

EMSA Legislative Update – Track Bills

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

[AB 40](#) ([Santiago](#) D) CURES database: health information technology system.
Introduced: 12/5/2016
Last Amend: 4/19/2017
Status: 5/10/2017-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.
Location: 4/25/2017-A. APPR.

Calendar: 5/17/2017 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room
4202 ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GONZALEZ FLETCHER, Chair

Summary: Would require the Department of Justice to make the electronic history of controlled substances dispensed to an individual under a health care practitioner's care, based on data contained in the CURES database, available to the practitioner through either an online Internet Web portal or an authorized health information technology system, as defined. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 186](#) ([Eggman](#) D) Controlled substances: safer drug consumption program.
Introduced: 1/19/2017
Last Amend: 3/23/2017
Status: 4/26/2017-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Location: 4/26/2017-A. THIRD READING

Calendar: 5/18/2017 #26 ASSEMBLY THIRD READING FILE - ASSEMBLY BILLS

Summary: Would, until January 1, 2022, authorize specified counties or cities within those counties to authorize the operation of supervised injection services programs for adults that satisfies specified requirements, including, among other things, a space supervised by healthcare professionals or other trained staff where people who use drugs can consume preobtained drugs, sterile consumption supplies, and access to referrals to addiction treatment.

[AB 289](#) ([Gray](#) D) Office of Emergency Services: State Emergency Plan: update.
Introduced: 2/2/2017
Status: 5/10/2017-Referred to Com. on G.O.
Location: 5/10/2017-S. G.O.

Summary: Would require the Office of Emergency Services to update the State Emergency Plan on or before January 1, 2019, and every 5 years thereafter.

[AB 437](#) ([Rodriguez](#) D) At-risk persons: first responders.
Introduced: 2/13/2017
Last Amend: 4/26/2017
Status: 4/27/2017-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Location: 4/18/2017-A. APPR.

Calendar: 5/17/2017 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room
4202 ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GONZALEZ FLETCHER, Chair

Summary: Would require the Attorney General to establish and maintain within the Violent Crime Information Center a Voluntary Online At-Risk Community Network for purposes of providing information to first responders in order to prevent harmful interactions between first responders and seniors or persons with disabilities, as defined. The bill would prescribe the information that a senior, a person with a disability, a person with a limited conservatorship of a person with a developmental or intellectual disability, as specified, or a parent or legal guardian of a minor child with a disability may voluntarily provide to the Attorney General for inclusion in the network, and prescribe how the network would be developed and communicated to the public, as specified.

[AB 451](#) ([Arambula](#) D) Health facilities: emergency services and care.
Introduced: 2/13/2017
Last Amend: 4/6/2017
Status: 5/15/2017-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.
Location: 5/15/2017-S. DESK

Summary: Would specify that an acute psychiatric hospital, excluding certain state hospitals, regardless of whether it maintains an emergency department, is required to provide emergency care and services to relieve or eliminate a psychiatric emergency medical condition if the hospital has appropriate facilities and qualified personnel and the patient is being transferred from a general acute care hospital. The bill would prohibit a general acute care hospital or an acute psychiatric hospital, as a condition to accepting a transfer of the patient from another health facility, from requiring that a patient be in custody as a result of a mental health disorder causing him or her to be a danger to others or himself or herself, or is gravely disabled.

[AB 561](#) ([Voepel](#) R) Sales and use taxes: exclusion: public safety first responder vehicle and equipment: local public employee retirement: employer contributions.
Introduced: 2/14/2017
Last Amend: 4/17/2017
Status: 5/3/2017-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.
Location: 5/3/2017-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Current sales and use tax laws impose a tax on retailers measured by the gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal property sold at retail in this state, or on the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of tangible personal property purchased from a retailer for storage, use, or other consumption in this state, measured by sales price.

The Sales and Use Tax Law defines the terms “gross receipts” and “sales price.” This bill, for any public safety first responder vehicle and any equipment required on a public safety first responder vehicle that is purchased by a local public agency, would exclude from the terms “gross receipts” and “sales price,” amounts of the gross receipts or sales price in excess of \$800,000 of an individual item.

[AB 583](#) ([Wood](#) D) Emergency medical air transportation.

Introduced: 2/14/2017

Status: 5/10/2017-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Location: 5/10/2017-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Current law repeals the Emergency Medical Air Transportation Act on January 1, 2020. This bill would extend the dates of the Emergency Medical Air Transportation Act, so that the assessment of the penalties will terminate commencing January 1, 2028, and any moneys unexpended and unencumbered in the Emergency Medical Air Transportation Act Fund on June 30, 2029, will transfer to the General Fund. The bill would extend the operation of the Emergency Medical Air Transportation Act until January 1, 2030

[AB 676](#) ([Limón](#) D) Child care and development: occupational health and safety training.

Introduced: 2/15/2017

Last Amend: 3/27/2017

Status: 3/28/2017-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 3/27/2017-A. APPR.

Calendar: 5/17/2017 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room
4202 ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GONZALEZ FLETCHER, Chair

Summary: Would, effective July 1, 2018, require an early educator, as defined, to attend a one-time, two-hour, peer-led training on occupational health and safety risks specific to the child care profession, and on how to identify and avoid those risks. The bill would require the Department of Industrial Relations to select an entity to provide this training. The bill would require that entity to develop the curriculum for the training and to provide periodic updates on health and safety issues for early educators who have completed the training, as specified.

[AB 697](#) ([Fong](#) R) Tolls: exemption for privately owned emergency ambulances.

Introduced: 2/15/2017

Status: 5/4/2017-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 5/4/2017-S. DESK

Summary: Current law provides for the exemption of authorized emergency vehicles, as defined, from the payment of a toll or charge on a vehicular crossing, toll highway, or high-occupancy toll (HOT) lane and any related fines, when the authorized emergency vehicle is being driven while responding to or returning from an urgent or emergency call, engaged in an urgent or emergency response, or engaging in a fire station coverage

assignment directly related to an emergency response. This bill would expand the exemption from the payment of a toll or charge on a vehicular crossing, toll highway, or high-occupancy toll (HOT) lane and any related fines under these conditions to include a privately owned emergency ambulance licensed by the California Highway Patrol.

[AB 820](#) ([Gipson D](#)) Emergency Medical Services Authority: task force: transportation alternatives.
Introduced: 2/15/2017
Last Amend: 3/23/2017
Status: 4/28/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was HEALTH on 3/23/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)
Location: 4/28/2017-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Would authorize the Emergency Medical Services Authority to establish a task force, as provided, to develop a report evaluating alternative destinations to a general acute care hospital for first responders to transport a patient who may be a danger to himself, herself, or others or gravely disabled as a result of a mental health disorder. The bill would require the report to be published on the authority's Internet Web site.

[AB 871](#) ([Santiago D](#)) Office of Emergency Services: disaster programs.
Introduced: 2/16/2017
Last Amend: 4/6/2017
Status: 4/26/2017-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.
Location: 4/19/2017-A. APPR.

Summary: Would appropriate \$3,000,000 from the General Fund to the Office of Emergency Services to fund current disaster preparedness, resiliency, and response programs in underserved neighborhoods and communities that may be subject to earthquake, fire, or other disaster. The bill would require the office to distribute the funds on or before June 31, 2018, to a qualified charitable organization, as defined, that provides a regional disaster preparedness, response, and resilience program to underserved neighborhoods and communities that meets specified criteria.

[AB 896](#) ([Rodriguez D](#)) Emergency services.
Introduced: 2/16/2017
Status: 5/12/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was PRINT on 2/16/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)
Location: 5/12/2017-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to the inclusion of all California federally recognized tribes in California's emergency services and disaster preparedness agreements, including, but not limited to, state mutual aid agreements.

[AB 1204](#) ([Mayes R](#)) Public health: emergency prescriptions.
Introduced: 2/17/2017
Last Amend: 3/28/2017
Status: 5/12/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was HEALTH on 3/27/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)
Location: 5/12/2017-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Current law, the Emergency Medical Services System and the Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act, states that it is the policy of the State of California to ensure the provision of effective and efficient emergency medical care. This bill would authorize a licensed physician to prescribe a one-month supply of a life-saving medication, as described, to a patient to be stored for the use of that patient in case of a natural disaster or other emergency.

[AB 1283](#) ([Rodriguez D](#)) Firefighting: federal reimbursements: volunteer firefighters.
Introduced: 2/17/2017
Last Amend: 4/26/2017
Status: 5/11/2017-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.
Location: 5/11/2017-S. DESK

Summary: Would require a nonprofit or public fire department with volunteer firefighters that receives federal reimbursement for personnel costs associated with firefighting in which its volunteer firefighters have participated to pass through to those volunteers an amount equivalent to 20% of the amount that otherwise would be required to hire a permanent employee for the same services, consistent with United States Department of Labor guidance on maintaining the volunteer status of firefighters. By increasing the duties of local officials, and expanding the scope of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

[SB 20](#) ([Hill D](#)) Vehicles: buses: seatbelts.
Introduced: 12/5/2016
Last Amend: 4/6/2017
Status: 4/20/2017-Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 40. Noes 0.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.
Location: 4/20/2017-A. DESK

Summary: Would require a passenger in a bus that is equipped with safety belts to be properly restrained by a safety belt and would require a motor carrier to maintain those safety belts in good working order for the use of the passengers. The bill would exempt a passenger leaving his or her seat to use an onboard bathroom from the seatbelt requirement. The bill would also require a motor carrier operating a bus equipped with safety belts to either: (1) require the bus driver to inform passengers of the requirement to wear a seatbelt or (2) post, or allow to be posted, signs or placards informing passengers of the requirement to wear a seatbelt, as specified.

[SB 291](#) ([Berryhill](#) R) Disaster relief.
Introduced: 2/9/2017
Status: 5/12/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was RLS. on 2/9/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)
Location: 5/12/2017-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: The California Disaster Assistance Act provides that the state share for disaster project allocations to local agencies is no more than 75% of total state eligible costs, except for specified events for which the state share is up to 100% of state eligible costs. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to this provision.

[SB 359](#) ([Galgiani](#) D) Professions and vocations: military medical personnel.
Introduced: 2/14/2017
Status: 5/12/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was RLS. on 2/14/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)
Location: 5/12/2017-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Current law provides for the licensure and regulation of various professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would promote and pursue programmatic changes to nursing and paramedic licensure requirements for California's military medical personnel in order to recognize the talent, skills, and training of these military medical personnel.

[SB 523](#) ([Hernandez](#) D) Medi-Cal: emergency medical transport providers: quality assurance fee.
Introduced: 2/16/2017
Last Amend: 4/24/2017
Status: 5/15/2017-May 15 hearing: Placed on APPR. suspense file.
Location: 5/15/2017-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Would, commencing July 1, 2018, and subject to federal approval, impose a quality assurance fee for each emergency medical transport provided by an emergency medical transport provider, as defined, subject to the quality assurance fee in accordance with a prescribed methodology. The bill would authorize the director to exempt categories of emergency medical transport providers from the quality assurance fee if necessary to obtain federal approval. The bill would require the Director of Health Care Services to deposit the collected quality assurance fee into the Medi-Cal Emergency Medical Transport Fund.

[SB 562](#)

([Lara](#) D) The Healthy California Act.

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Last Amend: 4/17/2017

Status: 4/27/2017-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (April 26). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/26/2017-S. APPR.

Calendar: 5/22/2017 11 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room
(4203) SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, LARA, Chair

Summary: Current law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid program provisions. This bill, the Healthy California Act, would create the Healthy California program to provide comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage and a health care cost control system for the benefit of all residents of the state.

[SB 687](#)

([Skinner](#) D) Health facilities: emergency centers: Attorney General.

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Last Amend: 5/3/2017

Status: 5/15/2017-May 15 hearing: Placed on APPR. suspense file.

Location: 5/15/2017-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Current law requires any nonprofit corporation, as defined, that operates or controls a health facility or operates or controls a facility that provides similar health care, to provide written notice to, and obtain the written consent of, the Attorney General prior to agreeing to sell or otherwise dispose of a material amount of its assets to a for-profit corporation or entity, a mutual benefit corporation or entity, or another nonprofit corporation or entity. Current law authorizes the Attorney General to consider whether the terms and conditions of the agreement or transaction are fair and reasonable to the corporation, and whether the agreement or transaction is at a fair market value, as specified. This bill would apply the above notice and consent requirements to a nonprofit corporation, as defined, prior to agreeing to sell, transfer, lease, exchange, option, convey, or otherwise dispose of the assets resulting from the reduction or elimination of emergency medical services provided at a licensed emergency center after the Attorney General gives a specified consent or conditional consent.