

Key to Legislative Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used in this publication to indicate the Senate (S.) or Assembly (A.) committee in which legislation is pending:

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES

Agr&WatRes – Agriculture & Water Resources
Appr – Appropriations
B&FR – Budget & Fiscal Review
B&P – Business and Professions
CA – Constitutional Amendments
Ed – Education
E&R – Elections & Reapportionment
EU&C – Energy, Utilities & Communications
EQ – Environmental Quality
FI&IT – Finance, Investment & International Trade
GO – Governmental Organization
H&HS – Health & Human Services
H&CD – Housing & Community Development
IR – Industrial Relations
Ins – Insurance
Jud – Judiciary
LegEth – Legislative Ethics
LGov – Local Government
NR&W – Natural Resources & Wildlife
PE&R – Public Employment & Retirement
PubS – Public Safety
Rev&Tax – Revenue & Taxation
Rls – Rules
Trans – Transportation
VA – Veterans Affairs

ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES

A<C – Aging & Long-Term Care
Agri – Agriculture
Appr – Appropriations
B&F – Banking & Finance
Budg – Budget
CPGE&ED – Consumer Protection, Governmental Efficiency & Economic Development
Ed – Education
ER&CA – Elections, Reapportionment & Constitutional Amendments
EnvS&ToxM – Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials
GO – Governmental Organization
Health – Health
HiEd – Higher Education
H&CD – Housing & Community Development
HumanS – Human Services
IT – Information Technology
Ins – Insurance
IT&D – International Trade & Development
Jud – Judiciary
L&E – Labor & Employment
LGov – Local Government
NatRes – Natural Resources
PERet&SS – Public Employees, Retirement & Social Security
PubS – Public Safety
Rev&Tax – Revenue & Taxation
Rls – Rules
Trans – Transportation
U&C – Utilities & Commerce
VA – Veterans Affairs
WP&W – Water, Parks & Wildlife

FEATURED IN THIS ISSUE . . .

- ◆ A 21-bill legislative package approved by Governor Davis transfers managed care regulation from the **Department of Corporations** to a new **Department of Managed Care**, requires HMOs to provide second opinions, creates a system of external independent review of HMO treatment decisions, exposes HMOs to liability for failure to provide medically necessary services, and requires health care decisions to be made by health care providers (page 7).
- ◆ The **Department of Insurance** will oversee two four-year pilot projects to test a low-cost automobile insurance policy for low-income good drivers in Los Angeles and San Francisco counties (page 160).
- ◆ A Sacramento County Superior Court judge rules that the **State Bar of California** illegally spent its members' mandatory licensing fees on improper political and ideological activities almost a decade ago (page 211), and the California **Supreme Court** reinstates the Bar's controversial continuing legal education program (page 212).
- ◆ The **Medical Board of California** and the **Board of Pharmacy** attempt to cope with the burgeoning problem of Internet pharmacies and to educate consumers about the serious dangers of purchasing prescription drugs over the Internet (pages 37 and 62).
- ◆ The Third District Court of Appeal largely upholds the ergonomics standards of **Cal-OSHA's** Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board, but applies them to all California employers by deleting an exception for employers with fewer than ten employees (page 142).
- ◆ The **Public Utilities Commission** continues to preside over a fragmented series of proceedings in its attempt to implement the state's electricity industry restructuring initiative (page 170).
- ◆ Refuting the **Board of Accountancy's** desire to increase its educational requirement for CPA licensure to 150 hours of college-level education (the equivalent of a master's degree), a Board-commissioned study finds "no relationship between the number of semester units taken and performance on any of the sections of the CPA examination" (page 193).
- ◆ Attorney General Bill Lockyer files a class action lawsuit against most title insurers licensed by the **Department of Insurance** and most escrow companies licensed by the **Department of Corporations** (pages 149 and 169).
- ◆ The **Respiratory Care Board** threatens to discontinue use of the national licensing examination provided by the **National Board for Respiratory Care** (page 78).
- ◆ The **Contractors' State License Board** (page 92), **Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors** (page 105), **Board of Registration for Geologists and Geophysicists** (page 114), and **Athletic Commission** (page 127) prepare for their second "sunset" review by the legislature.