that provide a framework to analyze how quickly cases can be processed taking into account relevant factors such as public protection and the complexity of cases. The processing goals will be reviewed by the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO), which will in turn report to the Judiciary Committees. It is intended that processing goals for the State Bar's discipline system will be codified by the Legislature after review of the framework and the LAO's report, with the goal of improving the effectiveness of the State Bar's discipline system to best protect the public and allow for sufficient oversight of the State Bar into the future. The bill updates information required to be provided in the State Bar's annual discipline report and makes the report due at an earlier date, October 31 of each year instead of April 30, to allow for more thorough review by the Judiciary Committees. The bill makes several changes regarding funding for legal services and codifies the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission. The bill removes governance restrictions that were imposed by statute on the California Lawyers Association and deletes obsolete provisions of the State Bar Act.

Status: Chapter 723, Statutes of 2021

SB-498 (Umberg) - Funds for the provision of legal services to indigent persons: disabled veterans.

This bill increases access to free legal services for Californians with incomes at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level and excludes specified veteran disability income from the calculation, thus further qualifying veterans for legal services.

Status: Chapter 688, Statutes of 2021

AJR-12 (Stone) - Veterans' educational benefits.

This resolution calls on the United States Congress to revise recent amendments to the GI Bill in order to ensure that California accredited law schools remain eligible to serve veterans with GI Bill benefits. California is in a unique position, as compared to other states, in that the State Bar of California accredits law schools in California and allows graduates of these California accredited law schools to take the California Bar Exam. These law schools are generally not American Bar Association (ABA) approved. Most other states only rely upon the ABA to accredit law schools. The newly amended GI Bill does not account for California veterans who attend California accredited law schools. Therefore, this resolution urges Congress to remove the requirement that to be eligible for GI benefits a law school be accredited by the ABA and that graduates must be eligible to sit for a bar examination in any state.

Status: Chapter 118, Statutes of 2021

BUSINESS ENTITIES

SB-218 (Jones) - Corporations: ratification or validation of noncompliant corporate actions.

This bill provides two mechanisms by which a California corporation may ratify or validate an otherwise-lawful corporate act that was not in compliance with General Corporation Law or the corporation's articles or bylaws when it was made.

Status: In the Assembly Judiciary Committee

SB-288 (Jones) - Corporations: conversions: foreign corporation or foreign other business entity.

This bill amends the General Corporation Law to provide a process for a California corporation to convert into a corporation or other business entity organized under the laws of another jurisdiction. The bill also provides a method for service of legal process on a converted corporation. Finally, it deletes a statutory provision in the Corporations Code authorizing the Secretary of State to collect a \$150 fee for the conversion process, as it is duplicative of a provision in the Government Code.

Status: In the Assembly Judiciary Committee

AB-283 (Chen) - Corporate securities: exemption from requirements.

This bill exempts equity-related securities or credits issued by a cooperative corporation as patronage distributions from securities qualification requirements, as specified.

Status: Chapter 512, Statutes of 2021

AB-511 (Muratsuchi) - Securities transactions: qualification requirements, exemptions, and liability.

This bill exempts certain crowdfunded equity offerings from state securities qualification requirements.

Status: Chapter 617, Statutes of 2021

AB-663 (Chen) - Corporations: electronic transmissions: bylaws: emergency powers.

This bill provides additional flexibility to corporations related to electronic communications and governance during an emergency.

Status: Chapter 523, Statutes of 2021

AB-889 (Gipson) - Business entities: landlords: reporting requirements.

This bill requires landlords who hold rental property in the name of a corporation or limited liability company to report the identity of the beneficial owners of the property, as defined, to the California Secretary of State.

Status: Failed passage in the Senate Judiciary Committee, reconsideration granted

AB-1580 (Committee on Judiciary) - Enforcement of money judgments: examination.

This bill establishes procedures for identifying a natural person who must appear – and can be held accountable for failing to appear – at a debtor’s examination on behalf of an organization, when that organization fails to specify someone else who will appear on its behalf.

Status: Chapter 30, Statutes of 2021

CHILD ABUSE, ELDER AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE

AB-272 (Kiley) - Enrollment agreements.

This bill authorizes a minor to disaffirm a provision in an educational institution’s enrollment agreement that purports to waive a legal right, remedy, forum, proceeding, or procedure, arising out of a criminal sexual assault or criminal sexual battery, as defined, on that minor regardless of whether a parent or legal guardian has signed the enrollment agreement on the minor’s behalf.

Status: Chapter 146, Statutes of 2021

AB-636 (Maienschein) - Financial abuse of elder or dependent adults.

This bill authorizes confidential information from mandated reports relating to elder or dependent adult abuse to be shared with local code enforcement agencies and certain federal law enforcement agencies in limited circumstances.

Status: Chapter 621, Statutes of 2021

AB-695 (Arambula) - Elder and dependent adults.

This bill, among other things, (1) expands the role of Adult Protective Services (APS) agencies to apply to individuals who have brain injuries or cognitive impairments, are incapable of managing their finances, or are homeless; (2) expands the list of housing-related supports and services under the Home Safe Program to include housing transitions; and (3) requires the State Department of Social Services to convene a workgroup and submit recommendations to the Legislature by November 1, 2022, to create or establish a statewide APS case management or data warehouse system.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-1243 (Blanca Rubio) - Protective orders: elder and dependent adults.

This bill provides that restraining orders for elder or dependent adults may include certain remedies related to financial abuse or isolation, as specified.

Status: Chapter 273, Statutes of 2021

CIVIL AND PERSONAL RIGHTS AND DISCRIMINATION LAW

SB-2 (Bradford) - Peace officers: certification: civil rights.

This bill grants new powers to the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to investigate and determine peace officer fitness and to decertify officers who engage in “serious misconduct”; and reforms the Tom Bane Civil Rights Act to limit specified immunities for peace officers and custodial officers, and public entities employing such officers.

Status: Chapter 409, Statutes of 2021

SB-16 (Skinner) - Peace officers: release of records.

This bill expands the categories of police personnel records that are subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act and modifies existing provisions regarding the release of records subject to disclosure.

Status: Chapter 402, Statutes of 2021

SB-17 (Pan) - Office of Racial Equity.

This bill establishes, until January 1, 2029, the Office of Racial Equity which would develop statewide guidelines for inclusive policies and practices that reduce racial inequities, promote racial equity, address individual, institutional, and structural racism, and establish goals and strategies to advance racial equity and address structural racism and racial inequities.

Status: In the Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-53 (Leyva) - Unsolicited images.

This bill provides a cause of action against a person that knowingly sends a sexually explicit image that the person knows, or reasonably should know, is unsolicited; and provides for both civil and criminal penalties for violations of this bill.

Status: Senate Inactive File

SB-210 (Wiener) - Automated license plate recognition systems: use of data.

This bill provides greater transparency and accountability with respect to automated license plate recognition systems (ALPR). It requires ALPR operators and end-users to conduct annual audits to review ALPR searches. If the operator or end-user is a public agency, the bill further requires them to destroy all ALPR data that does not match information on a hot list within 24 hours.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

SB-249 (Melendez) - Educational equity: political affiliation.

This bill prohibits discrimination on the basis of political affiliation in the programs and activities of California educational institutions that benefit from state financial support or enroll students that receive state financial aid.

Status: In the Senate Judiciary Committee

SB-280 (Limón) - Health insurance: large group health insurance.

This bill requires large group health insurance policies to cover medically necessary basic health care services. It also codifies the federal prohibition on discriminatory marketing practices and benefit designs in the large group health insurance market within the state Insurance Code and establishes penalties for violating that prohibition.

Status: Chapter 636, Statutes of 2021

SB-331 (Leyva) - Settlement and nondisparagement agreements.

This bill prohibits the use of non-disclosure agreements to settle employment and housing-related legal claims involving unlawful harassment, discrimination, or related retaliation of any kind, with limited exceptions when requested by the complainant. This bill also prohibits the inclusion, in an employment severance agreement, of terms that prohibit the separated employee from discussing unlawful conduct at their former workplace, unless the separated employee agrees to those terms under specified conditions designed to safeguard the separated employee's rights.

Status: Chapter 638, Statutes of 2021

SB-352 (Eggman) - The military: sexual harassment.

This bill makes sexual harassment an offense for which members of the California state militia may be disciplined; requires the California Military Department to report aggregate, annual statistics regarding the prevalence of sexual harassment, and

clarifies that members of the California militia on active duty can be held criminally or civilly liable for actions they take that are not in performance of their duty.

Status: Chapter 183, Statutes of 2021

SB-363 (Leyva) - Educational equity: government instruction conferences.

This bill, beginning January 1, 2023, conditions the existing exemption for Boys State and Girls State civics education conferences from sex discrimination statutes on the provision of substantially similar access and opportunities for participants of both genders, and clarifies that transgender and non-binary students may participate in either conference.

Status: Chapter 676, Statutes of 2021

SB-397 (Jones) - Emergency powers: essential services: religious services.

This bill amends the California Emergency Services Act to require that, during a state of emergency, the Governor must declare religious services to be “essential services,” and to curtail the Governor’s discretion in issuing emergency orders relating to religious-based meetings, organizations, and educational institutions.

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Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

SB-647 (Laird) - Unruh Civil Rights Act: violations: service of process: Department of Fair Employment and Housing.

This bill requires anyone filing documents in court to send a copy of those documents to the Director of the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing if the matter at issue involves the violation, application, or construction of specified civil rights laws.

Status: In the Assembly Rules Committee

SB-655 (Bradford) - Insurers: diversity.

This bill promotes greater diversity in California's insurance industry through three mechanisms: (1) it increases the number of California insurance companies that must report to the California Department of Insurance every two years regarding supplier and governing board diversity; (2) it clarifies what insurance companies must include in that report with respect to their policies or goals to increase board diversity; and (3) it encourages California insurers participating in the California Organized Investment Network to consider utilizing diverse investment managers, as defined.

Status: Chapter 390, Statutes of 2021

SB-702 (Limón) - Gubernatorial appointments: report.

This bill would have required the office of the Governor to publish a report containing the demographic information of individuals who have applied to or been appointed to a state board or commission. Additionally, the bill would have created a working group to discuss and provide recommendations on ways to diversity state boards and commissions.

The Governor vetoed the bill on the ground that his office has and will continue to make an "intentional, transparent effort" to build a diverse and qualified pool of candidates for appointed positions. The Governor further asserted that the demographic information reported pursuant to the bill would not have accurately reflected the diversity of appointees.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

SB-774 (Hertzberg) - Lawyer-client privilege: Department of Fair Employment and Housing.

This bill clarifies that the lawyer-client privilege held by the Department of Fair Employment and Housing applies to confidential communications between Department of Fair Employment and Housing attorneys and complainants or other aggrieved persons, as specified.

Status: Assembly Inactive File

SB-807 (Wieckowski) - Enforcement of civil rights: Department of Fair Employment and Housing.

This bill makes procedural modifications to how the Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) enforces California's civil rights laws. This bill also extends how long employers must retain specified employment records to match a recent increase in the length of time that workers have to file claims alleging employment discrimination.

Status: Chapter 278, Statutes of 2021

SJR-7 (Bradford) - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: FBI surveillance tapes.

This resolution calls for the destruction of recordings and transcripts of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which the Federal Bureau of Investigation obtained through unlawful surveillance and which are scheduled for public release by the National Archivist in 2027.

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Status: Adopted by the Senate

AB-105 (Holden) - The Upward Mobility Act of 2021: boards and commissions: civil service: examinations: classifications.

This bill would have: (1) required diversity appointments, as specified, to California's governmental volunteer boards; (2) modified state civil service examination processes to promote diverse appointments to California civil service positions with greater authority and compensation; and (3) required state agencies to collect and report specified demographic data regarding state employment.

The Governor vetoed the bill based on cost considerations and because "elements of the bill conflict with existing constitutional requirements, labor agreements, and current data collection efforts" and could therefore have "unintended consequences."

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

AB-218 (Ward) - Change of gender and sex identifier.

This bill extends the existing framework for petitioners changing their names and/or genders on their own birth certificates to further update their marriage licenses and certificates and the birth certificates of their children. This bill extends eligibility for certain processes to persons not born or residing within the state and recognizes orders in foreign jurisdictions for purposes of sufficient documentation.

Status: Chapter 577, Statutes of 2021

AB-245 (Chiu) - Educational equity: student records: name and gender changes.

This bill requires the University of California, California State University, or California Community College campuses to update a former student's records to include the student's updated legal name or gender if the institution receives government-issued documentation demonstrating that the former student's legal name or gender has been

changed; and, commencing with the 2023–24 graduating class, to provide an option for a graduating student to request that the diploma to be conferred by the institution list the student's chosen name.

Status: Chapter 555, Statutes of 2021

AB-412 (Reyes) - California Commission on Human Rights.

This bill would have established the California Commission on Human Rights to identify and evaluate the State's efforts in protecting human rights, and develop an annual report to the California State Legislature and Governor.

This bill was vetoed by Governor Newsom whose veto message stated that, while the aims of the bill are noble and worthwhile, the work that would be entrusted to this Commission is duplicative of the work being done by Department of Fair Employment and Housing, and that the bill creates significant cost pressures that are currently not accounted for within the 2021 Budget Act.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

AB-849 (Reyes) - Skilled nursing facilities: intermediate care facilities: liability.

This bill amends the damages that can be sought by a current or former resident or patient of a skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility, as defined, for violation of the resident or patient's rights.

Status: Chapter 471, Statutes of 2021

AB-945 (Ramos) - Pupils: adornments at school graduation ceremonies: task force.

This bill establishes a task force to: (1) hear the testimony of Californians who have been denied the right to wear traditional tribal regalia or recognized objects of religious or cultural significance at high school graduations; and (2) make recommendations for policies and practices to ensure that such denials do not recur.

Status: Chapter 285, Statutes of 2021

AB-948 (Holden) - Real estate licensees: Bureau of Real Estate Appraisers: disclosures: demographic information: reporting: continuing education.

This bill establishes measures to prevent unlawful discrimination in the conduct of real estate appraisals. Specifically, the bill requires: (1) provision of notice to buyers and sellers of their right to an unbiased appraisal of the property; (2) establishment of a state-run mechanism to track complaints of underappraisals by demographics; and (3) completion, by appraisers, of continuing education on eliminating bias and cultural competency.

Status: Chapter 352, Statutes of 2021

AB-1033 (Bauer-Kahan) - California Family Rights Act: parent-in-law: small employer family leave mediation: pilot program.

This bill modifies procedural aspects of the Department of Fair Employment and Housing's (DFEH's) pilot program for mediating family leave disputes between small businesses and their employees in order to ensure that employers are aware of their option to force employees to participate. In addition, the bill clarifies that employers covered under the California Family Rights Act (CFRA) must grant eligible employees up to 12 weeks of job-protected time off from work annually for the purpose of providing care to a parent-in-law with a serious medical condition.

Status: Chapter 327, Statutes of 2021

AB-1084 (Low) - Gender neutral retail departments.

This bill requires large retail department stores that sell toys or other childcare items to maintain a gender neutral section or area, subject to a civil penalty for noncompliance beginning on January 1, 2024.

Status: Chapter 750, Statutes of 2021

AB-1126 (Bloom) - Commission on the State of Hate.

This bill establishes, until January 1, 2027, and upon appropriation of the Legislature, the Commission on the State of Hate (Commission) in state government and prescribes the goals of the Commission, which would include, among other things, providing resources to various state agencies and the public to inform them on the state of hate and advising the Legislature, the Governor, and state agencies on policy recommendations to promote inter-social education designed to foster mutual respect and understanding among California's diverse population.

Status: Chapter 712, Statutes of 2021

AB-1304 (Santiago) - Affirmatively further fair housing: housing element: inventory of land.

This bill reaffirms that the state, local jurisdictions, and public agencies involved in housing-related matters have a mandatory duty to take meaningful, affirmative steps to overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics. The bill also provides additional details regarding what these entities must take into account when carrying out that duty.

Status: Chapter 357, Statutes of 2021

AB-1356 (Bauer-Kahan) - Reproductive health care services.

This bill creates new crimes under the California Freedom of Access to Clinic Act (Act) directed at videotaping, photographing, or recording patients or providers within 100 feet of the facility, or disclosing or distributing those images; increases misdemeanor

penalties for violations of the Act; and updates and expands online privacy laws and peace officer trainings relative to anti-reproduction-rights offenses.

Status: Chapter 191, Statutes of 2021

AB-1466 (McCarty) - Real property: discriminatory restrictions.

This bill requires each county recorder's office to establish a program to proactively identify, catalog, and redact any unlawfully discriminatory restrictive covenants in that county's property records and authorizes the imposition, if approved by the respective county board of supervisors, of a fee to fund the program. This bill also modifies the procedures for redacting such covenants to facilitate greater use of those procedures.

Status: Chapter 359, Statutes of 2021

AB-1475 (Low) - Law enforcement: social media.

This bill places limitations on the ability of police departments and sheriff's offices to share booking photos of individuals on social media.

Status: Chapter 126, Statutes of 2021

AB-1576 (Committee on Judiciary) - Superior court: lactation rooms.

This bill requires superior courts to allow attorneys and other officers of the court to utilize the courthouse employees' legally compliant lactation facilities or another legally compliant lactation facility within the courthouse.

Status: Senate Inactive File

CIVIL PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE

SB-241 (Umberg) - Civil actions.

This bill grants the Court Reporters Board (CRB) a method for permitting out-of-state deposition reporters to register with and be governed by the CRB; establishes a statutory framework for conducting court proceedings in civil cases through the use of remote technology; extends the general rule that a trial continuance or postponement caused by the COVID-19 pandemic extends other case deadlines to arbitration continuances or postponements; requires, as of July 1, 2024, courts to electronically transmit documents issued by the court where parties have consented to, or are required to use, electronic service; and requires courts to hear minors' compromise petitions within 30 days of filing, and to issue a decision at the conclusion of the hearing if the petition is uncontested.

Status: Chapter 214, Statutes of 2021

SB-270 (Durazo) - Public employment: labor relations: employee information.

This bill authorizes unfair labor practice charges to be filed before the Public Employment Relations Board against a public employer who violates requirements regarding the provision of public employee information to the authorized representative or recognized employee organization for the relevant bargaining unit, as specified. It authorizes the recovery of attorneys' fees and costs in connection with the claim, as provided.

Status: Chapter 330, Statutes of 2021

SB-323 (Caballero) - Local government: water or sewer service: legal actions.

This bill establishes a 120-day limitations period for, and applies existing validation action procedures to, judicial challenges to water and sewer fees and charges.

Status: Chapter 216, Statutes of 2021

SB-447 (Laird) - Civil actions: decedent's cause of action.

This bill authorizes a decedent's personal representative or successor in interest to recover damages for a decedent's pain, suffering, or disfigurement in an action or proceeding on the decedent's cause of action, as specified.

Status: Chapter 448, Statutes of 2021

SB-501 (Wieckowski) - Claims against public entities.

This bill extends the conditions under which certain injured parties who are minors or who are physically or mentally incapacitated are entitled to have their applications to file untimely claims against public entities granted.

Status: Chapter 218, Statutes of 2021

SB-666 (Umberg) - Service of papers: electronic service by court.

This bill requires courts, beginning on July 1, 2023, to electronically serve any document issued by the court that is not required to be personally served in the same manner that parties electronically serve documents, where the party being served has consented to electronic service or the court has ordered electronic service.

Status: Senate Inactive File

SB-688 (Wieckowski) - Civil actions: judgments by confession.

This bill makes confessions of judgment entered into on or after January 1, 2022, unenforceable. California already specifically prohibits use of confessions of judgment in various contexts, but this bill finally eliminates their use wholesale.

Status: In the Assembly Rules Committee

SB-703 (Hurtado) - Diseased animals: laboratory services.

This bill allows the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to establish laboratory certification standards for laboratories analyzing samples obtained from California livestock and poultry for the purpose of detecting conditions that would trigger a regulatory animal health response. This bill allows CDFA to collect an application or renewal fee from an applicant, which CDFA could adjust to cover its reasonable costs to implement laboratory certification requirements. Finally, this bill exempts those laboratories that already comply with existing state and federal laws.

Status: Chapter 495, Statutes of 2021

SB-774 (Hertzberg) - Lawyer-client privilege: Department of Fair Employment and Housing.

This bill clarifies that the lawyer-client privilege held by the Department of Fair Employment and Housing applies to confidential communications between Department of Fair Employment and Housing attorneys and complainants or other aggrieved persons, as specified.

Status: Assembly Inactive File

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Status: Chapter 577, Statutes of 2021

AB-268 (Irwin) - Courts: sealing records: autopsy reports.

This bill requires a court, upon the request of a qualifying family member, to seal and not disclose the autopsy report and evidence associated with the examination of a victim who has been killed as a result of any criminal act, as specified.

Status: In the Senate Public Safety Committee

AB-272 (Kiley) - Enrollment agreements.

This bill authorizes a minor to disaffirm a provision in an educational institution's enrollment agreement that purports to waive a legal right, remedy, forum, proceeding, or procedure arising out of a criminal sexual assault or criminal sexual battery, as defined, on that minor regardless of whether a parent or legal guardian has signed the enrollment agreement on the minor's behalf.

Status: Chapter 146, Statutes of 2021

AB-287 (Quirk) - Civil actions: statute of limitations.

This bill imposes a three-year statute of limitations on actions for civil penalties for unlicensed cannabis activity.

Status: Chapter 264, Statutes of 2021

AB-323 (Kalra) - Long-term health facilities.

This bill changes the standard for Department of Public Health when issuing penalties against long-term care (LTC) facilities for violations that result in the death of a resident from "direct proximate cause" to "substantial factor", and increases the amount of civil penalties assessed against LTC facilities.

Status: Chapter 458, Statutes of 2021

AB-514 (Ward) - Injunctions: undertakings: civil actions: distribution of sexually explicit materials.

This bill amends the so-called "revenge porn" statute to lower the standard for culpability and removes the requirement that a plaintiff file an undertaking upon the granting of an injunction in their favor.

Status: Chapter 518, Statutes of 2021

AB-930 (Levine) - Subsurface installations: attorney's fees and costs.

This bill requires a court or arbitrator to award attorney fees, as specified, to a prevailing excavator under specified conditions.

Status: Chapter 173, Statutes of 2021

AB-974 (Luz Rivas) - Equestrian safety.

This bill requires persons under the age of 18 to wear a helmet while riding an equestrian animal on certain surface types, and requires all persons to use reflective gear while riding after dark.

Status: Chapter 175, Statutes of 2021

AB-1143 (Berman) - Civil procedure: restraining orders.

This bill enables a court, in a hearing on a petition for a civil harassment restraining order, to authorize alternative means of service in certain circumstances.

Status: Chapter 156, Statutes of 2021

AB-1455 (Wicks) - Sexual assault by law enforcement officers: actions against public entities: statute of limitations.

This bill amends the statute of limitations for seeking damages arising out of a sexual assault committed by a law enforcement officer, eliminates the claim presentation requirements for such claims, and revives such claims that would otherwise be barred by the existing statute of limitations.

Status: Chapter 595, Statutes of 2021

AB-1580 (Committee on Judiciary) - Enforcement of money judgments: examination.

This bill establishes procedures for identifying a natural person who must appear – and can be held accountable for failing to appear – at a debtor’s examination on behalf of an organization when that organization fails to specify someone else who will appear on its behalf.

Status: Chapter 30, Statutes of 2021

COMMON INTEREST DEVELOPMENTS (DAVIS-STIRLING ACT)

SB-391 (Min) - Common interest developments: emergency powers and procedures.

This bill authorizes common interest development (CID) boards to meet by teleconference, without identifying a physical location where CID members may attend, in an area affected by a disaster or emergency if gathering in person is unsafe or impossible due to specified conditions.

Status: Chapter 276, Statutes of 2021

SB-392 (Archuleta) - Common interest developments: document delivery.

This bill requires, effective January 1, 2023, that CIDs must deliver specified legal notices to their members in the manner requested by the member through annual solicitation, or by paper copy if the member has not indicated a preferred delivery mechanism. The bill further prohibits a homeowners' association or its managing agent from selling or transmitting a member's personal information without the consent of the member, unless otherwise required by law.

Status: Chapter 640, Statutes of 2021

SB-432 (Wieckowski) - Common interest developments.

This bill makes a series of nuanced modifications to the law governing CID election procedures. Among other things, the bill clarifies that: (1) if the independent, third party inspector of a homeowners association (HOA) board election appoints additional people to assist with verifying signatures and counting and tabulating votes, those additional people must meet the same specified criteria for third party independence as the inspector; (2) an HOA may disqualify a member from running for the board of directors once that member has served the maximum allowable number of terms or sequential terms; (3) a candidate for an HOA board must be in compliance with a payment plan for any overdue assessments (rather than simply being required to enter into a payment plan); (4) any requirements placed on nominees must also be placed on existing directors; (5) a CID that is a corporation must provide notice of a special meeting

between 35 and 150 days after receipt of the request; and (6) an HOA must retain election materials for one year after the election.

Status: Chapter 642, Statutes of 2021

AB-502 (Davies) - Common interest developments: election requirements.

This bill authorizes HOAs of any size to seat candidates for the board of directors by acclamation, in lieu of conducting balloting, if the HOA complies with specified procedural safeguards and, at the deadline for submitting nominees to the board, there are the same or more candidates than seats to be filled.

Status: Chapter 517, Statutes of 2021

AB-611 (Quirk-Silva) - Safe at Home program: homeowners' associations.

This bill requires HOAs to keep a member's residential address and other specified contact information confidential, upon the request of the member, if the member is a participant in California's Safe at Home program.

Status: Chapter 151, Statutes of 2021

AB-1101 (Irwin) - Common interest developments: funds: insurance.

This bill clarifies and strengthens a series of existing legal requirements relating to HOA finances that are designed to combat fraud. Specifically, the bill clarifies the types of insurance an HOA must carry against financial malfeasance, revises the limitation on transfers of funds without board approval to account for variation in the size of HOA budgets, and specifies the types of accounts in which HOA funds may be held.

Status: Chapter 270, Statutes of 2021

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

SB-2 (Bradford) - Peace officers: certification: civil rights.

This bill grants new powers to the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to investigate and determine peace officer fitness and to decertify officers who engage in "serious misconduct"; and reforms the Tom Bane Civil Rights Act to limit specified immunities for peace officers, custodial officers, and public entities employing such officers.

Status: Chapter 409, Statutes of 2021

SB-16 (Skinner) - Peace officers: release of records.

This bill expands the categories of police personnel records that are subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act, and modifies existing provisions regarding the release of records subject to disclosure.

Status: Chapter 402, Statutes of 2021

SB-210 (Wiener) - Automated license plate recognition systems: use of data.

This bill provides greater transparency and accountability with respect to automated license plate recognition systems (ALPR). It requires ALPR operators and end-users to conduct annual audits to review ALPR searches. If the operator or end-user is a public agency, the bill further requires them to destroy all ALPR data that does not match information on a hot list within 24 hours.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

SB-334 (Durazo) - Detention facilities: contracts.

This bill allows an insurer who provides insurance coverage pertaining to a private detention facility, as defined, to consider whether the detention facility complies with specified requirements as part of the insurer's loss control program. Those requirements include that the private detention facility: comply with all appropriate state and local building, zoning, health, safety, and fire statutes, ordinances, and regulations, and with the minimum jail standards established by regulations adopted by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC); select and train its personnel in accordance with selection and training requirements adopted by the BSCC; and maintain specified insurance coverages obtained from admitted insurers.

Status: Chapter 298, Statutes of 2021

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Status: Failed passage in the Senate Judiciary Committee, reconsideration granted

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Status: In the Senate Governmental Organization Committee

SB-522 (Borgeas) - Criminal law: schools: malicious communication.

This bill prohibits malicious communication to any other person, as specified, that deadly harm will occur on the campus of a school, or at a location of a school-sponsored event, even if there is no intent of carrying it out; a violation is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for a period not exceeding one year, or by imprisonment in a county jail for 16 months, or 2 or 3 years, except that a minor who violates this provision is to be placed on probation and ordered to perform community service and participate in mental health counseling. The bill also makes the parent or guardian of the minor responsible for the expense of counseling and any civil liability resulting from a violation of these provisions.

Status: In the Senate Public Safety Committee

SB-523 (Leyva) - Health care coverage: contraceptives.

This bill enacts the Contraceptive Equity Act of 2021, expanding coverage of contraceptives by a health care service plan contract or health insurance policy issued, amended, renewed, or delivered on and after January 1, 2022.

Status: In the Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-642 (Kamlager) - Health care: facilities: medical privileges.

This bill prohibits health care facilities from conditioning clinical privileges on compliance with policies that restrict the ability to perform a medical treatment, except under specified conditions.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

SB-663 (Newman) - Recall petitions.

This bill permits the target of a recall petition, if there are 50,000 or more registered voters eligible to vote in the recall election, to request a redacted copy of the petition for the purposes of communicating with signers to determine whether they signed and understood the petition, or to assist them with withdrawing their signature from the petition, as specified; and increases the length of time a voter has to withdraw their signature from a petition; and adds new language to the top of each page of a petition, as specified.

Status: In the Senate Judiciary Committee

SB-696 (Allen) - Enhanced infrastructure financing districts: housing: underutilized or deteriorated retail property: covenants and restrictions: eminent domain.

This bill authorizes an enhanced infrastructure financing district to finance units in mixed-income housing developments that are allocated to the jurisdictions in the district pursuant to regional housing needs allocations determined in accordance with housing element laws; to acquire, as defined, any restrictive covenant or easement of

underutilized or deteriorated retail property identified in an infrastructure financing plan that is preventing the use of the property in a manner that advances public use, as described by the bill; and to acquire the real property and any interest in the property by eminent domain, so long as the activities that would produce the benefit are defined as a public use for eminent domain purposes.

Status: In the Senate Governance and Finance Committee

SJR-7 (Bradford) - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: FBI surveillance tapes.

This resolution calls for the destruction of recordings and transcripts of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which the Federal Bureau of Investigation obtained through unlawful surveillance and are scheduled for public release by the National Archivist in 2027.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly

SR-6 (Skinner) - Women's reproductive health.

This resolution marks the 48th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in the case *Roe v. Wade* (1973) 410 U.S. 113 which established a person's right, under the federal constitution, to choose whether or not to carry a pregnancy to term.

Status: Adopted by the Senate

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Status: Adopted by the Senate

AB-263 (Arambula) - Private detention facilities.

This bill requires a private detention facility operator to comply with, and adhere to, all local and state public health orders and occupational safety and health regulations; provides that it shall not be construed to limit or otherwise modify the authority, powers, or duties of state or local public health officers or other officials with regard to state prisons, county jails, or other state or local correctional facilities; and contains an urgency clause.

Status: Chapter 294, Statutes of 2021

AB-268 (Irwin) - Courts: sealing records: autopsy reports.

This bill is requires a court, upon the request of a qualifying family member, to seal and not disclose the autopsy report and evidence associated with the examination of a victim who has been killed as a result of any criminal act, as specified.

Status: In the Senate Public Safety Committee

AB-339 (Lee) - Local government: open and public meetings.

This bill would have required, until December 31, 2023, certain city council or county board of supervisors meetings to allow the public to attend and comment at public meetings via telephone or internet.

The bill was vetoed by Governor Newsom whose veto message stated that the bill's jurisdictional requirement for local bodies could create public confusion and a patchwork approach to public meetings, and that the bill's requirement of in-person meetings during a state of emergency could give rise to public health risks.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

AB-361 (Robert Rivas) - Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.

This bill allows, until January 1, 2024, local agencies to use teleconferencing without complying with specified Ralph M. Brown Act restrictions in certain state emergencies, and provides similar authorizations, until January 31, 2022, for state agencies subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act and legislative bodies subject to the Gloria Romero Open Meetings Act of 2000.

Status: Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021

AB-386 (Cooper) - Public Employees' Retirement Fund: investments: confidentiality.

This bill creates a disclosure exemption under the California Public Records Act that will enable direct private lending by the California Public Employees' Retirement System.

Status: Failed passage in the Senate Judiciary Committee, reconsideration granted

AB-716 (Bennett) - Court access.

This bill (1) establishes that when courts are generally open to the public, the right of public access is not satisfied with a remote option—in-person access is mandatory absent a legal reason for closing a proceeding or courthouse, and any remote option may be provided in addition to, not instead of, in-person access; (2) provides that, in the rare case where the law or emergency conditions require access to a courthouse to be closed to the public, courts must provide, at a minimum, an audio or telephonic public access option; and (3) clarifies that the availability of a remote option does not alter the existing restrictions on who may produce an official transcript of the proceedings to ensure that unnecessary doubt is not introduced into proceedings with unofficial transcripts gleaned from an audio or audiovisual feed.

Status: Chapter 526, Statutes of 2021

AB-917 (Bloom) - Vehicles: video imaging of parking violations.

This bill expands automated enforcement of parking violations in both transit-only lanes and transit stops statewide using forward-facing cameras on transit vehicles.

Status: Chapter 709, Statutes of 2021

AB-945 (Ramos) - Pupils: adornments at school graduation ceremonies: task force.

This bill establishes a task force to: (1) hear the testimony of Californians who have been denied the right to wear traditional tribal regalia or recognized objects of religious or cultural significance at high school graduations; and (2) make recommendations for policies and practices to ensure that such denials do not recur.

Status: Chapter 285, Statutes of 2021

AB-1347 (Jones-Sawyer) - Bail: premiums.

This bill prohibits charging a renewal premium on a bail bond or immigration bond and provides civil penalties for a violation of this prohibition.

Status: Chapter 444, Statutes of 2021

AB-1356 (Bauer-Kahan) - Reproductive health care services.

This bill creates new crimes under the California Freedom of Access to Clinic Act (Act) directed at videotaping, photographing, or recording patients or providers within 100 feet of the facility or disclosing or distributing those images; increases misdemeanor penalties for violations of the Act; and updates and expands online privacy laws and peace officer trainings relative to anti-reproduction-rights offenses.

Status: Chapter 191, Statutes of 2021

CONSUMER PROTECTION

SB-41 (Umberg) - Privacy: genetic testing companies.

This bill establishes the Genetic Information Privacy Act, providing additional protections for genetic data by regulating the collection, use, maintenance, and disclosure of such data. The bill safeguards the privacy, confidentiality, security, and integrity of a consumer's genetic data by requiring direct-to-consumer genetic testing companies to provide clear disclosures and more consumer control. It also requires these companies to obtain express consent for the collection, use, and disclosure of the consumer's genetic data, including separate and express consent for specified actions. This bill mandates certain security measures and prohibits discrimination against consumers for exercising these rights.

Status: Chapter 596, Statutes of 2021

SB-235 (Allen) - Industrial hemp products.

This bill establishes a regulatory structure in the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for food, beverage, and cosmetic products containing industrial hemp, and limits these products to containing no more than 0.3 percent concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol. This bill requires industrial hemp product manufacturers to

register with CDPH, and requires industrial hemp to be tested prior to it being incorporated as an ingredient into a product.

Status: Senate Inactive File

SB-238 (Melendez) - Discrimination: political affiliation: political belief.

This bill: (1) makes it an unlawful employment practice for employers, unions, and other specified entities to discriminate against job applicants, trainees, and employees, among others, on the basis of political affiliation; (2) prevents employers from taking adverse action against an applicant or employee based on their political affiliation or association with a political organization; and (3) prohibits business establishments from discriminating against customers based on their political affiliation or political beliefs.

Status: Failed passage in the Senate Judiciary Committee, reconsideration granted

SB-280 (Limón) - Health insurance: large group health insurance.

This bill requires large group health insurance policies to cover medically necessary basic health care services. It also codifies the federal prohibition on discriminatory marketing practices and benefit designs in the large group health insurance market within the state Insurance Code, and establishes penalties for violating that prohibition.

Status: Chapter 636, Statutes of 2021

SB-301 (Skinner) - Marketplaces: online marketplaces.

This bill, commencing July 1, 2022, requires online marketplaces, as defined, to display on their platforms specified information, including the procedures for retailers and law enforcement agencies to make a claim that a product offered through the online marketplace is an illegitimate product, or to request information regarding the sale of illegitimate products on the online marketplace. The bill requires online marketplaces to disclose to law enforcement and retailers contact information of high-volume third-party sellers within 10 business days of a request. To implement its provisions, the bill authorizes the Attorney General to adopt regulations and bring civil actions against violators.

Status: In the Senate Judiciary Committee

SB-310 (Rubio) - Unused medications: cancer medication recycling.

This bill establishes the Cancer Medication Recycling Act until January 1, 2027 to allow for the donation and redistribution of cancer drugs between patients of a participating physician.

Status: Chapter 541, Statutes of 2021

SB-343 (Allen) - Environmental advertising: recycling symbol.

This bill tightens the requirements around the permissible use of the “chasing arrows” recycling symbol and when claims regarding recyclability can be made. It provides for

the creation of a statewide list of the types and forms of products and packaging that can be represented as recyclable.

Status: Chapter 507, Statutes of 2021

SB-346 (Wieckowski) - In-vehicle cameras.

This bill requires a manufacturer of a new motor vehicle equipped with in-vehicle cameras to disclose that fact in the owner's manual or to the seller or leaser. The bill prohibits a person or entity from providing the sale or lease of a new motor vehicle equipped with in-vehicle cameras without prominently informing the user, as provided. The bill restricts the use of any image or video recording collected or retained through the operation of an in-vehicle camera, including prohibiting its use for advertising and the sale of such recordings.

Status: In the Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee

SB-349 (Umberg) - California Ethical Treatment for Persons with Addiction Act.

This bill establishes the California Ethical Treatment for Persons with Substance Use Disorder Act. The bill creates a series of requirements for treatment providers, and makes unlawful specified business practices to provide protection for substance use disorder treatment clients and their families.

Status: Assembly Inactive File

SB-361 (Umberg) - Electronic transactions: motor vehicle finance.

This bill authorizes sellers of motor vehicles to offer buyers entering into a conditional sale or lease contract for the purchase or lease of a vehicle the option of signing their respective contracts electronically.

Status: In the Assembly Judiciary Committee

SB-388 (Stern) - Platform companies: content management: negative externalities: report: acceptable use policy: illegal content.

This bill requires a social media platform company, as defined, to report annually to the Department of Justice, the Legislature, and the California Privacy Protection Agency by April 1 of each year prescribed information relating to content management and the "negative externalities" associated with the company's business activities. The bill requires these companies to develop certain policies, but does not dictate their content.

Status: In the Senate Judiciary Committee

SB-461 (Cortese) - Unfair Competition Law: enforcement.

This bill authorizes a county counsel of a county within which a city has a population in excess of 750,000 people to bring an action under California's Unfair Competition Law.

Status: Chapter 140, Statutes of 2021

SB-531 (Wieckowski) - Consumer debt.

This bill requires specified notices to be provided to debtors in connection with the sale or assignment of delinquent consumer debt. This bill also establishes certain documentation requirements for debt collectors and provides a right to request specified information from those collecting on sold or assigned delinquent debt.

Status: Chapter 455, Statutes of 2021

SB-670 (Caballero) - Immigration form assistants.

This bill revises the Immigration Consultant Act. Specifically, the bill: changes the name “immigration consultant” to “form preparer” throughout the code that regulates this industry; clarifies that an advertisement prohibition in translating words including “notary public” applies to the internet and broadcast media; specifies that form preparers shall not use the title immigration consultant or immigration specialist, or any other title that implies that the person has expertise in immigration matters, in any document, including an advertisement, stationary, letterhead, business card, or other comparable written material, on the internet, or by broadcast media, describing the immigration form assistant, and provides that a violation is punishable pursuant to the unauthorized practice of law enforcement mechanism and subject to a civil penalty in an action brought by the injured person or by the Attorney General, District Attorneys, or City Attorneys; provides that notaries public that hold themselves out as being form preparers shall not use the title immigration consultant or immigration specialist, or any title or description reflecting an expertise in immigration matters; provides that beginning on July 1, 2023, and every two years thereafter, a form preparer shall complete a course on the limits of authorized services and prohibited activities of form preparers; prohibits form preparers from completing forms related to applications for asylum and for withholding of removal, applications for T nonimmigrant status, petitions for U nonimmigrant status, petitions under the Violence Against Women Act, and petitions for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status; provides that a form preparer shall not provide nonlegal assistance related to (a) waivers of inadmissibility or deportability, and (b) a motion, application, or form related to a proceeding before the Executive Office for Immigration Review of the United States Department of Justice or before any state or federal court relating to an immigration matter; provides that a consumer has 10 days from the termination of a contract to be provided a full refund by a form preparer; requires the Secretary of State to publish a customer bill of rights form with specified information. Requires the form preparer to provide the consumer with this information and requires the form preparer and client to initial and sign the bill or rights prior to entering into a contract for services; provides that county counsel may bring specified actions against form preparers; specifies that each person operating as a form preparer must submit fingerprints to the Department of Justice; and adds clarifying and conforming language.

Status: Senate Inactive File

SB-688 (Wieckowski) - Civil actions: judgments by confession.

This bill makes confessions of judgment entered into on or after January 1, 2022, unenforceable. California already specifically prohibits use of confessions of judgment in various contexts, but this bill finally eliminates their use wholesale.

Status: In the Assembly Rules Committee

SB-741 (Archuleta) - Trash receptacles and storage containers: reflective markings.

This bill requires a person who sells or provides, for compensation, a trash receptacle or storage container that is longer than 3 feet and taller than 4 feet, and that is designed to be placed on a roadway or the curb of a roadway in order to be emptied or picked up, to mark the receptacle or container with a reflector on each side. The bill authorizes a civil penalty against a person who violates this requirement pursuant to an action brought by the Attorney General, a district attorney, or a city attorney.

Status: In the Senate Transportation Committee

SB-746 (Skinner) - California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018: personal information: political purpose.

This bill requires businesses to disclose whether they use the personal information of consumers for political purposes, as defined, to consumers, upon request, and annually to the Attorney General or the California Privacy Protection Agency.

Status: Senate Inactive File

AB-35 (Chau) - Social media platforms: false information.

This bill requires social media platforms, as defined, to disclose in an easy-to-find location whether they have a policy to combat misinformation.

Status: In the Senate Judiciary Committee

AB-45 (Aguilar-Curry) - Industrial hemp products.

This bill establishes a regulatory framework for industrial hemp under the Sherman Food, Drug, & Cosmetic Law; requires manufacturers of products containing industrial hemp or hemp products to obtain a process food registration and comply with good manufacturing practices; and contains an urgency clause to ensure the provisions of this bill go into immediate effect upon enactment.

Status: Chapter 576, Statutes of 2021

AB-286 (Lorena Gonzalez) - Food delivery: purchase prices and tips.

This bill prohibits a food delivery platform from (1) marking up the price of the food and beverages it delivers, and (2) retaining tips or gratuities, as specified. The bill also requires food delivery platforms to provide itemized cost breakdowns to customers and food facilities, as specified.

Status: Chapter 513, Statutes of 2021

AB-371 (Jones-Sawyer) - Shared mobility devices: insurance and tracking.

This bill amends the insurance requirements applicable to shared mobility service providers, and requires providers to affix signs identifying shared mobility devices for purposes of reporting illegal or negligent behavior.

Status: In the Senate Insurance Committee

AB-390 (Berman) - Advertising: automatic renewal and continuous service offers: notice and online termination.

This bill makes it unlawful for a business that makes an automatic renewal offer or continuous service offer to a consumer in this state to fail to provide a notice, as required, that explains the automatic renewal details and the process for cancellation. The bill also requires a business to allow a consumer to terminate the offers at will and without engaging in any further steps, in addition to other requirements.

Status: Chapter 450, Statutes of 2021

AB-424 (Stone) - Private Student Loan Collections Reform Act: collection actions.

This bill establishes protections for borrowers with private student loan debt, including requirements for creditors to have certain documentation before collection and before initiating civil actions to collect on such debt.

Status: Chapter 559, Statutes of 2021

AB-430 (Grayson) - Debt collection: identity theft.

This bill modifies the documentation requirements involved in various statutes that provide civil protections for victims of identity theft. The bill replaces obsolete references to a Federal Trade Commission Affidavit of Identity Theft.

Status: Chapter 265, Statutes of 2021

AB-468 (Friedman) - Emotional support dogs.

This bill requires a person or business that sells or provides an emotional support dog to provide notice specifying that the dog does not have the special training required to be a guide, signal, or service dog; requires a person or business that sells or provides a certificate, tag, vest, leash, or harness for an emotional support animal to provide notice to the buyer that the material does not entitle an emotional support animal to the rights and privileges afforded to a guide, signal, or service dog; prohibits a licensed healthcare practitioner from providing documentation about an individual's need for an emotional support dog without meeting specified requirements; and provides civil penalties for specified violations.

Status: Chapter 168, Statutes of 2021

AB-471 (Low) - Bureau of Automotive Repair: administration: citations: safety inspections.

This bill authorizes the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) to establish an informal citation conference for automotive repair dealers on or after July 1, 2023; requires BAR until July 1, 2026 to establish a program to permit remedial training in lieu of posting minor violations online; requires BAR to collect additional information on licensing applications; and revises and recasts the provisions of the brake and lamp inspection act into a new Vehicle Safety Inspection program, as determined by the BAR.

Status: Chapter 372, Statutes of 2021

AB-488 (Irwin) - Charitable organizations: charitable fundraising platforms and platform charities.

This bill establishes a comprehensive regulatory framework for online charitable fundraising that becomes operative January 1, 2023.

Status: Chapter 616, Statutes of 2021

AB-499 (Blanca Rubio) - Referral source for residential care facilities for the elderly: duties.

This bill recasts provisions of existing law that apply to a placement agency for residential care facilities for the elderly to instead apply to a newly defined “referral source.” Among other things, the bill requires referral sources to provide the senior or their representative with specified disclosures, perform background checks, and carry liability insurance. The bill also provides for criminal and civil penalties.

Status: Senate Inactive File

AB-511 (Muratsuchi) - Securities transactions: qualification requirements, exemptions, and liability.

This bill exempts certain crowdfunded equity offerings from state securities qualification requirements.

Status: Chapter 617, Statutes of 2021

AB-556 (Maienschein) - Misuse of sperm, ova, or embryos: damages.

This bill establishes a private cause of action for damages against a person who misuses sperm, ova, or embryos in violation of Section 367g of the Penal Code. The bill provides for damages for a prevailing plaintiff, including actual or statutory damages.

Status: Chapter 170, Statutes of 2021

AB-587 (Gabriel) - Social media companies: terms of service.

This bill requires social media companies, as defined, to post their terms of service and to submit quarterly reports to the Attorney General on their terms of service and content moderation policies and outcomes.

Status: In the Senate Judiciary Committee

AB-694 (Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection) - Privacy and Consumer Protection: omnibus bill.

This bill extends the authority of a county's board of supervisors to charge certain fees and extend related provisions. This bill makes minor updates and nonsubstantive changes to other statutes.

Status: Chapter 525, Statutes of 2021

AB-751 (Irwin) - Vital records: certified copies: electronic requests.

This bill makes permanent the current authorization of public officials to accept electronic requests for vital records using electronic verification of identity to authenticate the identity of the applicant. This bill further provides guidelines by which the verification shall be carried out, including authorization to use biometric comparison as a method of identity verification.

Status: Chapter 623, Statutes of 2021

AB-790 (Quirk-Silva) - Consumer Legal Remedies Act

This bill makes clear that the Consumer Legal Remedies Act's prohibition on certain home solicitations of senior citizens applies to Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) assessments that are part of a pattern or practice in violation of PACE regulations.

Status: Chapter 589, Statutes of 2021

AB-818 (Bloom) - Solid waste: premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes.

This bill requires labels indicating that a product should not be flushed on specified nonwoven disposable products, establishes enforcement provisions, and establishes a consumer education and outreach program.

Status: Chapter 590, Statutes of 2021

AB-825 (Levine) - Personal information: data breaches: genetic data.

This bill adds "genetic information" to the definition of personal information for purposes of the laws requiring certain businesses to implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and practices to protect personal information they own, license, or maintain. The bill requires businesses and agencies that maintain personal information to disclose a breach of genetic information.

Status: Chapter 527, Statutes of 2021

AB-849 (Reyes) - Skilled nursing facilities: intermediate care facilities: liability.

This bill amends the damages that can be sought by a current or former resident or patient of a skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility, as defined, for violation of the resident or patient's rights.

Status: Chapter 471, Statutes of 2021

AB-891 (Cunningham) - Contracts: parental consent.

This bill provides that a representation by a minor, to which the minor's parent or legal guardian has consented, shall not be considered to be consent for purposes of contract formation.

Status: Chapter 28, Statutes of 2021

AB-901 (Calderon) - Rental passenger vehicle transactions.

This bill increases California's cap on what rental car companies may charge for an optional damage waiver for certain types of vehicles, and allows the cap to be increased annually starting in 2023 based on increases in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers; eliminates California's prohibition on a rental car company charging for drivers in addition to the renter, subject to specific exceptions; and eliminates the requirement that, for vehicles rented by a member of the rental car company's membership program, the vehicle come with a tag on the rearview mirror stating that the renter may change their election to purchase or decline the optional damage waiver.

Status: Chapter 415, Statutes of 2021

AB-984 (Luz Rivas) - Vehicle identification and registration: alternative devices.

This bill makes permanent a pilot program authorizing the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue alternative license plates and registration cards.

Status: Senate Inactive File

AB-1020 (Friedman) - Health care debt and fair billing.

This bill fortifies the protections and benefits afforded by the Hospital Fair Pricing Act. It strengthens and builds upon the existing requirements concerning the fair collection of hospital debts.

Status: Chapter 473, Statutes of 2021

AB-1084 (Low) - Gender neutral retail departments.

This bill requires large retail department stores that sell toys or other childcare items to maintain a gender-neutral section or area, subject to a civil penalty for noncompliance beginning on January 1, 2024.

Status: Chapter 750, Statutes of 2021

AB-1221 (Flora) - Consumer warranties: service contracts: cancellation: disclosures.

This bill amends the law applicable to service contracts to allow for such contracts to cover a class of products, rather than a single product, and to be offered on a periodic

basis and continue until canceled, as provided. The bill does not apply to vehicle service contracts.

Status: Chapter 452, Statutes of 2021

AB-1262 (Cunningham) - Information privacy: other connected device with a voice recognition feature.

This bill establishes certain consumer protections in connection with the use of voice recognition features on smart speaker devices and any transcripts or recordings collected or retained in connection with that use.

Status: In the Senate Judiciary Committee

AB-1320 (Bauer-Kahan) - Money transmission: customer service.

This bill requires money transmitters to provide a toll-free telephone number through which a customer may contact the company for customer service issues and receive live customer assistance.

Status: Chapter 453, Statutes of 2021

AB-1347 (Jones-Sawyer) - Bail: premiums.

This bill prohibits charging a renewal premium on a bail bond or immigration bond, and provides civil penalties for a violation of this prohibition.

Status: Chapter 444, Statutes of 2021

AB-1391 (Chau) - Unlawfully obtained data.

This bill makes it unlawful for a person to sell data, or sell access to data, that the person has obtained or accessed pursuant to the commission of a crime. It further makes it unlawful for a person, who is not an authorized person, to purchase or use data from a source that the person knows or reasonably should know has obtained or accessed that data through the commission of a crime.

Status: Chapter 594, Statutes of 2021

AB-1405 (Wicks) - Debt settlement practices.

This bill establishes the Fair Debt Settlement Practices Act, regulating debt settlement providers and payment processors, as defined. The bill authorizes consumers to bring civil actions for violations of the Act.

Status: Chapter 454, Statutes of 2021

AB-1436 (Chau) - Information privacy: digital health feedback systems.

This bill prohibits a business that offers consumers a personal health record system that is specifically designed to collect and transmit personal health record system information for purposes of allowing the individual to manage their information, or for the diagnosis, treatment, or management of a medical condition of the individual from

knowingly using, disclosing, or permitting the use or disclosure of personal health record information without the individual having first signed an authorization .

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-1444 (Lee) - Food delivery platforms.

This bill would have augmented the Fair Food Delivery Act of 2020 by requiring that agreements between food delivery platforms and food facilities be written and applied to pickup orders. The bill also would have imposed certain disclosure requirements and restrictions on the practice of “call-forwarding,” in which listing websites, as defined, route certain consumer communications intended for food facilities through services controlled by food delivery platforms. The Governor stated the following in his veto message: “Third party apps and listing websites have created opportunities for consumers to find and support more of their local dining places. We have significantly increased oversight of food delivery companies in recent years. Last year I signed AB 2149 (Chapter 125, Statutes of 2020), which required a food delivery platform to first obtain an agreement with a food facility prior to taking orders or delivering meals on their behalf. It has been less than one year since these provisions took effect. AB 1444 would prescribe the specific content and format of these agreements, triggering companies to again modify their contracts without a clear, additional public benefit. Further, companies have stated that call forwarding tracking numbers, a focus of AB 1444, are no longer used. I appreciate these companies voluntarily ceasing the practice of charging restaurants simply for connecting calls, as many small businesses, particularly restaurants, survive on small margins.”

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

CONTRACTORS

SB-297 (Durazo) - Subsurface installations: penalties.

This bill increases penalties for operators or excavators who cause damage to a gas or hazardous liquid pipeline subsurface installation that results in the escape of any flammable, toxic, or corrosive gas or liquid, as specified.

Status: Chapter 726, Statutes of 2021

SB-727 (Leyva) - Labor-related liabilities: direct contractor.

This bill expands existing direct contractor liability for unpaid wages and fringe benefits to include liquidated damages and penalties in circumstances where the direct contractor fails to meet payroll monitoring and corrective action requirements, as specified.

Status: Chapter 338, Statutes of 2021

AB-930 (Levine) - Subsurface installations: attorney's fees and costs.

This bill requires a court or arbitrator to award attorney fees, as specified, to a prevailing excavator under specified conditions.

Status: Chapter 173, Statutes of 2021

AB-1574 (Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy) - Public contracts: small business liaisons and advocates and disabled veteran business enterprises: preferences.

This bill enacts the Leveraging State Procurement for an Inclusive Economic Recovery Act of 2021, which makes various changes to California's certified small and microbusiness, Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise, and Target Area Contract Preference Act programs, including enhanced public promotion of the programs, authorizing specified public entities to bring a civil action for a violation involving a knowingly fraudulent representation, and expanding and clarifying the Target Area Contract Preference Act.

Status: Chapter 756, Statutes of 2021

CONTRACTS

SB-278 (Leyva) - Public Employees' Retirement System: disallowed compensation: benefit adjustments.

This bill provides that, when a retiree's California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) pension is reduced post-retirement, due to the inclusion of compensation agreed to under a collective bargaining agreement that is later determined to be nonpensionable, the public employer must cover the difference between the pension as originally calculated and as reduced by CalPERS.

Status: Chapter 331, Statutes of 2021

SB-331 (Leyva) - Settlement and nondisparagement agreements.

This bill prohibits the use of non-disclosure agreements to settle employment and housing-related legal claims involving unlawful harassment, discrimination, or related retaliation of any kind, with limited exceptions when requested by the complainant. This bill also prohibits the inclusion, in an employment severance agreement, of terms that prohibit the separated employee from discussing unlawful conduct at their former workplace, unless the separated employee agrees to those terms under specified conditions designed to safeguard the separated employee's rights.

Status: Chapter 638, Statutes of 2021

SB-361 (Umberg) - Electronic transactions: motor vehicle finance.

This bill authorizes sellers of motor vehicles to offer buyers entering into a conditional sale or lease contract for the purchase or lease of a vehicle the option of signing their respective contracts electronically.

Status: In the Assembly Judiciary Committee

SB-555 (McGuire) - Local agencies: transient occupancy taxes: short-term rental facilitator: collection.

This bill, beginning July 1, 2022, authorizes a local agency to enact an ordinance delegating its authority to collect transient occupancy tax on short-term rentals to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

Status: In the Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-633 (Limón) - Contracts: translations.

This bill provides that, for certain types of consumer contracts, where the tradesperson or business knows or has reason to know that a co-signer or guarantor is not proficient in English, the tradesperson or business must provide a translated notice in Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Korean, as translated and made available by the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation.

Status: Senate Inactive File

SB-688 (Wieckowski) - Civil actions: judgments by confession.

This bill makes confessions of judgment entered into on or after January 1, 2022, unenforceable. California already specifically prohibits use of confessions of judgment in various contexts, but this bill finally eliminates their use wholesale.

Status: In the Assembly Rules Committee

SB-762 (Wieckowski) - Arbitration: fees and costs: invoicing.

This bill requires arbitration providers in consumer or employee arbitrations to send invoices, at specified times, and setting forth amounts due and due dates, for costs and fees required to be paid by the business or employer who drafted the contract.

Status: Chapter 222, Statutes of 2021

AB-272 (Kiley) - Enrollment agreements.

This bill authorizes a minor to disaffirm a provision in an educational institution's enrollment agreement that purports to waive a legal right, remedy, forum, proceeding, or procedure arising out of a criminal sexual assault or criminal sexual battery, as defined, on that minor regardless of whether a parent or legal guardian has signed the enrollment agreement on the minor's behalf.

Status: Chapter 146, Statutes of 2021

AB-390 (Berman) - Advertising: automatic renewal and continuous service offers: notice and online termination.

This bill makes it unlawful for a business that makes an automatic renewal offer or continuous service offer to a consumer in this state to fail to provide a notice, as required, that explains the automatic renewal details and the process for cancellation. The bill also requires a business to allow a consumer to terminate the offers at will and without engaging in any further steps, in addition to other requirements.

Status: Chapter 450, Statutes of 2021

AB-891 (Cunningham) - Contracts: parental consent.

This bill provides that a representation by a minor, to which the minor's parent or legal guardian has consented, shall not be considered to be consent for purposes of contract formation.

Status: Chapter 28, Statutes of 2021

AB-1221 (Flora) - Consumer warranties: service contracts: cancellation: disclosures.

This bill amends the law applicable to service contracts to allow for such contracts to cover a class of products, rather than a single product, and to be offered on a periodic basis and continue until canceled, as provided. The bill does not apply to vehicle service contracts.

Status: Chapter 452, Statutes of 2021

AB-1574 (Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy) - Public contracts: small business liaisons and advocates and disabled veteran business enterprises: preferences.

This bill enacts the Leveraging State Procurement for an Inclusive Economic Recovery Act of 2021, which makes various changes to California's certified small and microbusiness, Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise, and Target Area Contract Preference Act programs, including enhanced public promotion of the programs, authorizing specified public entities to bring a civil action for a violation involving a knowingly fraudulent representation, and expanding and clarifying the Target Area Contract Preference Act.

Status: Chapter 756, Statutes of 2021

COURTS, COURT FACILITIES, COURT EMPLOYMENT, COURT INTERPRETERS, AND COURT REPORTERS

SB-241 (Umberg) - Civil actions.

This bill grants the Court Reporters Board (CRB) a method for permitting out-of-state deposition reporters to register with and be governed by the CRB; establishes a statutory framework for conducting court proceedings in civil cases through the use of remote technology; extends the general rule that a trial continuance or postponement caused by the COVID-19 pandemic extends other case deadlines to arbitration continuances or postponements; requires, as of July 1, 2024, courts to electronically transmit documents issued by the court where parties have consented to, or are required to use, electronic service; and requires courts to hear minors' compromise petitions within 30 days of filing, and to issue a decision at the conclusion of the hearing if the petition is uncontested.

Status: Chapter 214, Statutes of 2021

SB-355 (Becker) - Court fees and costs: waiver.

This bill expands eligibility for initial court filing-fee waivers and alters the calculation to determine income-based eligibility for such waivers.

Status: Assembly Inactive File

SB-569 (Umberg) - Public contracts: judicial branch entities.

This bill enhances reporting requirements in the California Judicial Branch Contract Law and specifies that all administrative and infrastructure information technology projects of the Judicial Council or the courts, with total costs estimated at more than one million dollars, shall be subject to the review and recommendations of the Department of Technology. Currently, the only technology projects that are subject to the review and recommendations of the Department of Technology are those where the total costs are estimated to be more than five million dollars.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

SB-666 (Umberg) - Service of papers: electronic service by court.

This bill requires courts, beginning on July 1, 2023, to electronically serve any document issued by the court that is not required to be personally served in the same manner that parties electronically serve documents, where the party being served has consented to electronic service or the court has ordered electronic service.

Status: Senate Inactive File

AB-268 (Irwin) - Courts: sealing records: autopsy reports.

This bill requires a court, upon the request of a qualifying family member, to seal and not disclose the autopsy report and evidence associated with the examination of a victim who has been killed as a result of any criminal act, as specified.

Status: In the Senate Public Safety Committee

AB-414 (Maienschein) - Local government: county regional justice facilities.

This bill repeals several statutes made obsolete by the state's assumption of the obligation to fund court operations and trial court unification.

Status: Chapter 117, Statutes of 2021

AB-716 (Bennett) - Court access.

This bill (1) establishes that, when courts are generally open to the public, the right of public access is not satisfied with a remote option—in-person access is mandatory absent a legal reason for closing a proceeding or courthouse, and any remote option may be provided in addition to, not instead of, in-person access; (2) provides that, in the rare case where the law or emergency conditions require access to a courthouse to be closed to the public, courts must provide, at a minimum, an audio or telephonic public access option; and (3) clarifies that the availability of a remote option does not alter the existing restrictions on who may produce an official transcript of the proceedings, to ensure that unnecessary doubt is not introduced into proceedings with unofficial transcripts gleaned from an audio or audiovisual feed.

Status: Chapter 526, Statutes of 2021

AB-855 (Ramos) - Judicial holidays.

This bill removes Columbus Day as a judicial holiday and replaces it with Native American Day.

Status: Chapter 283, Statutes of 2021

AB-1347 (Jones-Sawyer) - Bail: premiums.

This bill prohibits charging a renewal premium on a bail bond or immigration bond and provides civil penalties for a violation of this prohibition.

Status: Chapter 444, Statutes of 2021

AB-1576 (Committee on Judiciary) - Superior court: lactation rooms.

This bill requires superior courts to allow attorneys and other officers of the court to utilize the courthouse employees' legally compliant lactation facilities or another legally compliant lactation facility within the courthouse.

Status: Senate Inactive File

AB-1577 (Committee on Judiciary) - Commission on Judicial Performance.

This bill requires the Commission on Judicial Performance (CJP) to take all reasonable steps to determine the existence or extent of alleged judicial misconduct in order to protect the public, enforce rigorous standards of judicial conduct, and maintain public confidence in the integrity and independence of the judicial system. The bill also establishes a committee consisting of 15 members to study and make

recommendations for changes in the operations and structure of the CJP, as specified, and requires the report of recommendations to be completed no later than March 30, 2023. This bill declares it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute and makes various nonsubstantive changes.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

EMPLOYMENT AND LABOR

SB-16 (Skinner) - Peace officers: release of records.

This bill expands the categories of police personnel records that are subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act, and modifies existing provisions regarding the release of records subject to disclosure.

Status: Chapter 402, Statutes of 2021

SB-26 (Skinner) - Collegiate athletics: student athlete compensation and representation.

This bill expands the existing authority for a collegiate student athlete to receive compensation to also include compensation earned from the use of the student's athletic reputation, and moves up the implementation date of existing statutes relative to compensation earned from the use of a student athlete's name, image, or likeness.

Status: Chapter 159, Statutes of 2021

SB-62 (Durazo) - Employment: garment manufacturing.

This bill (1) prohibits the practice of piece-rate compensation for garment manufacturing except in the case of worksites covered by a valid collective bargaining agreement; (2) requires a garment manufacturer who contracts with another person for the performance of garment manufacturing to jointly and individually share civil legal responsibility and civil liability for workers in that other person's employ; and (3) makes revisions to the procedures for soliciting and distributing claims made against the Garment Worker Restitution Fund.

Status: Chapter 329, Statutes of 2021

SB-76 (Nielsen) - Excluded employees: binding arbitration.

This bill gives excluded State employees, such as managers and supervisors, the option of requesting binding arbitration as a method for resolving disputes with their employers after first exhausting the current grievance resolution procedures. The Governor vetoed the bill on the grounds that it would add a "costly" step to such resolving such employment disputes and could result in arbitration decisions that conflict with statutory authority delegated to CalHR and the Legislature.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

SB-206 (McGuire) - Firefighters Procedural Bill of Rights Act.

This bill applies the Firefighters Procedural Bill of Rights to seasonal temporary appointment firefighters after their first firefighting season, with specified modifications.

Status: Chapter 722, Statutes of 2021

SB-238 (Melendez) - Discrimination: political affiliation: political belief.

This bill: (1) makes it an unlawful employment practice for employers, unions, and other specified entities to discriminate against job applicants, trainees, and employees, among others, on the basis of political affiliation; (2) prevents employers from taking adverse action against an applicant or employee based on their political affiliation or association with a political organization; and (3) prohibits business establishments from discriminating against customers based on their political affiliation or political beliefs.

Status: Failed passage in the Senate Judiciary Committee, reconsideration granted

SB-270 (Durazo) - Public employment: labor relations: employee information.

This bill authorizes an unfair labor practice charge to be filed before the Public Employment Relations Board against a public employer who violates requirements regarding the provision of public employee information to the authorized representative or recognized employee organization for the relevant bargaining unit, as specified. It authorizes the recovery of attorneys' fees and costs in connection with the claim, as provided.

Status: Chapter 330, Statutes of 2021

SB-278 (Leyva) - Public Employees' Retirement System: disallowed compensation: benefit adjustments.

This bill provides that, when a retiree's California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) pension is reduced post-retirement, due to the inclusion of compensation agreed to under a collective bargaining agreement that is later determined to be nonpensionable, the public employer must cover the difference between the pension as originally calculated and as reduced by CalPERS.

Status: Chapter 331, Statutes of 2021

SB-321 (Durazo) - Employment safety standards: household domestic services.

This bill requires the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) to convene an advisory committee to provide voluntary guidance and make recommendations on policies the state may adopt to protect the health and safety of privately funded household domestic service employees. This bill also requires Cal/OSHA to release and publicly post a report of the advisory committee on its internet website and submit a copy to the Legislature by January 1, 2023.

Status: Chapter 332, Statutes of 2021

SB-331 (Leyva) - Settlement and nondisparagement agreements.

This bill prohibits the use of non-disclosure agreements to settle employment and housing-related legal claims involving unlawful harassment, discrimination, or related retaliation of any kind, with limited exceptions when requested by the complainant. This bill also prohibits the inclusion, in an employment severance agreement, of terms that prohibit the separated employee from discussing unlawful conduct at their former workplace, unless the separated employee agrees to those terms under specified conditions designed to safeguard the separated employee's rights.

Status: Chapter 638, Statutes of 2021

SB-338 (Gonzalez) - Joint and several liability of port drayage motor carrier customers: health and safety violations: prior offenders: liability owed to the state.

This bill expands the bases for a port drayage motor carrier to be placed on the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement's list, pursuant to Section 2810.4 of the Labor Code, and thus expands the bases of joint and several liability for customers of such carriers.

Status: Chapter 333, Statutes of 2021

SB-505 (Hertzberg) - Wages: withholdings: written authorizations.

This bill requires employers to attempt to consult with an employee to resolve a monetary obligation before resorting to third-party collection services, and ensures that an agreement to resolve the obligation does not place undue financial strain on that employee.

Status: In the Assembly Rules Committee

SB-550 (Dahle) - Legislature: employment.

This bill applies to the Legislature all of the laws that regulate the employment practices of private employers. The bill overrides any provision in existing law that currently exempts the Legislature from such laws.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

SB-572 (Hertzberg) - Labor Commissioner: enforcement: lien on real property.

This bill authorizes the Labor Commissioner to record a real property lien, as an alternative to a judgment lien, as part of the Labor Commissioner's efforts to collect money owed by an employer based on a Bureau of Field Enforcement citation for labor law violations.

Status: Chapter 335, Statutes of 2021

SB-598 (Pan) - Sacramento Regional Transit District: employee relations.

This bill gives exclusive employee organizations the option of transferring jurisdiction over unfair labor practices for their represented bargaining units within the Sacramento Regional Transit District from the judicial system to the Public Employee Relations Board.

Status: Chapter 492, Statutes of 2021

SB-606 (Gonzalez) - Workplace safety: violations of statutes: enterprise-wide violations: employer retaliation.

This bill expands and fortifies the authority of the Division of Occupational Safety and Health to issue citations, require abatement, and seek court orders to address violations of workplace safety laws that are enterprise-wide or egregious, as defined.

Status: Chapter 336, Statutes of 2021

SB-657 (Ochoa Bogh) - Employment: electronic documents.

This bill authorizes employers to send required workplace notifications to their employees as attachments to email. The bill specifies that the option to send notifications by email does not replace the requirement to display mandatory postings and notices physically.

Status: Chapter 109, Statutes of 2021

SB-665 (Umberg) - Employment policy: voluntary veterans' preference.

This bill would have enacted the Voluntary Veterans' Preference Employment Policy Act and would have authorized a private employer to establish a veterans' preference employment policy, as specified. The Governor vetoed the bill and indicated a desire to work with the author to make the preference workable.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

SB-727 (Leyva) - Labor-related liabilities: direct contractor.

This bill expands existing direct contractor liability for unpaid wages and fringe benefits to include liquidated damages and penalties in circumstances where the direct contractor fails to meet payroll monitoring and corrective action requirements, as specified.

Status: Chapter 338, Statutes of 2021

SB-807 (Wieckowski) - Enforcement of civil rights: Department of Fair Employment and Housing.

This bill makes procedural modifications to how the Department of Fair Employment and Housing enforces California's civil rights laws. This bill also extends how long employers must retain specified employment records to match a recent increase in the length of time that workers have to file claims alleging employment discrimination.

Status: Chapter 278, Statutes of 2021

AB-56 (Salas) - Benefits: outgoing mail: claim processing: reporting.

This bill extensively regulates the Employment Development Department (EDD). The bill requires EDD to conduct comprehensive assessments of its operations, including its fraud prevention efforts and claimant services. The bill places a number of reporting responsibilities on EDD and mandates specified plans and policies be implemented.

Status: Chapter 510, Statutes of 2021

AB-105 (Holden) - The Upward Mobility Act of 2021: boards and commissions: civil service: examinations: classifications.

This bill would have: (1) required diversity appointments, as specified, to California's governmental volunteer boards; (2) modified state civil service examination processes to promote diverse appointments to California civil service positions with greater authority and compensation; and (3) required state agencies to collect and report specified demographic data regarding state employment.

The Governor vetoed the bill based on cost considerations and because "elements of the bill conflict with existing constitutional requirements, labor agreements, and current data collection efforts" and could therefore have "unintended consequences."

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

AB-237 (Gray) - Public employment: unfair practices: health protection.

This bill prohibits public employers from terminating, or threatening to terminate, the health care coverage and related benefits of employees and their families during an authorized strike, and grants the Public Employee Relations Board jurisdiction to enforce this prohibition.

Status: Chapter 740, Statutes of 2021

AB-298 (Irwin) - Accountancy: California Board of Accountancy.

This bill permits the California Board of Accountancy (CBA) to admit an applicant to sit for the Certified Public Accountant Examination if the applicant is within 180 days of graduation; clarifies educational coursework required for licensure as a Certified Public Accountant; and permits the secretary-treasurer of the CBA to preside over a meeting, as specified.

Status: Chapter 300, Statutes of 2021

AB-364 (Rodriguez) - Foreign labor contractor registration: agricultural workers.

This bill requires most foreign labor contractors, including, but not limited to, those recruiting farmworkers abroad, to register with the California Labor Commissioner, pay a fee, post a bond, and adhere to certain standards designed to prevent exploitation.

Status: Senate Inactive File

AB-701 (Lorena Gonzalez) - Warehouse distribution centers.

This bill proposes a series of provisions designed to ensure that the use of job performance quotas at large warehouse facilities does not penalize workers for complying with health and safety standards or taking meal and rest breaks. Among other things, this bill (1) requires warehouse employers to disclose quotas and pace-of-work standards to workers, (2) prohibits employers from counting time that workers spend complying with health and safety laws as “time off task,” and (3) requires the Labor Commissioner to enforce these provisions.

Status: Chapter 197, Statutes of 2021

AB-857 (Kalra) - Employers: Labor Commissioner: required disclosures.

This bill (1) requires agricultural employers to provide farmworkers brought to California from abroad under the federal H-2A program with a notice summarizing their workplace rights under state law; (2) directs the Labor Commissioner to develop a template that agricultural employers can use to fulfill this requirement; and (3) codifies the circumstances when H-2A farm workers must be paid for time spent traveling to work.

Status: Senate Inactive File

AB-984 (Luz Rivas) - Vehicle identification and registration: alternative devices.

This bill makes permanent a pilot program authorizing the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue alternative license plates and registration cards.

Status: Senate Inactive File

AB-1033 (Bauer-Kahan) - California Family Rights Act: parent-in-law: small employer family leave mediation: pilot program.

This bill modifies procedural aspects of the Department of Fair Employment and Housing’s pilot program for mediating family leave disputes between small businesses and their employees in order to ensure that employers are aware of their option to force employees to participate. In addition, the bill clarifies that employers covered under the California Family Rights Act must grant eligible employees up to 12 weeks of job-protected time off from work annually for the purpose of providing care to a parent-in-law with a serious medical condition.

Status: Chapter 327, Statutes of 2021

ENVIRONMENTAL AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES

SB-44 (Allen) - California Environmental Quality Act: streamlined judicial review: environmental leadership transit projects.

This bill establishes, until January 1, 2025, expedited administrative and judicial review of environmental review and approvals granted for environmental leadership transit

projects, as defined, located within the County of Los Angeles that meet specified requirements.

Status: Chapter 633, Statutes of 2021

SB-235 (Allen) - Industrial hemp products.

This bill establishes a regulatory structure in the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for food, beverage, and cosmetic products containing industrial hemp, and limits these products to containing no more than 0.3 percent concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol. This bill requires industrial hemp product manufacturers to register with CDPH, and requires industrial hemp to be tested prior to it being incorporated as an ingredient into a product.

Status: Senate Inactive File

SB-260 (Wiener) - Climate Corporate Accountability Act.

This bill requires U.S.-based companies that do business in California, and with revenues in excess of \$1 billion, to annually report, by January 1, 2024, their direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions from their operations and supply chain to the Air Resources Board (ARB), and for ARB to issue a report that estimates the emissions reductions necessary to maintain climate change below specified levels and make recommendations for how companies to achieve those reductions.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

SB-289 (Newman) - Recycling: batteries and battery-embedded products.

This bill requires producers of batteries and battery-embedded products to establish a stewardship program for the collection, transportation, and recycling, and the safe and proper management of batteries or battery-embedded products in California.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

SB-332 (Dodd) - Civil liability: prescribed burning operations: gross negligence.

This bill provides that no person shall be liable for any fire suppression or other specified costs otherwise recoverable for a prescribed burn if specified conditions are met, except that any person whose conduct constitutes gross negligence is not entitled to such immunity.

Status: Chapter 600, Statutes of 2021

SB-343 (Allen) - Environmental advertising: recycling symbol.

This bill tightens the requirements around the permissible use of the “chasing arrows” recycling symbol and when claims regarding recyclability can be made. It provides for the creation of a statewide list of the types and forms of products and packaging that can be represented as recyclable.

Status: Chapter 507, Statutes of 2021

SB-372 (Leyva) - Medium- and heavy-duty fleet purchasing assistance program: zero-emission vehicles.

This bill requires the California Pollution Control Financing Authority to establish a program to make financing tools and nonfinancial supports available to the operators of medium- and heavy-duty vehicle fleets to enable those operators to transition their fleets to zero-emission vehicles.

Status: Chapter 639, Statutes of 2021

AB-332 (Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials) - Hazardous waste: treated wood waste: management standards.

This bill authorizes treated wood waste to be managed under alternative management standards instead of as a hazardous waste.

Status: Chapter 147, Statutes of 2021

AB-478 (Ting) - Solid waste: thermoform plastic containers: postconsumer thermoform recycled plastic: commingled rates.

This bill establishes minimum recycled content requirements for thermoform plastic containers, as specified; redefines “commingled rate” for purposes of California’s Bottle Bill program; and requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to exclude thermoform plastic for purposes of calculating the commingled rate for each type of plastic container.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-480 (Carrillo) - Hazardous materials.

This bill authorizes a unified program agency (UPA), in the event of a hazardous waste spill or release that the UPA reasonably determines poses an imminent and substantial endangerment to public health, to take actions to protect the health and safety of the public.

Status: Chapter 743, Statutes of 2021

FAMILY LAW

SB-24 (Caballero) - Domestic violence: protective orders: information pertaining to a child.

This bill, commencing January 1, 2023, authorizes a court to include in an ex parte order a provision restraining a party from accessing records and information pertaining to the health care, education, daycare, recreational activities, or employment of a minor child of the parties. The bill requires an essential care provider, as defined, to develop protocols relating to compliance with such an order on or before February 1, 2023, and requires a discretionary services organization, as defined, to develop those protocols within 30 days of receipt of the first order. The bill requires the Judicial Council to

develop or update any other forms or rules of court necessary to implement these provisions.

Status: Chapter 129, Statutes of 2021

SB-320 (Eggman) - Domestic violence protective orders: possession of a firearm.

This bill codifies existing Rules of Court related to the requirement that a person subject to a domestic violence restraining order relinquish their firearms. The bill also requires courts to notify law enforcement and the county prosecutor's office when there has been a violation of a firearm relinquishment order.

Status: Chapter 685, Statutes of 2021

SB-374 (Min) - Protective orders: reproductive coercion.

This bill provides that reproductive coercion is a subset of domestic violence known as "coercive control" for which a restraining order may be granted under the Domestic Violence Protection Act.

Status: Chapter 135, Statutes of 2021

SB-454 (Bates) - Child support: enforcement.

This bill increases the threshold for the attachment of a child support lien from one month of past-due support to the lower of three months of past-due support or \$1,000.

Status: In the Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-536 (Rubio) - Judgment of dissolution of marriage: waiting period.

This bill enables domestic violence survivors to accelerate the process by which a dissolution becomes final.

Status: In the Senate Judiciary Committee

SB-537 (Rubio) - Child welfare: domestic violence.

This bill requires the State Department of Social Services, on or before July 1, 2022, to convene a workgroup to examine the nexus between child welfare and domestic violence and the impacts of child welfare policy on families experiencing domestic violence, as specified.

Status: Senate Inactive File

SB-538 (Rubio) - Domestic violence and gun violence restraining orders.

This bill requires courts, by July 1, 2023, to provide for electronic filing and remote appearances in the context of domestic violence restraining orders and gun violence restraining orders. The bill prohibits charging fees for any filings related to a domestic violence restraining order or a gun violence restraining order.

Status: Chapter 686, Statutes of 2021

SB-654 (Min) - Child custody.

This bill (1) requires a court that grants unsupervised visitation to parents with histories of abuse, neglect, or substance abuse to state its reasons for doing so in writing or on the record; and (2) provides that if a child addresses a court regarding custody or visitation, they generally must be permitted to do so without the parties being present.

Status: Chapter 768, Statutes of 2021

AB-429 (Megan Dahle) - Child support: access to records.

This bill, as of January 1, 2023, eliminates the provisions governing the confidentiality of proceedings and records under the Uniform Parentage Act, except in parentage cases involving assisted reproduction.

Status: Chapter 52, Statutes of 2021

AB-583 (Davies) - Remote marriage license issuance and solemnization.

This bill, until January 1, 2024, provides for the use of remote technology, as defined, for the issuance, witnessing, and solemnization of marriage licenses, as specified.

Status: Chapter 620, Statutes of 2021

AB-627 (Waldron) - Recognition of tribal court orders: rights in retirement plans or deferred compensation.

This bill establishes procedures for California courts to recognize tribal court family law orders involving the division of retirement and other deferred compensation benefits.

Status: Chapter 58, Statutes of 2021

AB-746 (Cervantes) - Adoption: stepparent adoption.

This bill clarifies that (1) there is no minimum amount of time that a couple must be in a legally-recognized union before becoming eligible for stepparent adoption, and (2) the parties cannot be required to provide verification of their income or education.

Status: Chapter 199, Statutes of 2021

AB-887 (Levine) - Domestic violence: restraining orders.

This bill provides that domestic violence restraining order petitions may be submitted to courts electronically, as specified, provided that an appropriation is made for this purpose.

Status: Chapter 681, Statutes of 2021

AB-993 (Patterson) - The parent and child relationship.

This bill makes multiple changes to adoption and family law in California, including: (1) changing rules for determining whether an embryo donor is an intended parent; (2) specifying what a court must consider when determining whether to terminate the parental rights of an unfit parent; (3) expanding use of post-adoption contact

agreements; and (4) expanding venue options for step-parent adoptions and re-adoptions of children adopted in other countries.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-1579 (Committee on Judiciary) - Family law omnibus.

This bill updates cross-references in two sections of the Family Code.

Status: Chapter 213, Statutes of 2021

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES: PUBLIC RECORDS ACT AND BROWN ACT

SB-16 (Skinner) - Peace officers: release of records.

This bill expands the categories of police personnel records that are subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act, and modifies existing provisions regarding the release of records subject to disclosure.

Status: Chapter 402, Statutes of 2021

SB-235 (Allen) - Industrial hemp products.

This bill establishes a regulatory structure in the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for food, beverage, and cosmetic products containing industrial hemp, and limits these products to containing no more than 0.3 percent concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol. This bill requires industrial hemp product manufacturers to register with CDPH, and requires industrial hemp to be tested prior to it being incorporated as an ingredient into a product.

Status: Senate Inactive File

SB-260 (Wiener) - Climate Corporate Accountability Act.

This bill requires U.S.-based companies that do business in California, and with revenues in excess of \$1 billion, to annually report, by January 1, 2024, their direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions from their operations and supply chain to the Air Resources Board (ARB), and for ARB to issue a report that estimates the emissions reductions necessary to maintain climate change below specified levels and make recommendations for how companies to achieve those reductions.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

SB-278 (Leyva) - Public Employees' Retirement System: disallowed compensation: benefit adjustments.

This bill provides that when a retiree's California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) pension is reduced post-retirement, due to the inclusion of compensation agreed to under a collective bargaining agreement that is later determined to be

nonpensionable, the public employer must cover the difference between the pension as originally calculated and as reduced by CalPERS.

Status: Chapter 331, Statutes of 2021

SB-533 (Stern) - Electrical corporations: wildfire mitigation plans: deenergization events: microgrids.

This bill requires electrical corporations, as part of their wildfire mitigation plans filed with the California Public Utilities Commission, to identify circuits that have frequently been deenergized, and the measures they took to reduce the need for future deenergization, as specified.

Status: Chapter 244, Statutes of 2021

SB-555 (McGuire) - Local agencies: transient occupancy taxes: short-term rental facilitator: collection.

This bill, beginning July 1, 2022, authorizes a local agency to enact an ordinance delegating its authority to collect transient occupancy tax on short-term rentals to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

Status: In the Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-663 (Newman) - Recall petitions.

This bill permits the target of a recall petition, if there are 50,000 or more registered voters eligible to vote in the recall election, to request a redacted copy of the petition for the purposes of communicating with signers to determine whether they signed and understood the petition, or to assist them with withdrawing their signature from the petition, as specified; and increases the length of time a voter has to withdraw their signature from a petition; and adds new language to the top of each page of a petition, as specified.

Status: In the Senate Judiciary Committee

AB-45 (Aguiar-Curry) - Industrial hemp products.

This bill establishes a regulatory framework for industrial hemp under the Sherman Food, Drug, & Cosmetic Law; requires manufacturers of products containing industrial hemp or hemp products to obtain a process food registration and comply with good manufacturing practices; and contains an urgency clause to ensure the provisions of this bill go into immediate effect upon enactment.

Status: Chapter 576, Statutes of 2021

AB-268 (Irwin) - Courts: sealing records: autopsy reports.

This bill is requires a court, upon the request of a qualifying family member, to seal and not disclose the autopsy report and evidence associated with the examination of a victim who has been killed as a result of any criminal act, as specified.

Status: In the Senate Public Safety Committee

AB-298 (Irwin) - Accountancy: California Board of Accountancy.

This bill permits the California Board of Accountancy (CBA) to admit an applicant to sit for the Certified Public Accountant Examination if the applicant is within 180 days of graduation; clarifies educational coursework required for licensure as a Certified Public Accountant; and permits the secretary-treasurer of the CBA to preside over a meeting, as specified.

Status: Chapter 300, Statutes of 2021

AB-332 (Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials) - Hazardous waste: treated wood waste: management standards.

This bill authorizes treated wood waste to be managed under alternative management standards instead of as a hazardous waste.

Status: Chapter 147, Statutes of 2021

AB-339 (Lee) - Local government: open and public meetings.

This bill would have required, until December 31, 2023, certain city council or county board of supervisors meetings to allow the public to attend and comment at public meetings via telephone or internet.

The bill was vetoed by Governor Newsom whose veto message stated that the bill's jurisdictional requirement for local bodies could create public confusion and a patchwork approach to public meetings, and that the bill's requirement of in-person meetings during a state of emergency could give rise to public health risks.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

AB-343 (Fong) - California Public Records Act Ombudsperson.

This bill establishes a California Public Records Act (CPRA) Ombudsperson within the California State Auditor's Office to review CPRA requests denied by state agencies.

Status: In the Senate Judiciary Committee

AB-361 (Robert Rivas) - Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.

This bill allows, until January 1, 2024, local agencies to use teleconferencing without complying with specified Ralph M. Brown Act restrictions in certain state emergencies, and provides similar authorizations, until January 31, 2022, for state agencies subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act and legislative bodies subject to the Gloria Romero Open Meetings Act of 2000.

Status: Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021

AB-386 (Cooper) - Public Employees' Retirement Fund: investments: confidentiality.

This bill creates a disclosure exemption under the California Public Records Act that will enable direct private lending by the California Public Employees' Retirement System.

Status: Failed passage in the Senate Judiciary Committee, reconsideration granted

AB-450 (Lorena Gonzalez) - Paramedic Disciplinary Review Board.

This bill establishes the Paramedic Disciplinary Review Board (Board), and provides the Board, effective January 1, 2023, with authority to act on appeals of the Emergency Medical Services Authority's final decision to place a license holder on probation, suspend or revoke an EMT-P license, and consider appeals regarding denial of licensure.

Status: Chapter 463, Statutes of 2021

AB-471 (Low) - Bureau of Automotive Repair: administration: citations: safety inspections.

This bill authorizes the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) to establish an informal citation conference for automotive repair dealers on or after July 1, 2023; requires BAR until July 1, 2026 to establish a program to permit remedial training in lieu of posting minor violations online; requires BAR to collect additional information on licensing applications; and revises and recasts the provisions of the brake and lamp inspection act into a new Vehicle Safety Inspection program, as determined by the BAR.

Status: Chapter 372, Statutes of 2021

AB-473 (Chau) - California Public Records Act.

This bill nonsubstantively recodifies and reorganizes the California Public Records Act to make it easier to understand and use.

Status: Chapter 614, Statutes of 2021

AB-474 (Chau) - California Public Records Act: conforming revisions.

This bill enacts various technical and conforming changes related to another bill, AB 473 (Chau, 2021), which recodifies and reorganizes the California Public Records Act.

Status: Chapter 615, Statutes of 2021

AB-478 (Ting) - Solid waste: thermoform plastic containers: postconsumer thermoform recycled plastic: commingled rates.

This bill establishes minimum recycled content requirements for thermoform plastic containers, as specified; redefines "commingled rate" for purposes of California's Bottle Bill program; and requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to exclude thermoform plastic for purposes of calculating the commingled rate for each type of plastic container.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-494 (Mayes) - Insurance Holding Company System Regulatory Act.

This bill amends the Insurance Holding Company System Model Act and Model Regulation provisions to assist in the evaluation of insurance group risk and liquidity

stress. This will help California retain accreditation from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

Status: Chapter 464, Statutes of 2021

AB-544 (O'Donnell) - School property: location and facility details.

This bill requires local educational agencies (LEA) to provide the California Department of Education information related to each school facility, school site, or school property owned or leased by the LEA.

Status: In the Senate Education Committee

AB-562 (Low) - Frontline COVID-19 Provider Mental Health Resiliency Act of 2021: health care providers: mental health services.

This bill requires the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs to establish a mental health resiliency program, as specified, to provide mental health services to licensed health care providers who provide, or have provided, consistent in-person healthcare services to COVID-19 patients.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-1130 (Wood) - California Health Care Quality and Affordability Act.

This bill establishes the Office of Health Care Affordability (office) within the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, and requires the office to analyze the health care market for cost trends and drivers of spending, create a state strategy for controlling the cost of health care and ensuring affordability for consumers and purchasers, and enforce cost targets. The bill also establishes, within the office, the Health Care Affordability Advisory Board (board) and sets forth the composition and duties of the board, as defined.

Status: In the Senate Health Committee

AB-1282 (Bloom) - Veterinary medicine: blood banks for animals.

This bill establishes guidelines for veterinarians to operate community blood banks for animals that source blood from animals volunteered by their owners. This bill establishes conditions on which captive closed-colony canine blood banks would be eliminated. This bill allows the importation of animal blood from out-of-state blood banks that comply with California standards. This bill provides implementation requirements for the Veterinary Medical Board and the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

Status: Chapter 752, Statutes of 2021

AB-1352 (Chau) - Independent information security assessments: Military Department: local educational agencies.

This bill authorizes the Military Department to perform an independent security assessment of a local educational agency (LEA) or school site, at the request and expense of the LEA.

Status: Chapter 593, Statutes of 2021

HEALTH CARE ISSUES

SB-225 (Wiener) - Medical procedures: individuals born with variations in their physical sex characteristics.

This bill prohibits a physician and surgeon from performing certain procedures on an individual born with variations in their physical sex characteristics who is under the age of 12, unless the procedure is required to address an immediate risk of physical harm.

Status: In the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee

SB-235 (Allen) - Industrial hemp products.

This bill establishes a regulatory structure in the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for food, beverage, and cosmetic products containing industrial hemp, and limits these products to containing no more than 0.3 percent concentration of tetrahydrocannabinol. This bill requires industrial hemp product manufacturers to register with CDPH, and requires industrial hemp to be tested prior to it being incorporated as an ingredient into a product.

Status: Senate Inactive File

SB-280 (Limón) - Health insurance: large group health insurance.

This bill requires large group health insurance policies to cover medically necessary basic health care services. It also codifies the federal prohibition on discriminatory marketing practices and benefit designs in the large group health insurance market within the state Insurance Code, and establishes penalties for violating that prohibition.

Status: Chapter 636, Statutes of 2021

SB-306 (Pan) - Sexually transmitted disease: testing.

This bill (1) permits pharmacists to dispense a drug, without the name of an individual for whom the drug is intended, when prescribed for the sexual partner of someone who has been diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease (STD); (2) prohibits health care providers who prescribe, dispense, or furnish such a drug from being subject to civil, criminal, or administrative penalties, as specified; (3) requires a syphilis blood test during the third trimester of pregnancy and at delivery, as specified; (4) requires public and commercial health coverage of home STD test kits; and (5) adds rapid STD tests to existing law which permits HIV counselors to perform rapid HIV and hepatitis C tests.

Status: Chapter 486, Statutes of 2021

SB-310 (Rubio) - Unused medications: cancer medication recycling.

This bill establishes the Cancer Medication Recycling Act until January 1, 2027 to allow for the donation and redistribution of cancer drugs between patients of a participating physician.

Status: Chapter 541, Statutes of 2021

SB-380 (Eggman) - End of life.

This bill extends the January 1, 2026 sunset date of the End of Life Option Act to January 1, 2031; permits an individual to make a second oral request a minimum of 48 hours (instead of the current 15 days) from the first request for medical aid in dying; eliminates the final attestation form required to be filled out by the qualified individual within 48 hours prior to self-administering the aid-in-dying medication; and requires health care providers who elect not to participate in EOLA to inform a patient and transfer records to another health care provider.

Status: Chapter 542, Statutes of 2021

SB-523 (Leyva) - Health care coverage: contraceptives.

This bill enacts the Contraceptive Equity Act of 2021, expanding coverage of contraceptives by a health care service plan contract or health insurance policy issued, amended, renewed, or delivered on and after January 1, 2022.

Status: In the Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-605 (Eggman) - Medical Device Right to Repair Act.

This bill requires manufacturers of powered medical devices to make the documentation, software, and parts necessary to maintain and repair such devices available to a hospital and an independent service organization engaged by the hospital, on fair and reasonable terms, so that the hospital or its engaged repair service can conduct its own maintenance and repairs; and subjects a manufacturer that violates this requirement to a civil penalty, as specified.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

SB-642 (Kamlager) - Health care: facilities: medical privileges.

This bill prohibits health care facilities from conditioning clinical privileges on compliance with policies that restrict the ability to perform a medical treatment, except under specified conditions.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

SB-744 (Glazer) - Communicable diseases: respiratory disease information.

This bill requires that any report of a communicable respiratory disease by a health care provider to a local health officer, and any electronic tool used by a local health officer for the purposes of reporting cases of a communicable respiratory disease, include specified information about the patients. The bill provides for the expedited release of

health care data to researchers at bona fide research institutions pursuant to memorandum of understanding executed with the California Department of Public Health.

Status: In the Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB-237 (Gray) - Public employment: unfair practices: health protection.

This bill prohibits public employers from terminating, or threatening to terminate, the health care coverage and related benefits of employees and their families during an authorized strike, and grants the Public Employee Relations Board jurisdiction to enforce this prohibition.

Status: Chapter 740, Statutes of 2021

AB-323 (Kalra) - Long-term health facilities.

This bill changes the standard for the Department of Public Health when issuing penalties against long-term care (LTC) facilities for violations that result in the death of a resident from "direct proximate cause" to "substantial factor," and increases the amount of civil penalties assessed against LTC facilities.

Status: Chapter 458, Statutes of 2021

AB-381 (Davies) - Licensed facilities: duties.

This bill requires licensed residential alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities (RTFs) to maintain at least two unexpired doses of naloxone hydrochloride or other medications, as specified, on the premises to treat opioid overdose; and requires RTFs to have at least one staff member on the premises who knows the location of the naloxone and who has been trained on the administration of it, as specified.

Status: Chapter 437, Statutes of 2021

AB-468 (Friedman) - Emotional support dogs.

This bill requires a person or business that sells or provides an emotional support dog to provide notice specifying that the dog does not have the special training required to be a guide, signal, or service dog; requires a person or business that sells or provides a certificate, tag, vest, leash, or harness for an emotional support animal to provide notice to the buyer that the material does not entitle an emotional support animal to the rights and privileges afforded to a guide, signal, or service dog; prohibits a licensed healthcare practitioner from providing documentation about an individual's need for an emotional support dog without meeting specified requirements; and, provides civil penalties for specified violations.

Status: Chapter 168, Statutes of 2021

AB-556 (Maienschein) - Misuse of sperm, ova, or embryos: damages.

This bill establishes a private cause of action for damages against a person who misuses sperm, ova, or embryos in violation of Section 367g of the Penal Code. The bill provides for damages for a prevailing plaintiff, including actual or statutory damages.

Status: Chapter 170, Statutes of 2021

AB-562 (Low) - Frontline COVID-19 Provider Mental Health Resiliency Act of 2021: health care providers: mental health services.

This bill requires the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs to establish a mental health resiliency program, as specified, to provide mental health services to licensed health care providers who provide, or have provided, consistent in-person healthcare services to COVID-19 patients.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-789 (Low) - Health care services.

This bill requires adult patients who receive primary care services in any setting where primary care services are provided to be offered a hepatitis B and hepatitis C screening test, based on the latest recommended screening indications.

Status: Chapter 470, Statutes of 2021

AB-814 (Levine) - Personal information: contact tracing.

This bill provides that data collected, received, or prepared for purposes of contact tracing shall not be used, maintained, or disclosed for any purpose other than facilitating contact tracing efforts, except as provided. The bill requires such data to be deleted, as specified, and prohibits the involvement of law enforcement, as defined, in contact tracing, except as provided.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-852 (Wood) - Nurse practitioners: scope of practice: practice without standardized procedures.

This bill adds the new category of nurse practitioners (NPs) who are authorized to practice independently starting January 1, 2023, to provisions of law that include physicians, surgeons, and other relevant health care licensees; corrects a drafting error related to the conditions when an independent NP must refer to a physician and surgeon; adds the new independent NPs to pharmacy definitions for prescribers; and makes other technical and clarifying changes.

Status: In the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee

AB-1007 (Carrillo) - Forced or Involuntary Sterilization Compensation Program.

This bill creates a program to compensate survivors of forced or involuntary sterilization by state officials. AB 137 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 77, Statutes of 2021) added virtually identical provisions.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-1020 (Friedman) - Health care debt and fair billing.

This bill fortifies the protections and benefits afforded by the Hospital Fair Pricing Act. It strengthens and builds upon the existing requirements concerning the fair collection of hospital debts.

Status: Chapter 473, Statutes of 2021

AB-1094 (Arambula) - Sexual orientation and gender identity data collection pilot project.

This bill requires the California Department of Public Health to establish a three-year pilot program in up to six counties for the identification and collection by coroners and medical examiners of sexual orientation and gender identity data in cases of violent death.

Status: Chapter 177, Statutes of 2021

AB-1130 (Wood) - California Health Care Quality and Affordability Act.

This bill establishes the Office of Health Care Affordability (office) within the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, and requires the office to analyze the health care market for cost trends and drivers of spending, create a state strategy for controlling the cost of health care and ensuring affordability for consumers and purchasers, and enforce cost targets. The bill also establishes, within the office, the Health Care Affordability Advisory Board (board) and sets forth the composition and duties of the board, as defined.

Status: In the Senate Health Committee

AB-1184 (Chiu) - Medical information: confidentiality.

This bill enhances existing protections relating to health care service plans and health insurers accommodating requests from subscribers, enrollees, and insureds for the confidential communication of certain medical information.

Status: Chapter 190, Statutes of 2021

AB-1331 (Irwin) - Mental health: Statewide Director of Crisis Services.

This bill would have required the Director of the Department of Health Care Services to appoint a full-time Statewide Director of Crisis Services to support and promote a comprehensive behavioral health crisis care system, as specified.

Governor Newsom vetoed the bill, stating: "Behavioral health crisis care services are

critical, including early prevention efforts. My administration has made significant investments to improve California's behavioral health system, including \$150 million to build out mobile crisis infrastructure. In addition, DHCS is investing \$20 million in California's network of emergency call centers to support the launch of a new 988 hotline, an alternative to 911, for people seeking help during a mental health crisis. The California Health and Human Services Agency and its departments will work with state and local partners and stakeholders to assess and address gaps in behavioral health crisis care services as my Administration works to implement the new behavioral health initiatives included in the budget. Given the fiscal implications of adding this position, and the additional staffing needed to support it, this proposal would be more appropriately addressed through the budget process."

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

AB-1356 (Bauer-Kahan) - Reproductive health care services.

This bill creates new crimes under the California Freedom of Access to Clinic Act (Act) directed at videotaping, photographing, or recording patients or providers within 100 feet of the facility or disclosing or distributing those images; increases misdemeanor penalties for violations of the Act; and updates and expands online privacy laws and peace officer trainings relative to anti-reproduction-rights offenses.

Status: Chapter 191, Statutes of 2021

HOUSING LAW, LANDLORD/TENANT, AND MOBILEHOMES

SB-3 (Caballero) - Education finance: local control and accountability plan portal.

This bill extends pre-existing, COVID-19 related protections against residential eviction for two months, until March 31, 2021. Among other things, those pre-existing protections prevented a landlord from evicting a tenant for non-payment of rent or other financial obligations under the lease if the tenant timely signed and returned a declaration of COVID-19-related financial hardship and paid 25 percent of the rent that had accrued.

The bill was subsequently gutted and amended to address unrelated matters.

Status: In the Senate Education Committee

SB-64 (Leyva) - Mobilehome parks: emergency relief: coronavirus (COVID-19).

This bill provides mobilehome owners and residents, temporarily, with the ability to request additional time to correct violations of park rules and regulations without risk of eviction if the COVID-19 pandemic prevents them from correcting the violation within the usual seven days, with exceptions for imminent, serious safety hazards.

Status: Senate Inactive File

SB-591 (Becker) - Senior citizens: intergenerational housing developments.

This bill authorizes the establishment of an intergenerational housing development for senior citizens, caregivers, or transition age youths, as provided.

Status: Chapter 364, Statutes of 2021

SB-649 (Cortese) - Local governments: affordable housing: local tenant preference.

This bill authorizes local governments to adopt affordable housing residency preferences for certain locals at risk of displacement or who have been displaced.

Status: In the Assembly Rules Committee

SB-676 (Bates) - Civil actions: forcible entry, forcible detainer, or unlawful detainer.

This bill clarifies the availability of two motions – motions to strike and motions for summary adjudication – within the context of the expedited civil procedure that applies to actions for unlawful detainer, otherwise known as eviction.

Status: In the Senate Judiciary Committee

SB-696 (Allen) - Enhanced infrastructure financing districts: housing: underutilized or deteriorated retail property: covenants and restrictions: eminent domain.

This bill authorizes an enhanced infrastructure financing district to finance units in mixed-income housing developments that are allocated to the jurisdictions in the district pursuant to regional housing needs allocations determined in accordance with housing element laws; to acquire, as defined, any restrictive covenant or easement of underutilized or deteriorated retail property identified in an infrastructure financing plan that is preventing the use of the property in a manner that advances public use, as described by the bill; and to acquire the real property and any interest in the property by eminent domain, so long as the activities that would produce the benefit are defined as a public use for eminent domain purposes.

Status: In the Senate Governance and Finance Committee

AB-861 (Bennett) - Mobilehome parks: rental restrictions: management.

This bill provides that if a mobilehome park prohibits park residents from renting or subleasing their mobilehomes, then the park itself is bound by the same rule as to mobilehomes that the park owns, with specified exceptions.

Status: Chapter 706, Statutes of 2021

AB-889 (Gipson) - Business entities: landlords: reporting requirements.

This bill requires landlords who hold rental property in the name of a corporation or limited liability company to report the identity of the beneficial owners of the property, as defined, to the California Secretary of State.

Status: Failed passage in the Senate Judiciary Committee, reconsideration granted

AB-978 (Quirk-Silva) - Mobilehome parks: rent caps.

This bill limits mobilehome parks located in, and governed by, more than one incorporated city from increasing the space rent that mobilehome owners must pay by more than three percent plus inflation, up to a maximum cap of five percent, annually. This bill also extends to tenants renting park-owned mobilehomes the same protections against arbitrary eviction and rent-gouging that tenants in other types of residential rental housing possess.

Status: Chapter 125, Statutes of 2021

AB-1061 (Lee) - Mobilehome Residency Law: water utility charges.

This bill clarifies and places limitations on how much a mobilehome park can charge park residents for water service when the park provides submetered water service and bills separately for it.

Status: Chapter 625, Statutes of 2021

AB-1304 (Santiago) - Affirmatively further fair housing: housing element: inventory of land.

This bill reaffirms that the state, local jurisdictions, and public agencies involved in housing-related matters have a mandatory duty to take meaningful affirmative steps to overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics. The bill also provides additional details regarding what these entities must take into account when carrying out that duty.

Status: Chapter 357, Statutes of 2021

AB-1487 (Gabriel) - Legal Services Trust Fund Commission: Homelessness Prevention Fund: grants: eviction or displacement.

This bill would have established the framework for a grant-based program to provide direct legal aid services, education, and outreach to low-income tenant households facing the threat of eviction or imminent displacement from their homes, though the bill would not, by itself, have provided any funding for the program. The Governor vetoed the bill on the grounds that "to have real effect, these policy changes must be accompanied by a budgetary appropriation or reallocation of existing legal aid money."

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

AB-1584 (Committee on Housing and Community Development) - Housing omnibus.

This bill enacts a series of technical, clarifying, and non-substantive changes to the California code sections related to housing, including correcting drafting errors; fixing errant cross-references; restoring provisions that were enacted but unintentionally overridden by subsequently-passed legislation missing the necessary chaptering out language; and providing uncontroversial yet useful clarification of ambiguous statutory language.

Status: Chapter 360, Statutes of 2021

IMMIGRANT RIGHTS

SB-334 (Durazo) - Detention facilities: contracts.

This bill allows an insurer who provides insurance coverage pertaining to a private detention facility, as defined, to consider whether the detention facility complies with specified requirements as part of the insurer's loss control program. Those requirements are that the private detention facility: comply with all appropriate state and local building, zoning, health, safety, and fire statutes, ordinances, and regulations, and with the minimum jail standards established by regulations adopted by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC); select and train its personnel in accordance with selection and training requirements adopted by the BSCC; and maintain specified insurance coverages obtained from admitted insurers.

Status: Chapter 298, Statutes of 2021

SB-452 (Gonzalez) - State government: Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

Agency: Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.

This bill establishes, upon appropriation of the Legislature, until January 1, 2029, the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs within the newly created Immigration and Refugee Affairs Agency. Specifically, this bill: States the Office and the Agency shall be a permanent structure within the state to serve immigrants, and assist other state agencies in evaluating programs for accessibility and effectiveness in providing services to immigrants and refugees; creates the Immigrant and Refugee Integration Fund within the State Treasury; renames the Director of the Statewide Immigrant Integration the Director of Statewide Immigrant and Refugee Integration; requires the Director of the Statewide Immigrant Integration, no later than January 1, 2023, to provide a statewide plan for better implementation and coordination of immigrant and refugee assistance policies and programs; and transfers to the Immigration and Refugee Affairs Agency any property of any office, agency, or department that relates to functions transferred to the Immigration and Refugee Affairs Agency from other departments.

Status: In the Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-670 (Caballero) - Immigration form assistants.

This bill revises the Immigration Consultant Act. Specifically, the bill: changes the name “immigration consultant” to “form preparer” throughout the code that regulates this industry; clarifies that an advertisement prohibition in translating words including “notary public” applies to the internet and broadcast media; specifies that form preparers shall not use the title immigration consultant or immigration specialist, or any other title that implies that the person has expertise in immigration matters, in any document, including an advertisement, stationary, letterhead, business card, or other comparable written material, on the internet, or by broadcast media, describing the immigration form assistant, and provides that a violation is punishable pursuant to the unauthorized practice of law enforcement mechanism and subject to a civil penalty in an action brought by the injured person or by the Attorney General, District Attorneys, or City Attorneys; provides that notaries public that hold themselves out as being form preparers shall not use the title immigration consultant or immigration specialist, or any title or description reflecting an expertise in immigration matters; provides that beginning on July 1, 2023, and every two years thereafter, a form preparer shall complete a course on the limits of authorized services and prohibited activities of form preparers; prohibits form preparers from completing forms related to applications for asylum and for withholding of removal, applications for T nonimmigrant status, petitions for U nonimmigrant status, petitions under the Violence Against Women Act, and petitions for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status; provides that a form preparer shall not provide nonlegal assistance related to (a) waivers of inadmissibility or deportability, and (b) a motion, application, or form related to a proceeding before the Executive Office for Immigration Review of the United States Department of Justice or before any state or federal court relating to an immigration matter; provides that a consumer has 10 days from the termination of a contract to be provided a full refund by a form preparer; requires the Secretary of State to publish a customer bill of rights form with specified information; requires the form preparer to provide the consumer with this information and requires the form preparer and client to initial and sign the bill or rights prior to entering into a contract for services; provides that county counsel may bring specified actions against form preparers; and specifies that each person operating as a form preparer must submit fingerprints to the Department of Justice; and adds clarifying and conforming language.

Status: Senate Inactive File

SJR-2 (Hueso) - Immigration reform.

This joint resolution makes certain findings regarding immigrants and the nation's immigration system, and urges the Congress and the President of the United States to work together to create a comprehensive and workable approach to improving the nation's immigration system.

Status: Chapter 128, Statutes of 2021

AB-263 (Arambula) - Private detention facilities.

This bill requires a private detention facility operator to comply with, and adhere to, all local and state public health orders and occupational safety and health regulations; provides that it shall not be construed to limit or otherwise modify the authority, powers, or duties of state or local public health officers or other officials with regard to state prisons, county jails, or other state or local correctional facilities; and contains an urgency clause.

Status: Chapter 294, Statutes of 2021

AB-364 (Rodriguez) - Foreign labor contractor registration: agricultural workers.

This bill requires most foreign labor contractors, including, but not limited to, those recruiting farmworkers abroad, to register with the California Labor Commissioner, pay a fee, post a bond, and adhere to certain standards designed to prevent exploitation.

Status: Senate Inactive File

AB-829 (Levine) - Foster children: immigration counsel and guardianship.

This bill provides that a county shall make its best efforts to provide an undocumented minor or nonminor dependent in foster care under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court with access to immigration legal services. The bill specifies that the access may be provided by the child welfare agency through outside legal service providers. The bill also makes various findings and declarations regarding undocumented children in foster care and states that it is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this bill to create accountability in ensuring that foster children emancipating from foster care have received all immigration relief to which they are entitled, and that it is further the intent of the Legislature to identify a source of funding to enable counties to provide immigration counsel to all children in foster care.

Status: Chapter 528, Statutes of 2021

AB-857 (Kalra) - Employers: Labor Commissioner: required disclosures.

This bill (1) requires agricultural employers to provide farmworkers brought to California from abroad under the federal H-2A program with a notice summarizing their workplace rights under state law; (2) directs the Labor Commissioner to develop a template that agricultural employers can use to fulfill this requirement; and (3) codifies the circumstances when H-2A farm workers must be paid for time spent traveling to work.

Status: Senate Inactive File

AB-1096 (Luz Rivas) - Alien: change of terms.

This bill makes nonsubstantive changes to the Codes by removing the term “alien” and replacing it with more appropriate terms, depending on the context.

Status: Chapter 296, Statutes of 2021

AB-1140 (Robert Rivas) - Foster care: rights.

This bill clarifies that the duties of the California Department of Social Services include protecting the rights of children who are in state-licensed foster facilities and homes while in the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement of the federal Department of Health and Human Services. This bill also clarifies that the duties of the Office of the State Foster Care Ombudsperson includes investigating and attempting to resolve complaints made by or on behalf of these children.

Status: Chapter 297, Statutes of 2021

AJR-15 (McCarty) - World Refugee Day.

This resolution: (1) recognizes June 20, 2021, as World Refugee Day; (2) makes a series of declarations about current refugees crises throughout the world, the role that the United States and California have played in resettling refugees; and the contributions that refugees have made to California; and (3) urges the President and Congress of the United States to take action to support existing refugees and try to prevent the conditions that would produce more refugees globally.

Status: Chapter 97, Statutes of 2021

AJR-16 (Reyes) - Immigration.

This resolution urges the President, Vice President, and the Congress of the United States to take a workable, humane, and just approach in solving the nation's broken immigration system.

Status: Chapter 119, Statutes of 2021

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

SB-605 (Eggman) - Medical Device Right to Repair Act.

This bill requires manufacturers of powered medical devices to make the documentation, software, and parts necessary to maintain and repair such devices available to a hospital and an independent service organization engaged by the hospital, on fair and reasonable terms, so that the hospital or its engaged repair service can conduct its own maintenance and repairs; and subjects a manufacturer that violates this requirement to a civil penalty, as specified.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

MINORS, JUVENILE COURTS, AND DEPENDENCY PROCEEDINGS

SB-241 (Umberg) - Civil actions.

This bill grants the Court Reporters Board (CRB) a method for permitting out-of-state deposition reporters to register with and be governed by the CRB; establishes a

statutory framework for conducting court proceedings in civil cases through the use of remote technology; extends the general rule that a trial continuance or postponement caused by the COVID-19 pandemic extends other case deadlines to arbitration continuances or postponements; requires, as of July 1, 2024, courts to electronically transmit documents issued by the court where parties have consented to, or are required to use, electronic service; and requires courts to hear minors' compromise petitions within 30 days of filing, and to issue a decision at the conclusion of the hearing if the petition is uncontested.

Status: Chapter 214, Statutes of 2021

SB-354 (Skinner) - Foster youth: relative placement.

This bill makes several changes that are broadly aimed at facilitating the placement of foster youths with relatives and nonrelative extended family members who have criminal records, but do not present a danger to the child. With few exceptions, the bill, particularly as it relates to relatives and nonrelative extended family members, shifts the process for obtaining placement from a mechanistic system that categorically excludes broad swathes of people with criminal records to an individualized process that allows for a case-by-case determination of the person's fitness to care for the child by introducing more flexibility with respect to criminal records clearance, resource family approval, and judicial determinations of placement. The bill also requires, no later than January 1, 2024, the California Department of Social Services to submit a report to the Legislature related to criminal record exemptions, as specified.

Status: Chapter 687, Statutes of 2021

SB-522 (Borgeas) - Criminal law: schools: malicious communication.

This bill prohibits malicious communication to any other person, as specified, that deadly harm will occur on the campus of a school, or at a location of a school-sponsored event, even if there is no intent of carrying it out; a violation is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for a period not exceeding one year, or by imprisonment in a county jail for 16 months, or 2, or 3 years, except that a minor who violates this provision is to be placed on probation and ordered to perform community service and participate in mental health counseling. The bill also makes the parent or guardian of the minor responsible for the expense of counseling and any civil liability resulting from a violation of these provisions.

Status: In the Senate Public Safety Committee

SB-537 (Rubio) - Child welfare: domestic violence.

This bill requires the State Department of Social Services, on or before July 1, 2022, to convene a workgroup to examine the nexus between child welfare and domestic violence and the impacts of child welfare policy on families experiencing domestic violence, as specified.

Status: Senate Inactive File

AB-317 (Patterson) - Foster care.

This bill strengthens the role of the Office of the Foster Care Ombudsperson (OFCO). Specific to this Committee's jurisdiction, the bill contains provisions to ensure confidentiality of certain records and communications, generally prohibits testimony by, and disclosure or production of records of, OFCO staff, and clarifies that provisions under the Government Tort Claims Act that provide immunity to the exercise of discretionary duties apply to OFCO staff.

Status: Chapter 293, Statutes of 2021

AB-546 (Maienschein) - Dependent children: documents: housing.

This bill, with respect to the housing assistance efforts a county welfare department must provide to a foster youth who is on the cusp of aging out of the system, expands the information about these efforts the department must report to the juvenile court.

Status: Chapter 519, Statutes of 2021

AB-640 (Cooley) - Extended foster care: eligibility redetermination.

This bill, with respect to foster youth who were ineligible for federal foster care funds before they turned 18, creates a process that triggers a new eligibility determination if they receive extended foster care after turning 18.

Status: Chapter 622, Statutes of 2021

AB-670 (Calderon) - Child abuse or neglect: minor and nonminor dependent parents.

This bill provides additional support and protections to parents under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

Status: Chapter 585, Statutes of 2021

AB-674 (Bennett) - Dependent children: documents.

This bill, as part of a report a county welfare department must make to a juvenile court judge before a foster youth reaches age 18, requires the department to verify that it has provided the youth with written information relating to CalFresh benefits.

Status: Chapter 524, Statutes of 2021

AB-788 (Calderon) - Juveniles: reunification.

Existing law enables a juvenile dependency court to deny reunification services for a parent who has a history of drug or alcohol abuse and has resisted court-ordered treatment. This bill codifies a recent California Court of Appeal decision by clarifying that that relapsing is not "resistance" to drug or alcohol treatment for these purposes.

Status: Chapter 201, Statutes of 2021

AB-829 (Levine) - Foster children: immigration counsel and guardianship.

This bill provides that a county shall make its best efforts to provide an undocumented minor or nonminor dependent in foster care under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court with access to immigration legal services. The bill specifies that the access may be provided by the child welfare agency through outside legal service providers. The bill also makes various findings and declarations regarding undocumented children in foster care and states that it is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this bill to create accountability in ensuring that foster children emancipating from foster care have received all immigration relief to which they are entitled, and that it is further the intent of the Legislature to identify a source of funding to enable counties to provide immigration counsel to all children in foster care.

Status: Chapter 528, Statutes of 2021

AB-841 (Cunningham) - children.

This bill provides that a parent's failure to seek custody is not itself a sufficient basis for bringing the child into the foster care system.

Status: Chapter 98, Statutes of 2021

AB-873 (Ramos) - Child welfare services: Indian tribes.

This bill eliminates tribal share of cost requirements for an agreement entered into by the California Department of Social Services with a tribe, consortium of tribes, or tribal organization regarding the care and custody of Indian children and jurisdiction over Indian child custody proceedings, and strikes existing law related to the breakdown of the tribal share of costs, as provided, and prohibits cost-sharing going forward.

Status: Chapter 284, Statutes of 2021

AB-1140 (Robert Rivas) - Foster care: rights.

This bill clarifies that the duties of the California Department of Social Services include protecting the rights of children who are in state-licensed foster facilities and homes while in the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement of the federal Department of Health and Human Services. This bill also clarifies that the duties of the Office of the State Foster Care Ombudsperson includes investigating and attempting to resolve complaints made by or on behalf of these children.

Status: Chapter 297, Statutes of 2021

AB-1283 (Stone) - Resource families: hearings.

This bill clarifies processes related to criminal background checks in the context of approval for placements of children in the child welfare system.

Status: Chapter 288, Statutes of 2021

MISCELLANEOUS

SB-272 (Laird) - State government: gender-neutral terms: California Conservation Corps.

This bill increases the age of eligibility to enroll in a certified community conservation corps from 18-25 to 18-26. The bill also makes changes to specified codes to use gender-neutral language.

Status: Chapter 133, Statutes of 2021

SB-308 (Min) - Unclaimed property: electronic funds transfer.

This bill reduces the minimum amount, from \$20,000 to \$2,000, at which unclaimed cash subject to escheat must be transferred to the State Controller's Office via electronic funds transfer.

Status: Chapter 103, Statutes of 2021

SB-518 (Laird) - Developmental services: Self-Determination Program.

This bill, with respect to the Self-Determination Program (SDP) for people with developmental disabilities, creates the Office of the SDP Ombudsperson, provides for the collection of more data, and increases training relating to the SDP.

Status: Senate Inactive File

SB-638 (Hertzberg) - Corporate records: articles of incorporation: blockchain technology.

This bill extends the sunset on the authorization for certain corporations to use blockchain to record stock transactions, and alters the definition of that term.

Status: Assembly Rules Committee

SR-45 (Min) - Academic Freedom.

This resolution recognizes the importance of academic freedom for college and university professors, allowing them to articulate or even advocate positions or concepts within their subject matter that may be controversial in nature without fear of retribution or reprisal, is essential, and resolves that policies protecting academic freedom is a necessary requisite for teaching and learning in California's colleges and universities.

Status: In the Senate Judiciary Committee

AB-13 (Chau) - Public contracts: automated decision systems.

This bill requires the Department of Technology to conduct a comprehensive inventory of all high-risk automated decision systems (ADSs) being used, developed, or procured by state agencies. Also, the bill, beginning January 1, 2023, encourages prospective contractors to submit an ADS impact assessment as part of a bid response to a state agency seeking to award a contract for goods or services that use ADS.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-277 (Valladares) - Domestic violence: victims: address confidentiality.

This bill requires, by January 1, 2023, (1) the Secretary of State to provide application forms, notices, and explanatory materials related to the Safe at Home program in at least five languages; and (2) the inclusion of information about the Safe at Home program on Judicial Council forms relating to domestic violence.

Status: Chapter 457, Statutes of 2021

AB-378 (Bauer-Kahan) - Public officials.

This bill removes gendered terms from various provisions of the California Codes, particularly as it relates to public officials in the Government and Insurance Codes, and the Fair Political Practices Act.

Status: Chapter 50, Statutes of 2021

AB-938 (Davies) - Maintenance of the codes.

This bill is the annual maintenance of the codes bill. A condition for inclusion in the annual code maintenance bill is that the change must be nonsubstantive. Section 46 on page 97 of this bill includes an “all purpose” yielding clause that avoids any double jointing problems that might otherwise occur.

Status: Chapter 124, Statutes of 2021

AB-1138 (Blanca Rubio) - Unlawful cannabis activity: civil enforcement.

This bill provides an additional enforcement mechanism against unlicensed cannabis activities. This bill establishes a civil penalty for high-level control persons who knowingly aid and abet unlicensed cannabis activities, as defined, of up to \$30,000 per violation, with each day of unlicensed cannabis activity constituting a separate violation. The civil penalty may be sought by city attorneys, prosecutors, and county attorneys, in jurisdictions of 750,000, in addition to the Attorney General.

Status: Chapter 530, Statutes of 2021

AB-1578 (Committee on Judiciary) - Judiciary omnibus.

This bill is the Assembly Judiciary Committee omnibus bill that makes various noncontroversial changes to existing law with the purpose of increasing efficiencies in the legislative process, conserving legislative resources, and eliminating the need to unnecessarily hear a number of technical, clarifying, or modest stand-alone bills that might otherwise have to be introduced and require individual consideration by the Legislature. This bill, among other things, codifies a California Supreme Court holding, corrects code references, clarifies existing law, extends a sunset, increases a statute of limitation, codifies best practices with regard to remote administrative proceedings, and clarifies procedures for petitioning for a change of name or gender for minors in probate guardianships or under the jurisdiction of juvenile courts.

Status: Chapter 401, Statutes of 2021

ACR-24 (Chau) - California Law Revision Commission: studies.

This resolution grants approval to the California Law Revision Commission (CLRC) to continue its study of 13 designated topics that the Legislature previously authorized or directed the CLRC to study. This resolution also authorizes and requests the CLRC to study and report on whether the law should be revised to provide special rules that would apply to an area affected by a state of disaster or emergency declared by the federal government, a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor, or a local emergency proclaimed by a local governing body or official.

Status: Chapter 108, Statutes of 2021

PRIVACY

SB-41 (Umberg) - Privacy: genetic testing companies.

This bill establishes the Genetic Information Privacy Act, providing additional protections for genetic data by regulating the collection, use, maintenance, and disclosure of such data. The bill safeguards the privacy, confidentiality, security, and integrity of a consumer's genetic data by requiring direct-to-consumer genetic testing companies to provide clear disclosures and more consumer control. It also requires these companies to obtain express consent for the collection, use, and disclosure of the consumer's genetic data, including separate and express consent for specified actions. This bill mandates certain security measures and prohibits discrimination against consumers for exercising these rights.

Status: Chapter 596, Statutes of 2021

SB-58 (Wilk) - Personal information: social security numbers: Employment Development Department: fraud prevention.

This bill prohibits the Employment Development Department from sending outgoing United States mail containing an individual's social security number if that number would be on one of the department's three highest volume mailed documents.

Status: In the Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-210 (Wiener) - Automated license plate recognition systems: use of data.

This bill provides greater transparency and accountability with respect to automated license plate recognition systems ("ALPR"). It requires ALPR operators and end-users to conduct annual audits to review ALPR searches. If the operator or end-user is a public agency, the bill further requires them to destroy all ALPR data that does not match information on a hot list within 24 hours.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

SB-346 (Wieckowski) - In-vehicle cameras.

This bill requires a manufacturer of a new motor vehicle equipped with in-vehicle cameras to disclose that fact in the owner's manual or to the seller or leaser. The bill prohibits a person or entity from providing the sale or lease of a new motor vehicle equipped with in-vehicle cameras without prominently informing the user, as provided. The bill restricts the use of any image or video recording collected or retained through the operation of an in-vehicle camera, including prohibiting its use for advertising and the sale of such recordings.

Status: In the Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee

SB-360 (Wilk) - Consumer Credit Reporting Agencies Act: escrow agent rating services and escrow agents.

This bill extends, until January 1, 2027, the requirement that an escrow agent rating service comply with specified portions of the California Consumer Credit Reporting Agencies Act, and establishes policies and procedures intended to safeguard from theft or misuse any personally identifiable information the service obtains from an escrow agent.

Status: Chapter 105, Statutes of 2021

SB-388 (Stern) - Platform companies: content management: negative externalities: report: acceptable use policy: illegal content.

This bill requires a social media platform company, as defined, to report annually to the Department of Justice, the Legislature, and the California Privacy Protection Agency by April 1 of each year prescribed information relating to content management and the "negative externalities" associated with the company's business activities. The bill requires these companies to develop certain policies, but does not dictate their content.

Status: In the Senate Judiciary Committee

SB-435 (Cortese) - Civil law: personal rights: online sex trafficking: sexual photographs.

This bill allows an action to be brought against any person or entity that makes, obtains, or distributes "actionable material." The bill imposes liability on any person or entity that, with notice of claimed infringement, uploads or reuploads actionable material, or that in any manner publishes or republishes actionable material.

Status: In the Senate Judiciary Committee

SB-623 (Newman) - Electronic toll and transit fare collection systems.

This bill makes various changes to the laws regulating transportation agencies' use of the personally identifiable information (PII) of subscribers and users of toll facilities. In broad strokes, the bill amends provisions relating to (1) the use of PII for interoperability purposes, specifically providing for interstate interoperability in addition to intrastate

interoperability; (2) the privacy policy provided to subscribers of an electronic collection system; (3) retention of PII; (4) the use or provision of PII for activities required to operate and manage the electronic collection system; (5) the mechanism for providing consent to certain marketing communications; (6) marketing for toll-related products or services sent to subscribers or nonsubscribers; and (7) the definition of “transportation agency.”

Status: In the Senate Judiciary Committee

SB-735 (Rubio) - Vehicles: speed safety cameras.

This bill authorizes the use of automated traffic enforcement systems to enforce speed limits in school zones.

Status: In the Senate Transportation Committee

SB-744 (Glazer) - Communicable diseases: respiratory disease information.

This bill requires that any report of a communicable respiratory disease by a health care provider to a local health officer, and any electronic tool used by a local health officer for the purposes of reporting cases of a communicable respiratory disease, include specified information about the patients. The bill provides for the expedited release of health care data to researchers at bona fide research institutions pursuant to memorandum of understanding executed with the California Department of Public Health.

Status: In the Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-746 (Skinner) - California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018: personal information: political purpose.

This bill requires businesses to disclose whether they use the personal information of consumers for political purposes, as defined, to consumers, upon request, and annually to the Attorney General or the California Privacy Protection Agency.

Status: Senate Inactive File

AB-12 (Seyarto) - Personal information: social security numbers: the Employment Development Department.

This bill requires state agencies, as soon as is feasible, but no later than January 1, 2023, to stop sending any outgoing United States mail to an individual that contains the individual's social security number, unless truncated, except as provided.

Status: Chapter 509, Statutes of 2021

AB-56 (Salas) - Benefits: outgoing mail: claim processing: reporting.

This bill extensively regulates the Employment Development Department (EDD). The bill requires EDD to conduct comprehensive assessments of its operations, including its fraud prevention efforts and claimant services. The bill places a number of reporting responsibilities on EDD, and mandates specified plans and policies be implemented.

Status: Chapter 510, Statutes of 2021

AB-218 (Ward) - Change of gender and sex identifier.

This bill extends the existing framework for petitioners changing their names and/or genders on their own birth certificates to further update their marriage licenses and certificates and the birth certificates of their children. This bill extends eligibility for certain processes to persons not born or residing within the state and recognizes orders in foreign jurisdictions for purposes of sufficient documentation.

Status: Chapter 577, Statutes of 2021

AB-268 (Irwin) - Courts: sealing records: autopsy reports.

This bill requires a court, upon the request of a qualifying family member, to seal and not disclose the autopsy report and evidence associated with the examination of a victim who has been killed as a result of any criminal act, as specified.

Status: In the Senate Public Safety Committee

AB-335 (Boerner Horvath) - California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018: vessel information.

This bill exempts from the California Consumer Privacy Act's right to opt out certain information related to vessels that is retained or shared in connection with a vessel warranty or recall, as specified.

Status: Chapter 700, Statutes of 2021

AB-514 (Ward) - Injunctions: undertakings: civil actions: distribution of sexually explicit materials.

This bill amends the so-called "revenge porn" statute to lower the standard for culpability and to remove the requirement that a plaintiff file an undertaking upon the granting of an injunction in their favor.

Status: Chapter 518, Statutes of 2021

AB-587 (Gabriel) - Social media companies: terms of service.

This bill requires social media companies, as defined, to post their terms of service and to submit quarterly reports to the Attorney General on their terms of service and content moderation policies and outcomes.

Status: In the Senate Judiciary Committee

AB-694 (Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection) - Privacy and Consumer Protection: omnibus bill.

This bill extends the authority of a county's board of supervisors to charge certain fees and extend related provisions. This bill makes minor updates and nonsubstantive changes to other statutes.

Status: Chapter 525, Statutes of 2021

AB-751 (Irwin) - Vital records: certified copies: electronic requests.

This bill makes permanent the current authorization of public officials to accept electronic requests for vital records using electronic verification of identity to authenticate the identity of the applicant. This bill further provides guidelines by which the verification shall be carried out, including authorization to use biometric comparison as a method of identity verification.

Status: Chapter 623, Statutes of 2021

AB-814 (Levine) - Personal information: contact tracing.

This bill provides that data collected, received, or prepared for purposes of contact tracing shall not be used, maintained, or disclosed for any purpose other than facilitating contact tracing efforts, except as provided. The bill requires such data to be deleted, as specified, and prohibits the involvement of law enforcement, as defined, in contact tracing, except as provided.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-825 (Levine) - Personal information: data breaches: genetic data.

This bill adds “genetic information” to the definition of personal information for purposes of the laws requiring certain businesses to implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and practices to protect personal information they own, license, or maintain. The bill requires businesses and agencies that maintain personal information to disclose a breach of genetic information.

Status: Chapter 527, Statutes of 2021

AB-917 (Bloom) - Vehicles: video imaging of parking violations.

This bill expands automated enforcement of parking violations in both transit-only lanes and transit stops statewide using forward-facing cameras on transit vehicles.

Status: Chapter 709, Statutes of 2021

AB-984 (Luz Rivas) - Vehicle identification and registration: alternative devices.

This bill makes permanent a pilot program authorizing the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue alternative license plates and registration cards.

Status: Senate Inactive File

AB-1184 (Chiu) - Medical information: confidentiality.

This bill enhances existing protections relating to health care service plans and health insurers accommodating requests from subscribers, enrollees, and insureds for the confidential communication of certain medical information.

Status: Chapter 190, Statutes of 2021

AB-1262 (Cunningham) - Information privacy: other connected device with a voice recognition feature.

This bill establishes certain consumer protections in connection with the use of voice recognition features on smart speaker devices and any transcripts or recordings collected or retained in connection with that use.

Status: In the Senate Judiciary Committee

AB-1356 (Bauer-Kahan) - Reproductive health care services.

This bill creates new crimes under the California Freedom of Access to Clinic Act (Act) directed at videotaping, photographing, or recording patients or providers within 100 feet of the facility or disclosing or distributing those images; increases misdemeanor penalties for violations of the Act; and updates and expands online privacy laws and peace officer trainings relative to anti-reproduction-rights offenses.

Status: Chapter 191, Statutes of 2021

AB-1391 (Chau) - Unlawfully obtained data.

This bill makes it unlawful for a person to sell data, or sell access to data, that the person has obtained or accessed pursuant to the commission of a crime. It further makes it unlawful for a person, who is not an authorized person, to purchase or use data from a source that the person knows or reasonably should know has obtained or accessed that data through the commission of a crime.

Status: Chapter 594, Statutes of 2021

AB-1436 (Chau) - Information privacy: digital health feedback systems.

This bill prohibits a business that offers consumers a personal health record system that is specifically designed to collect and transmit personal health record system information for purposes of allowing the individual to manage their information, or for the diagnosis, treatment, or management of a medical condition of the individual from knowingly using, disclosing, or permitting the use or disclosure of personal health record information without the individual having first signed an authorization .

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

AB-1475 (Low) - Law enforcement: social media.

This bill places limitations on the ability of police departments and sheriff's offices to share booking photos of individuals on social media.

Status: Chapter 126, Statutes of 2021

PROBATE, TRUSTS AND ESTATES, CONSERVATORSHIPS AND GUARDIANSHIPS

SB-233 (Umberg) - Protective proceedings: compromise of minor's disputed claim.

This bill requires courts to hear minors' compromise petitions within 30 days of filing and to issue a decision at the conclusion of the hearing if the petition is uncontested. Substantially similar provisions were included in SB 241 (Umberg, Chapter 241, Statutes of 2021).

Status: In the Assembly Rules Committee

SB-315 (Roth) - Revocable transfer on death deeds.

This bill makes various changes recommended by the California Law Revision Commission to update and improve the statutes governing revocable transfer on death deeds. The bill requires the Commission to study the effect of these provisions, as specified, and report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2031.

Status: Chapter 215, Statutes of 2021

SB-329 (Jones) - Wills and trusts: no contest clauses.

This bill exempts actions to enforce no-contest clauses in wills or trusts from the "anti-SLAPP" statute.

Status: In the Assembly Rules Committee

SB-340 (Stern) - Lanterman-Petris-Short Act: hearings.

This bill enables people with personal knowledge of a person who is certified for involuntary detention for intensive treatment under the Lanterman-Petris Short Act to request to testify in judicial challenges to the certification.

Status: In the Assembly Rules Committee

SB-469 (Jones) - Community property: presumption of right of survivorship.

This bill requires that title be presumed to be held as community property with right of survivorship, absent other stipulations to the contrary, with regard to property held by spouses described in an instrument created before July 1, 2001, stating only that the property is held as community property.

Status: In the Senate Judiciary Committee

SB-507 (Eggman) - Mental health services: assisted outpatient treatment.

This bill, with respect to judicial proceedings to order assisted outpatient treatment: (1) makes former conservatees eligible, (2) permits remote testimony, and (3) requires

information regarding the person's capacity to give informed consent regarding psychotropic medication to be provided to the court, as specified.

Status: Chapter 426, Statutes of 2021

SB-516 (Eggman) - Certification for intensive treatment: review hearing.

This bill provides that a person's medical condition may be considered in determining their mental condition for purposes of certifying them for a 14- or 30-day involuntary detention for treatment and evaluation under the Lanterman-Petris Short Act.

Status: In the Assembly Health Committee

SB-565 (Jones) - State Department of State Hospitals: facility expansion: report.

This bill requires the Department of State Hospitals, by July 1, 2022, to develop a plan and submit a report to the Legislature on the topic of expanding the department's capacity to commit conservatees under the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act, and to implement the plan by January 1, 2027.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

SB-578 (Jones) - Lanterman-Petris-Short Act: hearings.

This bill clarifies an existing statute that makes proceedings under the Lanterman-Petris Short Act presumptively nonpublic.

Status: Chapter 389, Statutes of 2021

SB-602 (Laird) - Review of conservatorships: care plans.

This bill requires probate conservators to submit, at specified points, comprehensive care plans for the care of conservatees and the management of their estates.

Status: Senate Inactive File

SB-724 (Allen) - Guardianships and conservatorships.

This bill, with respect to conservatees and proposed conservatees, (1) makes legal counsel mandatory in specified hearings and appeals, (2) gives the person their choice of counsel, and (3) specifies that the role of legal counsel is that of a zealous advocate. Substantially similar provisions were inserted into AB 1194 (Low (2021) Chapter 417, Statutes of 2021).

Status: Senate Inactive File

SB-782 (Glazer) - Assisted outpatient treatment programs.

This bill permits a court to order a person to obtain assisted outpatient treatment (AOT) services if the court finds that the petition establishes the person (1) is a conservatee or former conservatee, and (2) would benefit from AOT services to reduce the risk of deteriorating mental health, as specified.

Status: In the Assembly Rules Committee

AB-260 (Stone) - Guardianships.

This bill (1) establishes processes to ensure abused or neglected children are not improperly diverted into probate guardianships in lieu of the foster care system, and (2) requires the Judicial Council to develop a form regarding the differences between probate guardianships and the foster care system, as specified.

Status: Chapter 578, Statutes of 2021

AB-293 (Kalra) - Preneed funeral arrangements: unclaimed property.

This bill, beginning in 2023, establishes procedures governing disposition of preneed funeral trust accounts when they go unclaimed or the funeral establishment is sold or closes.

Status: Chapter 514, Statutes of 2021

AB-633 (Calderon) - Partition of real property: Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act.

This bill enacts the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act, which establishes a set of protections to help families keep land that has been passed down without a will.

Status: Chapter 119, Statutes of 2021

AB-900 (Reyes) - Charitable trusts.

This bill requires, beginning July 1, 2022, a trustee holding assets subject to a charitable trust to give written notice to the Attorney General at least 20 days before the trustee sells, leases, conveys, exchanges, transfers, or otherwise disposes of all or substantially all of the charitable assets.

Status: Chapter 708, Statutes of 2021

AB-1062 (Mathis) - Conservators and guardians: disposition of property.

This bill requires a guardian or conservator to notify specific individuals before disposal of "valueless property" and provides a process to settle disputes over the "valueless property". Additionally, the bill requires the court, if the guardian or conservator becomes a successor trustee, to supervise the trust, unless doing so is not in the best interest of the conservatee or ward.

Status: In the Senate Judiciary Committee

AB-1079 (Gallagher) - Trusts: revocation.

This bill, for instances in which a settlor of a revocable trust becomes incompetent, delineates the duties of the trustee and the class of beneficiaries owed those duties.

Status: Chapter 749, Statutes of 2021

AB-1194 (Low) - Conservatorship.

This bill makes several reforms intended to protect wards and conservatees from unscrupulous guardians and conservators.

Status: Chapter 417, Statutes of 2021

AB-1443 (McCarty) - Mental health: involuntary treatment.

This bill establishes procedures for the designation of professionals and members of mobile crisis teams to perform functions related to 72-hour detentions of individuals for mental health evaluation and treatment under the Lanterman-Petris Short Act. The bill provides immunity for these designated personnel in certain circumstances.

Status: Chapter 399, Statutes of 2021

REAL PROPERTY

SB-555 (McGuire) - Local agencies: transient occupancy taxes: short-term rental facilitator: collection.

This bill, beginning July 1, 2022, authorizes a local agency to enact an ordinance delegating its authority to collect transient occupancy tax on short-term rentals to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

Status: In the Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-696 (Allen) - Enhanced infrastructure financing districts: housing: underutilized or deteriorated retail property: covenants and restrictions: eminent domain.

This bill authorizes an enhanced infrastructure financing district to finance units in mixed-income housing developments that are allocated to the jurisdictions in the district pursuant to regional housing needs allocations determined in accordance with housing element laws; to acquire, as defined, any restrictive covenant or easement of underutilized or deteriorated retail property identified in an infrastructure financing plan that is preventing the use of the property in a manner that advances public use, as described by the bill; and to acquire the real property and any interest in the property by eminent domain, so long as the activities that would produce the benefit are defined as a public use for eminent domain purposes.

Status: In the Senate Governance and Finance Committee

AB-358 (Flora) - Electrified security fences: permitted use.

This bill authorizes property owners to install and operate electrified security fences on their property, whether combined with an alarm system or not, provided the fences meet specified conditions and are not prohibited by a local ordinance.

Status: Chapter 148, Statutes of 2021

AB-721 (Bloom) - Covenants and restrictions: affordable housing.

This bill makes covenants, restrictions, or private limits on the residential density of a property unenforceable against a property owner who is developing a housing project consisting entirely of affordable units, as defined.

Status: Chapter 349, Statutes of 2021

AB-889 (Gipson) - Business entities: landlords: reporting requirements.

This bill requires landlords who hold rental property in the name of a corporation or limited liability company to report the identity of the beneficial owners of the property, as defined, to the California Secretary of State.

Status: Failed passage in the Senate Judiciary Committee, reconsideration granted

AB-948 (Holden) - Real estate licensees: Bureau of Real Estate Appraisers: disclosures: demographic information: reporting: continuing education.

This bill establishes measures to prevent unlawful discrimination in the conduct of real estate appraisals. Specifically, the bill requires: (1) provision of notice to buyers and sellers of their right to an unbiased appraisal of the property; (2) establishment of a state-run mechanism to track complaints of underappraisals by demographics; and (3) completion, by appraisers, of continuing education on eliminating bias and cultural competency.

Status: Chapter 352, Statutes of 2021

AB-1466 (McCarty) - Real property: discriminatory restrictions.

This bill requires each county recorder's office to establish a program to proactively identify, catalog, and redact any unlawfully discriminatory restrictive covenants in that county's property records and authorizes the imposition, if approved by the respective county board of supervisors, of a fee to fund the program. This bill also modifies the procedures for redacting such covenants to facilitate greater use of those procedures.

Status: Chapter 359, Statutes of 2021

TORT LIABILITY

SB-2 (Bradford) - Peace officers: certification: civil rights.

This bill grants new powers to the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to investigate and determine peace officer fitness and to decertify officers who engage in "serious misconduct"; and reforms the Tom Bane Civil Rights Act to limit specified immunities for peace officers, custodial officers, and public entities employing such officers.

Status: Chapter 409, Statutes of 2021

SB-53 (Leyva) - Unsolicited images.

This bill provides a cause of action against a person that knowingly sends a sexually explicit image that the person knows, or reasonably should know, is unsolicited; and provides for both civil and criminal penalties for violations of this bill.

Status: Senate Inactive File

SB-252 (Wiener) - Toxicological testing on dogs and cats.

This bill prohibits certain facilities from conducting toxicological experiments on dogs and cats, unless conducted for specified purposes. This bill subjects violations to civil penalties to be assessed in actions brought by the Attorney General or other local prosecutors, as specified.

Status: In the Assembly Appropriations Committee

SB-297 (Durazo) - Subsurface installations: penalties.

This bill increases penalties for operators or excavators who cause damage to a gas or hazardous liquid pipeline subsurface installation that results in the escape of any flammable, toxic or corrosive gas or liquid, as specified.

Status: Chapter 726, Statutes of 2021

SB-306 (Pan) - Sexually transmitted disease: testing.

This bill (1) permits pharmacists to dispense a drug, without the name of an individual for whom the drug is intended, when prescribed for the sexual partner of someone who has been diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease (STD); (2) prohibits health care providers who prescribe, dispense, or furnish such a drug from being subject to civil, criminal, or administrative penalties, as specified; (3) requires a syphilis blood test during the third trimester of pregnancy and at delivery, as specified; (4) requires public and commercial health coverage of home STD test kits; and (5) adds rapid STD tests to existing law which permits HIV counselors to perform rapid HIV and hepatitis C tests.

Status: Chapter 486, Statutes of 2021

SB-310 (Rubio) - Unused medications: cancer medication recycling.

This bill establishes the Cancer Medication Recycling Act until January 1, 2027 to allow for the donation and redistribution of cancer drugs between patients of a participating physician.

Status: Chapter 541, Statutes of 2021

SB-332 (Dodd) - Civil liability: prescribed burning operations: gross negligence.

This bill provides that no person shall be liable for any fire suppression or other specified costs otherwise recoverable for a prescribed burn if specified conditions are met, except that any person whose conduct constitutes gross negligence is not entitled to such immunity.

Status: Chapter 600, Statutes of 2021

SB-338 (Gonzalez) - Joint and several liability of port drayage motor carrier customers: health and safety violations: prior offenders: liability owed to the state.

This bill expands the bases for a port drayage motor carrier to be placed on the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement's list, pursuant to Section 2810.4 of the Labor Code, and thus expands the bases of joint and several liability for customers of such carriers.

Status: Chapter 333, Statutes of 2021

SB-343 (Allen) - Environmental advertising: recycling symbol.

This bill tightens the requirements around the permissible use of the "chasing arrows" recycling symbol and when claims regarding recyclability can be made. It provides for the creation of a statewide list of the types and forms of products and packaging that can be represented as recyclable.

Status: Chapter 507, Statutes of 2021

SB-349 (Umberg) - California Ethical Treatment for Persons with Addiction Act.

This bill establishes the California Ethical Treatment for Persons with Substance Use Disorder Act. The bill creates a series of requirements for treatment providers, and makes unlawful specified business practices to provide protection for substance use disorder treatment clients and their families.

Status: Assembly Inactive File

SB-435 (Cortese) - Civil law: personal rights: online sex trafficking: sexual photographs.

This bill allows an action to be brought against any person or entity that makes, obtains, or distributes "actionable material." The bill imposes liability on any person or entity that, with notice of claimed infringement, uploads or reuploads actionable material, or that in any manner publishes or republishes actionable material.

Status: In the Senate Judiciary Committee

SB-447 (Laird) - Civil actions: decedent's cause of action.

This bill authorizes a decedent's personal representative or successor in interest to recover damages for a decedent's pain, suffering, or disfigurement in an action or proceeding on the decedent's cause of action, as specified.

Status: Chapter 448, Statutes of 2021

SB-461 (Cortese) - Unfair Competition Law: enforcement.

This bill authorizes a county counsel of a county within which a city has a population in excess of 750,000 people to bring an action under California's Unfair Competition Law.

Status: Chapter 140, Statutes of 2021

SB-501 (Wieckowski) - Claims against public entities.

This bill extends the conditions under which certain injured parties who are minors or who are physically or mentally incapacitated are entitled to have their applications to file untimely claims against public entities granted.

Status: Chapter 218, Statutes of 2021

SB-605 (Eggman) - Medical Device Right to Repair Act.

This bill requires manufacturers of powered medical devices to make the documentation, software, and parts necessary to maintain and repair such devices available to a hospital and an independent service organization engaged by the hospital, on fair and reasonable terms, so that the hospital or its engaged repair service can conduct its own maintenance and repairs; and subjects a manufacturer that violates this requirement to a civil penalty, as specified.

Status: In the Senate Appropriations Committee

SB-660 (Newman) - Initiative, referendum, and recall petitions: compensation for signatures.

This bill would have made it unlawful for a person to pay money or provide any other thing of value based on the number of signatures obtained on a state or local initiative, referendum, or recall petition.

In his veto message, Governor Newsom echoed his previous veto message. He indicated that although he appreciated the intent of this bill to incentivize grassroots support for the initiative, referendum, and recall process, "payment per signature remains one of the most economical methods to qualify for the ballot." He argued that the bill "could therefore make the qualification of many initiatives cost-prohibitive for all but the wealthiest interests, thereby having the opposite effect."

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

SB-687 (Hueso) - Emergency response: trauma kits.

This bill requires certain public and private buildings to maintain trauma kits on the buildings' premises. The bill provides specified immunity to persons supplying trauma kits, training others on their use, and using them in emergency situations.

Status: In the Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB-66 (Boerner Horvath) - Coastal resources: research: landslides and erosion: early warning system: County of San Diego.

This bill requires, upon an appropriation by the Legislature, the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California at San Diego to conduct research on coastal cliff landslides and erosion in the County of San Diego. The bill requires, as a condition of receipt of funds and by March 15, 2025, the Scripps Institution of

Oceanography to report to the Legislature with recommendations for developing a coastal cliff landslide and erosion early warning system based on available research. The bill also immunizes UCSD and its employees, acting in good faith, from civil liability for any harm resulting from measurements, predictions, or warnings regarding bluff failure, cliff landslides, or erosion contained in the report or from the research or related to recommendations, unless those damages are the result of acts or omissions constituting gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

Status: Chapter 456, Statutes of 2021

AB-272 (Kiley) - Enrollment agreements.

This bill authorizes a minor to disaffirm a provision in an educational institution's enrollment agreement that purports to waive a legal right, remedy, forum, proceeding, or procedure, arising out of a criminal sexual assault or criminal sexual battery, as defined, on that minor regardless of whether a parent or legal guardian has signed the enrollment agreement on the minor's behalf.

Status: Chapter 146, Statutes of 2021

AB-315 (Stone) - Voluntary stream restoration property owner liability: indemnification.

This bill requires the state to indemnify and hold harmless property owners who allow their property to be used for fish and wildlife habitat restoration projects where certain requirements are met.

Status: Chapter 580, Statutes of 2021

AB-371 (Jones-Sawyer) - Shared mobility devices: insurance and tracking.

This bill amends the insurance requirements applicable to shared mobility service providers, and requires providers to affix signs identifying shared mobility devices for purposes of reporting illegal or negligent behavior.

Status: In the Senate Insurance Committee

AB-381 (Davies) - Licensed facilities: duties.

This bill requires licensed residential alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities (RTFs) to maintain at least two unexpired doses of naloxone hydrochloride or other medications, as specified, on the premises to treat opioid overdose; and requires RTFs to have at least one staff member on the premises who knows the location of the naloxone and who has been trained on the administration of it, as specified.

Status: Chapter 437, Statutes of 2021

AB-453 (Cristina Garcia) - Sexual battery: nonconsensual condom removal.

This bill adds nonconsensual condom removal to the existing civil sexual battery statute, expressly making it an intentional tort for a person to (1) cause contact between a sexual organ, from which a condom has been removed, and the intimate part of another

who did not verbally consent to the condom being removed, or (2) cause contact between an intimate part of the person and a sexual organ of another from which the person removed a condom without verbal consent.

Status: Chapter 613, Statutes of 2021

AB-514 (Ward) - Injunctions: undertakings: civil actions: distribution of sexually explicit materials.

This bill amends the so-called “revenge porn” statute to lower the standard for culpability and to remove the requirement that a plaintiff file an undertaking upon the granting of an injunction in their favor.

Status: Chapter 518, Statutes of 2021

AB-556 (Maienschein) - Misuse of sperm, ova, or embryos: damages.

This bill establishes a private cause of action for damages against a person who misuses sperm, ova, or embryos in violation of Section 367g of the Penal Code. The bill provides for damages for a prevailing plaintiff, including actual or statutory damages.

Status: Chapter 170, Statutes of 2021

AB-781 (Daly) - Flood control projects: County of Orange: subvention funds.

This bill authorizes the state to provide flood subvention funding to the County of Orange for the Westminster, East Garden Grove, California Flood Risk Management project, as specified.

Status: Chapter 302, Statutes of 2021

AB-789 (Low) - Health care services.

This bill requires adult patients who receive primary care services in any setting where primary care services are provided, to be offered a hepatitis B and hepatitis C screening test, based on the latest recommended screening indications.

Status: Chapter 470, Statutes of 2021

AB-849 (Reyes) - Skilled nursing facilities: intermediate care facilities: liability.

This bill amends the damages that can be sought by a current or former resident or patient of a skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility, as defined, for violation of the resident or patient’s rights.

Status: Chapter 471, Statutes of 2021

AB-930 (Levine) - Subsurface installations: attorney’s fees and costs.

This bill requires a court or arbitrator to award attorney fees, as specified, to a prevailing excavator under specified conditions.

Status: Chapter 173, Statutes of 2021

AB-974 (Luz Rivas) - Equestrian safety.

This bill requires persons under the age of 18 to wear a helmet while riding an equestrian animal on certain surface types, and requires all persons to use reflective gear while riding after dark.

Status: Chapter 175, Statutes of 2021

AB-1130 (Wood) - California Health Care Quality and Affordability Act.

This bill establishes the Office of Health Care Affordability (office) within the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development and requires the office to analyze the health care market for cost trends and drivers of spending, create a state strategy for controlling the cost of health care and ensuring affordability for consumers and purchasers, and enforce cost targets. The bill also establishes, within the office, the Health Care Affordability Advisory Board (board) and sets forth the composition and duties of the board, as defined.

Status: In the Senate Health Committee

AB-1455 (Wicks) - Sexual assault by law enforcement officers: actions against public entities: statute of limitations.

This bill amends the statute of limitations for seeking damages arising out of a sexual assault committed by a law enforcement officer, eliminates the claim presentation requirements for such claims, and revives such claims that would otherwise be barred by the existing statute of limitations.

Status: Chapter 595, Statutes of 2021

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