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Legislative Session Ends

The 2020 Legislative session began as many previous sessions but by March 4th Governor Newsom had declared a state of emergency due to COVID 19, a novel virus that was sweeping across the globe. On March 11th, the WHO declared

“a pandemic, pointing to the over 118,000 cases of the coronavirus illness in over 110 countries and territories around the world and the sustained risk of further global spread.”

On March 19th, the Governor issued a “stay at home” order which impacted those other than jobs that were declared “essential or to shop for essential needs”. In fits and starts during the following months various retail and other limited services were permitted to open with modifications. *The Blueprint for a Safer Economy* issued August 28th establishes criteria, based on a tier system, which allows counties to determine when and what businesses may open.

The legislature closed down March 20th resulting in an unprecedented truncated session. The legislature met again in May after being closed for two months to work on the budget. All hearings that occurred going forward were via telephone or Zoom. For those who wished to testify in person, specific situations were set up with temperature checks, questions about your health asked and answered before being allowed access to the Capitol. Of the 2,390 bills introduced, approximately three-quarters were not heard; the remaining were whittled down to issues relating to:

- the budget
- issues relating to COVID19
- housing and homelessness
- economic recovery
- the broader issues of social and economic justice

Ultimately 457 bills were signed by the governor and 56 vetoed by September 30th, many covering the issues alluded to above.

Given the changes and the reduction in bills moving through the process, we took positions on 10 bills, (bill folder attached); 5 bills we supported were chaptered.



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Three bills of import:

AB 2112 (Ramos) - Authorizes the Department of Public Health (DPH) to establish the Office of Suicide Prevention (OSP) to among other functions, provide information and technical assistance to statewide and regional partners regarding best practices on suicide prevention policies and programs and conduct and convene experts and stakeholders to encourage collaboration and coordination of resources for suicide prevention. If OSP is established, DPH may focus resources on groups with the highest risk, including the youth and Native Americans.

The state auditor this week released a report on youth suicide prevention efforts - <https://auditor.ca.gov/pdfs/reports/2019-125.pdf>

SB 793 (Hill) - This bill would prohibit a tobacco retailer, or any of the tobacco retailer's agents or employees, from selling, offering for sale, or possessing with the intent to sell or offer for sale, a flavored tobacco product or a tobacco product flavor enhancer, as those terms are defined, except as specified.

SB 803 (Beall) - This bill would require the department, by July 1, 2022, subject to any necessary federal waivers or approvals, to establish statewide requirements for counties or their representatives to use in developing certification programs for the certification of peer support specialists, who are individuals who self-identify as having lived experience with the process of recovery from mental illness, substance use disorder, or both. See Governor's message in bill folder

Chaptered (signed into law) bills related to nursing:

AB 890 (Wood) – allows NPs to practice independent of physicians, establishes a commission which will oversee the new requirements and implementation: authorizes an NP to provide specified services in specified settings, without standardized procedures, if the NP meets additional education, examination, and training requirements; establishes physician consultation, collaboration, and referral requirements; and requires the BRN and the Department of Consumer Affairs to identify or develop an examination that tests for independent practice competency.

AB 2288 (Low) – during a state of emergency allows BRN upon request from nursing programs to change requirements for student's use of stim labs, in the clinical setting a change in requirements as well as a change in requirements for preceptorship.



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SB 1237 (Dodd) – allows Certified Nurse Midwives to practice without supervision by a MD, revises the provisions defining midwifery practice, authorizes furnishing thru standardized procedures with a MD, establishes new reporting requirements.

Other bills affecting nursing:

SB 275 (Pan) - Requires the Department of Public Health (CDPH) to establish a personal protective equipment (PPE) stockpile for health care workers and essential workers in the state and requires health care employers, as specified, to establish a PPE inventory that is sufficient for at least 45 days of surge consumption.

SB 1195 (Hill) Workers' compensation: COVID-19: critical workers – Adopts a disputable presumption that a peace officer, firefighter, specified frontline employees, educators and school employees and certain health care employees, as defined, who contract COVID-19 were infected with the virus via workplace exposure. Codifies Executive order N-62-20 and upon signature is now in effect.

Finally, there will be 12 initiatives/propositions 14-25 on the November 3rd ballot, this year. Everyone will have the option of using a mail in ballot for the upcoming election. Ballots will be mailed to your residence starting October 5th. Ballots returned by mail must be received by November 3rd.

For extensive information on the upcoming general election, see:

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/general-election-november-3-2020> - all you want to know.

Wildfires

California's fire season starting in July is the most destructive in California history having burned over 3 million acres of land and destroyed many thousands of homes and other structures so far. The lightning strikes that began August 15th caused many hundreds of fires across California and we are now under a fire state of emergency.

The Governor and likeminded scientists, policy experts and advocates believe and state that climate change plays a huge role in the fires affecting us this year. AB 32 (Pavley/Nunez) signed into law in 2006 "paved the way for California to begin to address greenhouse gas emission and set the stage for its transition to a sustainable low carbon future". California was the first in the nation to take this "comprehensive approach to climate change".



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Climate change according to Cal Fire “is now considered a key driver of warmer spring and summer temperatures, reduced snowpack, earlier spring snowmelt, create longer and more intense dry season that increase moisture stress on vegetation and make forests more susceptible to severe wildfire.”

To further address the issues relating to climate change, Governor Newsom on September 23rd issued an Executive Order restricting new car sales to only zero emission vehicles by 2035. California will be the first state to mandate 100% zero emission vehicles. Gas powered cars will be around but all new cars or light trucks purchased in 2035 and beyond must be zero emission.

COVID19 - <https://covid19.ca.gov/>

Totals – 819,436 cases; 16,074 deaths; tests 14,998,888

Yesterday - 3,160 cases and 83 deaths

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