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2015-16 LEGISLATIVE SESSION ENDS, BILLS ON GOVERNOR'S DESK

AMERICAN LEGION – DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA

The 2015-16 California Legislative Session ended on August 31st. Legislation that was passed during the last weeks of the legislative session are now on the Governor's desk awaiting a signature or veto. There are 789 of these bills and the Governor has until September 30 to take such action.

The bills listed below are bills your organization sponsored, supported, or watched that are currently on the Governor's desk.

To access the Legislature's website which has the language, status, votes, and analyses of all legislation from 1999 to the present, go to: <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml>

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AB 2085	AUTHOR: Irwin [D] DISPOSITION: To Governor SUMMARY: Creates the Office of Military Legal Assistance within the Military Department to assist current service members who require legal assistance by providing access to educational and informational resources and providing referral services to available legal assistance programs, including reduced fee services, pro bono services, and self-help services. Authorizes the areas of legal services assistance the Office may provide. Position: Support
AB 2254	AUTHOR: Achadjian [R] DISPOSITION: To Governor SUMMARY: Revises the list of armories to be made available for providing temporary shelter to homeless persons to include the Atascadero armory in San Luis Obispo County. Position: Support
AB 2273	AUTHOR: Irwin [D] DISPOSITION: To Governor SUMMARY: Prohibits a member of the active militia, including the National Guard, from being prosecuted for a military crime based on an attempt to kill himself or herself. Requires the Adjutant General to ensure that any member of the active militia that attempts to kill himself or herself is referred to the Behavioral Health Liaison Program to receive assistance, counseling, or referral to other

appropriate available services.

Position: Support

AB 2562

AUTHOR: Veterans Affairs Cmt

DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Relates to military service benefits. Deletes references to the date a reservist is called to active duty, both the definition of a reservist and payment deferral provisions, thereby making benefits available to any reservist who otherwise meets the definition.

Position: Support

SB 294

AUTHOR: Pan [D]

DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Requires the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System to provide a form to be used by a member to receive credit for his or her military service with employer-paid employee and employer contributions. Requires employers to inform the member his or her rights to receive credit within certain number of days of the member's return to state service by utilizing that form. Requires employer to provide letters or electronic communications to all employees informing them of those rights.

Position: Support

SB 543

AUTHOR: Wolk [D]

DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Amends existing law that establishes Veteran's Home of California in Barstow, Chula Vista, Lancaster, Ventura and Yountville. Provides for an administrator for each home or homesite. Provides funding for designing and constructing veterans' homes. Requires each home to establish a Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Operating Fund to administer quality of life activities for the general welfare of residents. Provides for funding.

Position: Support

SB 866

AUTHOR: Roth [D]

DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Authorizes a housing developer or service provider that provides housing or services pursuant to the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014, to provide housing or services to veterans and their children in women-only facilities in limited instances.

Position: Support

SB 905

AUTHOR: Bates [R]

DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Defines a club for purposes of the qualification for a on-premises liquor license for members of a club and their guests. Includes a nonprofit umbrella organization established to provide a central meeting location, and services for veterans, including those on active duty, and that owns or leases, operates, and maintains a facility for these purposes. Requires the organization to serve a minimum number of veteran organizations.

Position: Support

SB 1012

AUTHOR: Nguyen [R]

DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Requires any Flag of the United State or the Flag of the State purchased by the

State or any local government agency be made in the United States.

Position: Support

SB 1059

AUTHOR: Monning [D]

DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Relates to the State Approving Agency for Veterans Education. Includes as a qualifying institution for federal Title 38 awards, an institution that has been accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners, if the institution complies with specified disclosure and compliance requirements.

Position: Watch

SB 1180

AUTHOR: Jackson [D]

DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Requires that a certificated or classified employee who is a military veteran with a specified military service-connected disability rating be entitled to a specified number of days leave of absence with pay for the purpose of undergoing disability-related medical treatment.

Position: Watch

SB 1227

AUTHOR: Lara [D]

DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Requires the California Conservation Corps to collaborate with the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Employment Development Department to assist any corps member who is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces, in obtaining employment after participating in the corps program. Provides that such collaboration efforts shall include providing access to veterans supportive services and workforce services.

Position: Support

SB 1314

AUTHOR: Block [D]

DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Provides that community college students participating in specified baccalaureate degree programs who also satisfy specified eligibility requirements shall receive awards for upper division coursework fee. Extends awards under the Middle Class Scholarship Program to community college students enrolled in upper division coursework of a baccalaureate degree program. Requires the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to provide any financial data necessary for award determination.

Position: Support

SB 1455

AUTHOR: Block [D]

DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Provides that a pupil complies with a school district's residency requirements for school attendance in a school district if he or she is a pupil whose parent is transferred or is pending transfer to a military installation within the boundaries of the district while on active military duty pursuant to an official documentation. Requires a school district to accept applications by electronic means for enrollment and course registration for those pupils.

Position: Watch

SB 1458

AUTHOR: Bates [R]

DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Amends an existing property tax law which provides a disabled veteran's

property tax exemption for the principal place of residence of a veteran or a veteran's spouse. Expands that definition of veteran to include a person who has been discharged in other than dishonorable conditions from service under certain conditions and who has been determined to be eligible for federal veterans' health and medical benefits. Provides time periods regarding the disabled veterans' exemption.

Position: Support