

All Senate Bills
Referred to the Assembly Business and Professions Committee
During the 2003-04 Session of the California State Legislature

SB 12 (Bowen) Electronic mail advertising.

Deletes current law that provides the recipients of unsolicited electronic mail (email) advertisements with the ability to contact the sender in order to remove the recipient's address from the sender's mailing list and, instead, prohibits the sending of unsolicited commercial email ads from California or to a California email address. Authorizes recipients of unsolicited commercial emails, and email service providers, to bring an action to recover damages and to recover reasonable costs and attorney's fees.

Last Action: Held in Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

SB 30 (Figueroa) Home improvement contracts.

Revises and recasts provisions of law regulating "home improvement contracts" (HICs), and requires HICs to contain specified information, notices, and disclosures for the protection of consumers. Defines "service and repair contract" (SRC) and requires SRCs to contain specified information, notices, and disclosures. Also specifies the conditions that must be met in order for a SRC to be referred to as such.

Last Action: Chapter 566, Statutes of 2004.

SB 31 (Figueroa/Perata) Home inspectors: deferred deposit transactions.

As introduced, required a home inspector to make disclosures in writing to a client regarding the inspector's qualifications and whether the home inspector carries general and professional liability insurance. As amended and enacted, makes a technical correction to a provision of law prohibiting any charges for setting up a deferred deposit (payday loan) account by moving the prohibition from a Civil Code section that does not go into effect until December 31, 2004, to a Civil Code section that is currently in effect.

Last Action: Chapter 28, Statutes of 2004.

SB 33 (Figueroa) Federal "Do Not Call" list coordination.

Revises California's "Do Not Call" telemarketing restriction law to coordinate with the recently adopted federal law, so that the federal "Do Not Call" list becomes the "master list" and spares California the cost of managing its own separate list.

Last Action: Chapter 779, Statutes of 2003.

SB 41 (Bowen) Public contracts: services.

Makes conforming and clarifying changes to the Public Contract Code relating to public contracts.

Last Action: Chapter 669, Statutes of 2003.

SB 66 (Local Government Committee) Local Government Omnibus Act.

Makes numerous, non-controversial changes to laws affecting local agencies' powers and duties.

Last Action: Chapter 296, Statutes of 2003.

SB 74 (Torlakson) State property: vending machines.

Requires at least 50% of the food and beverages that are offered in vending machines on state property to meet specified nutritional guidelines.

Last Action: Held in Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

SB 110 (Margett) Public contract specifications.

Expands the conditions under which public agencies can require goods or services from one specific source (known as "sole-sourcing") when putting contracts out to bid.

Last Action: Chapter 233, Statutes of 2003.

SB 111 (Knight) State reporting requirements.

Deletes numerous statutory reporting requirements, and reflects statutory changes that occurred during the 2003 legislative session.

Last Action: Chapter 193, Statutes of 2004.

SB 136 (Figueroa) Department of Consumer Affairs: state boards and commissions.

Implements changes recommended by the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee relating to sunset dates for boards at the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), and makes other changes affecting DCA boards and other state commissions.

Last Action: Chapter 909, Statutes of 2004.

SB 165 (Machado) Clinical laboratories.

Revises clinical laboratory licensing laws to authorize the Department of Health Services to waive a license exam, issue a temporary license, and accept continuing education taken over a longer license renewal period under specified circumstances.

Last Action: Chapter 319, Statutes of 2003.

SB 175 (Kuehl) Veterinary drugs: prescriptions by veterinarians.

Modifies the definitions of "dangerous drug" and "dangerous device" to clarify the Board of Pharmacy's authority to regulate all dangerous drugs and devices regardless of whether they are for human or animal use. Also adds veterinarians to existing prescriber dispensing statutes and authorizes the Veterinary Medical Board to enforce, in conjunction with the Board of Pharmacy, the provisions of the Pharmacy Law regarding prescriptions for dangerous drugs.

Last Action: Chapter 250, Statutes of 2003.

SB 186 (Murray) Electronic mail advertising.

Modifies current law that allows the recipient of unsolicited electronic mail (email) advertisements to contact the sender to remove his or her email address from the sender's mailing list, and additionally prohibits the sending of unsolicited email ads from California or to a California email address. Authorizes a recipient, an email service provider, or the Attorney General to bring an action to recover actual damages, and/or liquidated damages, of \$1,000 per unsolicited commercial email, up to \$1 million per incident, as defined. Provides for an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs to a prevailing plaintiff.

Last Action: Chapter 487, Statutes of 2003.

SB 252 (Alpert) Healing arts.

Specifies that the relevant provision of law governing medical assistants does not authorize a medical assistant to perform a clinical laboratory test or examination and does not authorize a nurse practitioner, nurse-midwife, or physician assistant to be a laboratory director of a clinical laboratory.

Last Action: Chapter 234, Statutes of 2003.

SB 301 (Alarcon) Commission on Latino/Latina Affairs.

Establishes a Commission on Latino/Latina Affairs to advise the Governor, Legislature and state agencies, departments and commissions on issues relating to the social and economic development of Latino/Latina communities.

Last Action: Vetoed.

SB 358 (Figueroa) Nursing: vocational nursing: psychiatric technicians.

Extends the sunset dates for the Board of Registered Nursing and the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians and makes other changes to those Boards pursuant to recommendations of the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee.

Last Action: Chapter 640, Statutes of 2003.

SB 359 (Figueroa) Healthcare professionals: workers' compensation insurance fraud.

Makes healthcare professionals subject to license suspension or revocation for committing workers' compensation insurance fraud.

Last Action: Chapter 595, Statutes of 2003.

SB 360 (Figueroa) Barbering and cosmetology.

Makes changes to the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology within the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Barbering and Cosmetology Act pursuant to recommendations of the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee. Contents later amended into SB 362 (Figueroa).

Last Action: This bill was substantially amended and re-referred to the Assembly Labor and Employment Committee to address an unrelated issue: public works: prevailing wages: exclusions.

SB 361 (Figueroa) Pharmacy: administration and enforcement.

Extends the sunset dates for the Board of Pharmacy and makes other substantive changes affecting that Board pursuant to recommendations of the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee.

Last Action: Chapter 539, Statutes of 2003.

SB 362 (Figueroa) Department of Consumer Affairs: licensing and regulatory boards.

Extends the sunset dates for the Dental Board of California and the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries. Also makes changes to the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology and the Barbering and Cosmetology Act. Also makes changes affecting other boards at the Department of Consumer Affairs pursuant to recommendations of the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee.

Last Action: Chapter 788, Statutes of 2003.

SB 363 (Figueroa) Department of Consumer Affairs: licensing and regulatory boards.

Extends the sunset date for the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee (JLSRC) and makes other changes pursuant to recommendations of JLSRC. Also makes changes to the Medical Practice Act, the Respiratory Care Practice Act, the Funeral Directors and Embalmers Law, and the Cemetery Law. Also increases fees assessed on licensees of the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists and modifies the exams required to obtain a license from the Board of Behavioral Sciences.

Last Action: Chapter 874, Statutes of 2003.

SB 364 (Figueroa) Review of all state boards by Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee: Department of Consumer Affairs: licensing and regulatory boards.

Significantly expands the jurisdiction of the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee (JLSRC), and generally authorizes JLSRC to review all state boards whose members are appointed by the Governor or the Legislature. Also establishes the Sunset Review process for the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) and makes other changes affecting BAR. Also makes various changes to other professional and vocational boards at the Department of Consumer Affairs, including the Medical Board of California, the Contractors' State License Board, the Structural Pest Control Board, the Bureau of Naturopathic Medicine, the Osteopathic Medical Board, the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board, the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education, and the Optometry Board.

Last Action: Chapter 789, Statutes of 2003.

SB 376 (Chesbro) Healthcare districts: hospitals: employment of physicians.

Authorizes, until January 1, 2011, a pilot project to allow a hospital owned and operated by a healthcare district, that meets specified criteria, to employ a

physician and to charge for professional services rendered by the physician if the physician approves the charges.

Last Action: Chapter 41, Statutes of 2003.

SB 403 (Florez) Information technology.

Establishes the Information Technology Act of 2003 (Act), a broad new governance structure for guiding information technology investments by the state. The Act is to be coordinated by a State Chief Information Officer, a new Information Technology Board, and the existing Department of Finance, each with new or additional responsibilities and powers.

Last Action: This bill was substantially amended and re-referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee to address an unrelated issue: California Clean Air Bond Act.

SB 427 (Dunn) Mexican repatriation commission.

Establishes a 16-member commission on the forced repatriation of over two million United States citizens and legal immigrants of Mexican decent that occurred between 1929 and 1944.

Last Action: Vetoed.

SB 443 (Figueroa) Contracting without a license: repeat offenders.

Requires a court of law to sentence repeat offenders of unlicensed contracting activity to the county jail for not less than 90 days, unless the court finds unusual circumstances for imposing a lesser jail sentence or only a fine. Also, if the court imposes a lesser jail sentence or only a fine for a subsequent conviction under the provisions of this statute, the court shall state for the record the reasons supporting its sentencing.

Last Action: Chapter 706, Statutes of 2003.

SB 490 (Alpert) Emergency contraception drug therapy.

Authorizes a licensed pharmacist to furnish emergency contraception drug therapy in accordance with standardized procedures developed by the Board of Pharmacy and the Medical Board of California.

Last Action: Chapter 651, Statutes of 2003.

SB 545 (Speier) Emergency contraception drug therapy.

Establishes a \$10 cap on the administrative fee charged by licensed pharmacists and prescribers of telephone or electronic prescriptions that is paid by patients requesting emergency contraception drug therapy. Also prohibits a pharmacist from requiring a patient to provide individually identifiable medical information, except as specified. Also requires a pharmacist, upon request, to disclose the total retail drug price for therapy. Also revises pharmacists' training requirements regarding emergency contraception.

Last Action: Chapter 652, Statutes of 2003.

SB 552 (Burton) State motor vehicle fleets.

Requires state agencies to adopt procurement and use policies to increase the fuel efficiency of state-owned cars and light trucks, increase their use of non-petroleum fuels, reduce the number of sport-utility vehicles and four-wheel drive vehicles in the fleet, and collect and publicize data on all state-owned vehicles.
Last Action: Chapter 737, Statutes of 2003.

SB 584 (Alarcon) Non-English language advertising.

Requires automobile dealers, insurers, financial institutions, public utilities, check cashers, and money transferers who advertise in Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese or Korean to provide various kinds of advertised information to consumers in their respective languages.

Last Action: Held in Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

SB 590 (Speier) Consumer information privacy.

Prohibits merchants from requesting or requiring a consumer's personal information when it is not necessary for the transaction. Also bans the sharing of personal information with a third party unless the transaction is necessary, authorized, or the consumer is given the chance to opt-out.

Last Action: Vetoed.

SB 640 (Burton) Public contracts: expatriate corporations.

Prohibits a state agency from entering into any agreement or contract with a publicly held expatriate corporation, or its subsidiary, unless the corporation provides specified shareholder rights and other legal and financial arrangements or the contract serves a compelling public interest.

Last Action: Chapter 657, Statutes of 2003.

SB 736 (Speier) Sellers of travel.

Revises the Seller of Travel Law to make several changes to its coverage, operation, and administration, and makes the law permanent by removing its January 1, 2006 sunset date.

Last Action: Chapter 196, Statutes of 2003.

SB 808 (Karnette) Review of state regulatory boards.

Reauthorizes the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee for another six years, and expands the jurisdiction of the Committee to include virtually all state boards, which are to be reviewed every four years.

Last Action: This bill was substantially amended and re-referred to the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee to address an unrelated issue: bunker fuel tax exemptions.

SB 856 (Governmental Organization Committee) Surplus state property.

Authorizes the Department of General Services to liquidate certain parcels of surplus public land.

Last Action: Chapter 258, Statutes of 2003.

SB 907 (Burton) Naturopathic doctors.

Establishes, until July 1, 2009, the Naturopathic Doctors Act, to be administered by a newly created State Bureau of Naturopathic Medicine within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Specifies various standards for the licensure and regulation of naturopathic medicine.

Last Action: Chapter 485, Statutes of 2003.

SB 928 (Aanestad) Dentistry licensure.

Makes modifications to the California Dental Board's Licensure by Credential Program, including a requirement that Credential Program applicants provide proof that they have been in active clinical practice, or been a full-time member of an accredited clinical program, for a total of at least 5,000 hours in five of the seven years preceding the application.

Last Action: Chapter 464, Statutes of 2004.

SB 967 (Burton) Private postsecondary and vocational education: regionally accredited institutions.

Exempts degree-granting institutions, accredited by specified regional bodies, from programmatic and institutional review and approval by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education, while requiring that these institutions remain subject to all the other regulatory oversight provisions of the Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act of 1989, including fiscal requirements, information reporting, compliance with student protections, and enforcement actions for violations.

Last Action: Chapter 340, Statutes of 2003.

SB 969 (Bowen) Telephone medical advice services.

Applies the current definition of "telephone medical advice" to healthcare service plans, and includes within the definition the assessment, evaluation, or advice given to patients or their family members. Also requires health plans to use licensed healthcare practitioners to provide telephone medical advice and prohibits unlicensed health plan staff or staff of a telephone medical advice service from using titles or designations that would mislead a person to believe that they are licensed healthcare professionals.

Last Action: Chapter 885, Statutes of 2003.

SB 973 (Machado) Public contracts: state property disposition.

Authorizes the Department of General Services to enter into an agreement with federal authorities to sell, lease, or exchange land at the Northern California Women's Facility, which is a correctional institution under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections.

Last Action: Chapter 717, Statutes of 2003.

SB 1022 (Perata) Debt collectors.

Requires third-party debt collectors to provide a written notice to debtors summarizing their rights under state and federal law, which must be translated if the collector and debtor communicate in a language other than English.

Last Action: Chapter 259, Statutes of 2003.

SB 1071 (Vincent) Medical practices.

Specifies that provisions of the Medical Practice Act, relating to corporations and the Moscone-Knox Professional Corporation Act, apply to corporations and other artificial legal entities that provide any medical judgement or independent review and interpretation of diagnostic test results.

Last Action: This bill was substantially amended and re-referred to the Assembly Insurance Committee to address an unrelated issue: workers' compensation: official medical fees.

SB 1077 (Business and Professions Committee) Department of Consumer Affairs: licensing and regulatory boards.

Makes technical and clarifying changes related to several licensing and regulatory boards at the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Last Action: Chapter 607, Statutes of 2003.

SB 1078 (Business and Professions Committee) Department of Consumer Affairs: licensing and regulatory boards.

Makes technical and clarifying changes related to several licensing and regulatory boards at the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Last Action: This bill was substantially amended and re-referred to the Assembly Transportation Committee to address an unrelated issue: solid waste collection vehicles.

SB 1079 (Business and Professions Committee) Department of Consumer Affairs: licensing and regulatory boards.

Makes technical and clarifying changes related to several licensing and regulatory boards at the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Last Action: Chapter 325, Statutes of 2003.

SB 1080 (Business and Professions Committee) Department of Consumer Affairs: licensing and regulatory boards.

Makes changes to provisions of law pertaining to the Board of Accountancy, the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services, the Department of Real Estate, the Medical Board of California, and the Dental Board of California.

Last Action: Chapter 807, Statutes of 2003.

SB 1130 (Scott) Public contracts: transit design-build contracts.

Extends for two years, until January 1, 2007, the authority for transit districts to enter into design-build contracts in which a single contractor or entity would be responsible for both the design and construction phase of a contract. Also adds clarifying language relative to transit projects.

Last Action: Chapter 196, Statutes of 2004.

SB 1149 (Ortiz) Dangerous drugs: Canadian pharmacies: foreign suppliers.

Requires the Board of Pharmacy to establish an interactive website to identify licensed Canadian pharmacies that meet specified criteria for the safe acquisition, shipment, handling, and dispensing of prescription drugs to persons in California. Also requires the Pharmacy Board to post on that website information concerning foreign prescription drug suppliers that have violated recognized standards for the safe shipment of prescription drugs.

Last Action: Vetoed.

SB 1154 (Figueroa) Consumer rebates.

Regulates the offering and fulfillment of rebates for consumer products, including requirements that consumers have a minimum of 30 days to submit a rebate request and companies have a maximum of 60 days to deliver the rebate. Also provides for restrictions on what evidence and personal information a company may require the consumer to provide.

Last Action: Vetoed.

SB 1274 (Margett) Public contracts: subsurface excavation.

Requires an express written agreement (instead of a mutual agreement) between an excavator (e.g., a subsurface contractor) and an operator (e.g., a utility) before the excavator can use specified devices to locate underground installations (e.g., gas lines and fiber optic cables), and makes changes affecting the use of "vacuum excavation devices."

Last Action: Held on Assembly floor.

SB 1279 (Bowen) Identity theft.

Expands existing requirements regarding consumer notification of data security breaches to include non-electronic data (e.g., paper documents), so that all data containing personal information are covered.

Last Action: Held in Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

SB 1301 (Vincent) Dogs and cats: spaying and neutering.

Repeals the sunset date of January 1, 2006, for provisions enacted on January 1, 2000, relating to the spaying and neutering of dogs and cats.

Last Action: Chapter 253, Statutes of 2004.

SB 1307 (Figueroa) Wholesalers and manufacturers of dangerous drugs and devices.

Significantly strengthens licensing requirements for pharmaceutical wholesalers and establishes bonding requirements for wholesalers. Also requires all prescription drugs to have a "pedigree," as defined, which tracks the ownership of drugs from manufacturer to the ultimate ownership by the pharmacy. Also gives the Board of Pharmacy stronger enforcement tools for violations of laws governing dangerous drugs and devices.

Last Action: Chapter 857, Statutes of 2004.

SB 1336 (Burton) Oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Authorizes oral and maxillofacial surgeons licensed by the Dental Board of California to perform elective facial cosmetic surgery under specified circumstances.

Last Action: Vetoed.

SB 1341 (Kuehl) Telemedicine.

Expands the definition of telemedicine to include the use of "store-and-forward" technology for two applications – teledermatology and teleophthalmology services – and to allow Medi-Cal reimbursement for these two types of services provided by healthcare practitioners via telemedicine.

Last Action: Vetoed.

SB 1355 (Aanestad) Clinical laboratories: cytotechnologists: pap smears.

Provides for specified exemptions from the current maximum workload standard for reading gynecological slides (pap smears) by a cytotechnologist who uses an automated or semiautomated screening device. (The Papanicolaou (pap) smear is a screening method to detect cervical cancer.) Also requires, where a cytotechnologist is represented by a labor organization, that the maximum workload limitations shall be contained in a collective bargaining agreement or memorandum of understanding negotiated between the employer and the labor organization.

Last Action: Chapter 735, Statutes of 2004.

SB 1363 (Ducheny) Hotel and motel rates: natural disasters.

Prohibits the owner or operator of a hotel or motel, a supplier of necessary goods, or a contractor supplying services, from increasing their regular advertised rates by more than 10% for 30 days following the declaration of a state or local emergency.

Last Action: Chapter 492, Statutes of 2004.

SB 1436 (Murray) Computer spyware.

Establishes the Consumer Protection Against Spyware Act, which prohibits an unauthorized person or entity from installing software on a consumer's computer that would take over control of the computer, modify its security settings, collect the user's personally identifiable information, interfere with its own removal, or otherwise deceive the authorized user.

Last Action: Chapter 843, Statutes of 2004.

SB 1437 (Speier) State Auditor: high-risk agencies.

Authorizes the State Auditor to establish an audit and mandatory reporting program for government agencies that are identified as being at "high risk" for waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement.

Last Action: Chapter 251, Statutes of 2004.

SB 1457 (Murray) Commercial email advertisements.

Provides clean-up language to conform state law to recently enacted provisions of federal law. Also ensures that consumers have a private right of action against spammers who use falsified headers.

Last Action: Chapter 571, Statutes of 2004.

SB 1485 (Burton) Physical therapy.

Revises the definition of "physical therapy" to include "the promotion and maintenance of physical fitness to enhance the bodily movement related health and wellness of individuals through the use of physical therapy interventions."

Last Action: Chapter 117, Statutes of 2004.

SB 1520 (Burton) Force fed birds.

Prohibits, effective July 1, 2012, the force-feeding of a bird for the purpose of enlarging the bird's liver beyond normal size. Prohibits a product (e.g., foie gras or "fatty liver") from being sold in California if it is the result of such force-feeding.

Last Action: Chapter 904, Statutes of 2004.

SB 1542 (Figueroa) Bureau of Automotive Repair.

Establishes a "sunset review" process every four years for the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) and authorizes the appointment of an Administration and Enforcement Monitor for two years to research areas of concern related to BAR and provide recommendations for improvement. Also makes other changes affecting BAR pursuant to recommendations of the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee.

Last Action: Chapter 572, Statutes of 2004.

SB 1543 (Figueroa) California Board of Accountancy: tax preparers.

Extends the repeal date of the California Board of Accountancy within the Department of Consumer Affairs, and makes other changes to the Accountancy Act pursuant to recommendations of the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee. Creates a two-tiered fining structure for violations of the Accountancy Act, which provides for fines as high as \$5 million. Also authorizes additional expenditures to support the enforcement and litigation activities of the Accountancy Board.

Last Action: Chapter 921, Statutes of 2004.

SB 1544 (Figueroa) Private postsecondary and vocational education.

Extends the repeal date of the Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act to January 1, 2008, and makes other changes pursuant to recommendations of the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee. Requires the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs to appoint an Operations and Administrative Monitor for the Bureau of Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education, and requires the Monitor to, among other things, assess the Bureau's

administrative operations and submit reports to the Legislature and others by October 1, 2005.

Last Action: Chapter 740, Statutes of 2004.

SB 1546 (Figueroa) Dentistry.

Extends the sunset date for the Dental Board of California, revises the qualification requirements for dental assistants and dental assistants in extended functions, authorizes dentists to utilize up to three dental auxiliaries in extended functions, and makes related changes pursuant to recommendations of the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee.

Last Action: Chapter 667, Statutes of 2004.

SB 1547 (Figueroa) Professional engineers and land surveyors.

Extends the sunset date for the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (Board), grants the Board the authority to require fingerprinting of professional engineers and land surveyors for purposes of a criminal background check, requires professional engineers and land surveyors to report specified criminal activity and civil actions to the Board, and provides for a process by which a professional engineer or land surveyor may petition for review of a disciplinary action taken by the Board.

Last Action: Held on Assembly floor.

SB 1548 (Figueroa) Veterinarian medicine.

Extends the sunset date for the Veterinarian Medical Board (VMB). Also requires every insurer providing liability insurance to a licensed veterinarian to send a complete report to VMB as to any settlement or arbitration award over \$10,000 for a claim or action for damages for death or injury caused by that person's negligence, error, or omission in practice, or of rendering unauthorized professional service. Also requires a licensee who has reasonable cause to believe that an animal under his or her care has been a victim of abuse or cruelty to promptly report it to the appropriate law enforcement authorities. Also makes other related changes pursuant to recommendations of the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee.

Last Action: Chapter 467, Statutes of 2004.

SB 1549 (Figueroa) Department of Consumer Affairs: licensing and regulatory boards.

Increases, from \$200 to \$400, the amount that the Osteopathic Medical Board may charge an osteopathic physician for initial licensing. Also extends the "sunset dates" for: the California Architects Board and the Landscape Architects Technical Committee; provisions of law governing certified interior designers and interior design organizations; the Court Reporters Board; the State Athletic Commission; and the Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Also makes related changes pursuant to recommendations of the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee.

Last Action: Chapter 691, Statutes of 2004.

SB 1563 (Escutia) Pharmacy manufacturers: price regulation.

Requires drug manufacturers that enter into contracts with state or local entities to offer discounted drug prices to specified types of clinics.

Last Action: Vetoed.

SB 1587 (Ashburn) State agencies: public forms and information.

Requires the Department of General Services to establish a website, upon the appropriation of funds for that purpose, to provide individuals wishing to start a small business with specified information. Also requires state agencies, to the extent deemed appropriate by the agency and to the extent permitted by existing resources, to make all public forms available on their websites, by July 1, 2005.

Last Action: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1691 (Vasconcellos) Physicians and surgeons: alternative or complementary medicine.

Provides that a licensed physician is not subject to discipline for specified aspects of unprofessional conduct solely on the basis that the physician's treatment or advice is "alternative or complementary medicine."

Last Action: Chapter 742, Statutes of 2004.

SB 1735 (Figueroa) Department of Consumer Affairs: boards: reestablishment of abolished positions.

Allows boards at the Department of Consumer Affairs to reestablish vacant positions that were eliminated due to budgetary requirements over the past two years if funding is available as determined by the Department of Finance. Also prohibits special funds of the boards from being loaned to the General Fund, and requires a schedule for the payback of loans already made to the General Fund from these boards.

Last Action: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1752 (Battin) Surplus state property.

Authorizes the Department of General Services to sell two parcels of surplus state land and makes provisions for the manner of the sale.

Last Action: Chapter 925, Statutes of 2004.

SB 1753 (Denham) Surplus state property.

Requires the Department of General Services to make surplus state property available for use by other state agencies for 60 days before selling the property, and permits the sale of the property by private real estate agents if the property is not needed or has not been transferred within 6 months.

Last Action: Held on Senate floor.

SB 1754 (Battin) State property: use of real property: Department of General Services.

Provides that the Department of General Services (DGS), with agreement from the Department of Finance, will make the final determination with respect to the use of existing office space that is state-owned, state-leased, or controlled by DGS.

Last Action: Vetoed.

SB 1757 (Denham) State procurement: vehicles.

Establishes requirements for California State University to acquire motor vehicles under the supervision of the Department of General Services, and encourages the University of California to follow these requirements.

Last Action: Chapter 926, Statutes of 2004.

SB 1758 (Battin) State property: inventory.

Requires state agencies, including the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the University of California, to report all real property in their possession or control, with a value of \$5,000 or more, to the Department of General Services (DGS), by March 1, 2005. Also requires DGS to maintain and update the real property inventory in a central database, and exempts specified property from these requirements.

Last Action: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1765 (Sher) Pharmaceutical companies: marketing practices: gifts to healthcare professionals.

Requires pharmaceutical companies to adopt and update a Comprehensive Compliance Program (CCP) for interactions with healthcare professionals. Requires a CCP to include, among other provisions, a company's policies on interactions with healthcare professionals and limits on gifts and incentives to medical or healthcare professionals. Also requires each pharmaceutical company to establish explicitly in its CCP a specific annual dollar limit on gifts, promotional materials, or items or activities that the company may give or provide to an individual healthcare professional. Also requires pharmaceutical companies to annually declare in writing that they are in compliance with their CCPs.

Last Action: Chapter 927, Statutes of 2004

SB 1775 (Ortiz) Public buildings: disability access.

Eliminates the December 31, 2004 sunset date on the provision of law that authorizes the State Architect, within the Department of General Services, to expend funds in the Disability Access Account for the purpose of developing building regulation amendments that may be necessary to ensure that the state's disability access standards meet or exceed those established by federal statute.

Last Action: Chapter 252, Statutes of 2004.

SB 1787 (Johnson) State property: inventory.

Clarifies that the Department of General Services shall update the annual inventory of real property by January 1 of each year, and deletes obsolete provisions of current law.

Last Action: Held in Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

SB 1788 (Johnson) Public contracts: goods and services.

Makes a technical change to an existing provision of the Public Contract Code relating to the approval of contracts for goods and services by the Department of General Services.

Last Action: Held in Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

SB 1793 (McPherson) Highway design-build contracts: local transportation authorities.

Authorizes a demonstration program to allow designated local transportation authorities to enter into design-build contracts for selected highway projects, according to extensive qualifying, procedural, and performance requirements and criteria.

Last Action: Held in Assembly Transportation Committee.

SB 1822 (Figueroa) Email privacy.

Specifies that a provider of email or instant messaging service may review, examine, or otherwise evaluate the content of a customer's incoming, outgoing, or stored email or instant messages only if the review is for the automated and contemporaneous display of an advertisement to the user while the user is viewing the email or instant message and specified conditions are satisfied.

Last Action: Held in Assembly Judiciary Committee.

SB 1834 (Bowen) Radio frequency identification systems.

Prohibits companies and libraries from using radio frequency identification (RFID) systems on items in order to gather, store, use or share personally identifiable information about a customer, unless specified requirements are met. RFID is a generic term for technologies that use radio waves to automatically identify items at a distance (25-30 feet) and store information.

Last Action: Held in Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

SB 1851 (Bowen) State buildings and publicly funded schools: standards.

Requires new state buildings to exceed current energy efficiency standards and be constructed and/or renovated to incorporate green building elements that are "cost-effective," as specified.

Last Action: Vetoed.

SB 1853 (Perata) Clinical social work.

Alters the definitions of the "practice of clinical social work" and "psychotherapy" in relation to the scope of practice of licensed clinical social workers.

Last Action: Held on Assembly floor.

SB 1865 (Aanestad) Dentists: licensing examinations.

Provides that an applicant for a license to practice dentistry may either successfully complete the current clinical and written examination developed and administered by the Dental Board of California, or a clinical and written examination administered by the Western Regional Examining Board.
Last Action: Chapter 670, Statutes of 2004.

SB 1893 (Burton) Pawnbrokers: secondhand dealers: coin dealers: regulation and fees.

Provides for the creation of an "electronic data reporting system" within the Department of Justice to record acquisition of "secondhand tangible personal property" by dealers and pawnbrokers, prescribes fees for licensure of dealers and pawnbrokers, and expands the scope of "secondhand tangible personal property" items that are subject to the reporting requirements of existing law.
Last Action: Held in Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

SB 1913 (Business and Professions Committee) Department of Consumer Affairs: licensing and regulatory boards.

Makes numerous non-controversial, technical, and non-substantive changes to provisions of law pertaining to regulatory boards at the Department of Consumer Affairs.
Last Action: Chapter 695, Statutes of 2004.

SB 1914 (Business and Professions Committee) Contractors: landscape architects: court reporters: geologists.

Makes numerous non-controversial, technical, and non-substantive changes to provisions of law pertaining to regulatory boards at the Department of Consumer Affairs.
Last Action: Chapter 865, Statutes of 2004.

SB 1915 (Business and Professions Committee) Department of Consumer Affairs: licensing and regulatory boards.

Makes numerous non-controversial, technical, and non-substantive changes to provisions of law pertaining to regulatory boards at the Department of Consumer Affairs.
Last Action: This bill was substantially amended and re-referred to the Assembly Judiciary Committee to address an unrelated issue: construction contracts: indemnification.