

CHEAC Hot Sheet #24 – 2008

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Bill Number Author Subject Last Amendment	Bill Status	Description	CHEAC Position
ASSEMBLY BILLS			
NEW BILL AB 1519/Ma <i>Health Departments</i> Amended 6/17/08	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Would authorize counties, if they elect to do so, to establish a permit program for commercial human remains shows (may also establish a fee to do so). Counties may issue a permit for this purpose upon a determination, by <i>county health officials</i>, that the show backers have provided valid written authorization to display human remains from the decedent or any person authorized to make an anatomical gift.	Watch w/ Concerns
AB 1634/Levine <i>Animal Control</i> Amended 7/1/08	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>7/14/08</u> .	Increases fines for nonspayed or unneutered dogs for the first and second offense. Upon the third offense, requires an owner, at their own expense, to spay or neuter their dog. Increases fines for nonspayed or unneutered cats for the first offense and requires owners, at their own expense, to spay or neuter their cat upon their second offense. Fines owners of nonspayed or unneutered dogs or cats that are the subject of a complaint to local animal control agencies. Fines are directed to local animal control. Penalties are waived if owner provides written proof from a vet that the animal was spayed or neutered within 14 business days of the citation. Restricts payments to local agencies for complying with animal control impounding time limits (SB 1785/Hayden) if they are not in compliance with rabies reporting requirements.	S-2

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AB 1825/Beall CCS Amended 6/16/08	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 7/14/08 . <i>Latest Amendment:</i> 7/7/08	Would create a new dispute resolution process for resolving disputes between Regional Centers and any "publicly funded generic agencies" regarding which agency should pay for services identified in the individualized family service plan for any child under 6 years of age. The Regional Center would initiate the dispute resolution process, and the other agency would have to respond within 15 days. If resolution isn't reached within the next 10 days, the issue would go before the Office of Administrative Hearings, whose decision would be binding.	Watch w/ Concerns
AB 1900/Nava EMS Amended 7/2/08	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Extends the sunset, until 1/1/11, for the special Santa Barbara County Maddy legislation enacted in 2004. Dramatically decreases the types of vehicle penalty assessments going to their Maddy Fund. Eliminates the special diversion of 17% in the SB Maddy Fund to trauma care.	Watch w/ Concerns
AB 2400/Price Hospitals Amended 7/1/08	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Requires general acute care hospitals or psychiatric hospitals, prior to closing or eliminating supplemental services, to provide public notice on all entrances into the facility, notice to the CDPH, notice to the local board of supervisors. Also requires said health facility, 18 months after proposed changes have been made, to report to CDPH and the public on the impact of the changes on mortality, morbidity, readmissions, patient injuries and infection rates. Exempts public facilities from all requirements except for the 18 months later report to DPH.	Watch w/ Concerns
AB 2527/Berg MAA/TCM Amended 4/7/08	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee. <i>Latest Amendment:</i> 7/10/08	Technical clean-up to MAA/TCM statute.	S-1
AB 2702/Nunez EMS Amended 6/30/08	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Adds standby emergency services in a Los Angeles facility to the list of eligible entities fro Maddy Fund emergency services reimbursements.	Watch w/ Concerns
AB 2716/Ma Public Health Emp. Benefits Amended 6/19/08	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Provides paid sick days for all employees in the state who work for more than 7 days in a calendar year. Other provisions.	Watch w/ Concerns

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AB 2875/Lieber <i>Medi-Cal</i> Amended 7/1/08	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Requires DHCS make necessary technological and policy changes to ensure that Medi-Cal is continued when beneficiaries report a change of circumstances to the Food Stamp or CalWORKs program that would continue their Medi-Cal eligibility. Also requires DHCS to establish procedures to repopulate all Medi-Cal renewal forms sent to beneficiaries.	S-2
AB 2917/Torrico <i>EMS</i> Amended 7/2/08	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Establishes integrated (employer/LEMSA) process for disciplining EMT's. Requires EMSA to develop regulations for disciplinary procedures. Other provisions.	Special Interest Bill
AB 2942/Ma <i>Hospitals</i> Amended 6/17/08	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Requires OSHPD to develop a standardized format and methodology for hospitals to utilize in calculating and presenting community benefits information. Requires all hospitals (including public) in state (not just non-profits) to complete community needs assessments and community benefit plans. Other provisions.	Watch w/ Concerns
AB 2996/De La Torre <i>Emergency Preparedness</i>	<i>Location:</i> On Senate Floor.	Requires CDPH and local health departments (LHDs) to establish a process when conducting exercises on the outbreak of an infectious disease to identify any deficiencies in their preparedness plans and procedures and to track implementation of corrective measures.	Watch w/ Concerns
AJR 54/Laird <i>SCHIP</i> Amended 5/28/08	Resolution Chapter 82, Statutes of 2008	Memorializes Congress and the President to rescind the August 17, 2007, CMS directive on the SCHIP program.	S-2
SENATE BILLS			
SB 158/Florez <i>Hospitals Infection Control</i> Amended 7/1/08	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 7/16/08 .	Repeals the Hospital Infectious Disease Control Program established in 2006. Creates a new program within CDPH for health care infection surveillance, prevention and control. Assesses an additional fee on hospitals to pay for the program. Other provisions.	Watch w/ Concerns

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SB 840/Kuehl <i>Health Care Reform</i> Amended 7/10/07	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>7/16/08</u> .	Establishes the California Health Insurance System to be administered by the newly created CA Health Insurance Agency under the control of an elected Health Insurance Commissioner. Makes all CA residents eligible for specified health care benefits under the system, which would, on a single-payer basis, negotiate for or set fees for health care services provided through the system and pay claims for those services. Requires the commissioner to seek all necessary waivers, exemptions, agreements or legislation to allow various existing federal, state and local health care payments to be paid to the system. Creates a health insurance policy board. Allows the Healthcare Commissioner to determine city and county contributions to the program. Other provisions.	SIA
SB 997/Ridley-Thomas <i>EMS</i> Amended 6/19/08	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>7/16/08</u> .	EMT certification and licensure bill.	Watch w/ Concerns
SB 1058/Alquist <i>Health Facilities</i> Amended 7/1/08	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>7/16/08</u> .	Establishes the Medical Facility Infection Control & Prevention Act that requires all hospitals to implement procedures for the screening, prevention and reporting of specific acquired infections. Assesses a fee on hospitals to pay for the program.	Watch w/ Concerns
SB 1184/Kuehl <i>Disease Reporting</i> Amended 6/26/08	<i>Location:</i> On Assembly Floor. <i>Latest Amendment:</i> 7/3/08	Requires all clinical labs to report all CD4 and T-Cell count test results to health officers within seven days. Other provisions.	S-2
SB 1236/Padilla <i>EMS</i> Amended 4/3/08	Signed by Governor. Chapter 60, Statutes of 2008	Extends the sunset to 1/1/14 that authorizes Boards of Supervisors to levy additional penalties collected for criminal offenses to be used for pediatric trauma centers and county EMS (Maddy Fund).	S-2
SB 1307/Ridley-Thomas <i>Pharmacy</i> Amended 6/17/08	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>7/16/08</u> .	Sets additional requirements for the drug pedigree program established in previous legislation by requiring the addition of a unique identification number for each drug pedigree required product. Pushes the date for compliance for the drug pedigree program for wholesalers to 1/1/12 and for pharmacies to 7/1/12. Other provisions.	Watch w/ Concerns

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SB 1415/Kuehl <i>Patient Records</i> Amended 7/1/08	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>7/16/08</u> .	Requires health care providers to obtain a signed statement from the patient, setting forth the patient's rights regarding the intended retention period of that patient's records. Requires the provider to notify a patient no fewer than 60 days before their records are destroyed or are scheduled to be destroyed if it occurs at a date earlier than the period specified in the patient's signed statement. Health care providers who violate these requirements may be cited and assessed administrative penalties (upon second or subsequent violations). Requirement applies to all patient records created after 1/1/09 – exemption provided for patient records created for minors.	Watch w/ Concerns

Definitions of Legislative Terms

Chaptered – A bill passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor.

Concurrence – The approval by the house of origin of a bill that was amended in the opposite house .

Dead Bill – A bill that has not passed out of it's house of origin by the end of January of the second-year of the two-year legislative session. (Please note all deadlines may be waived by Legislative leadership.)

Failed Passage – A bill that has been voted on in either a committee or assembly or senate floor and did not receive a majority vote. An urgency measure or tax increase must receive 2/3 vote on the floor.

Gut and Amend – An amended bill where the previous legislative language is removed and replaced with entirely new subject matter.

Held in Committee – Status of a bill that is heard in committee but no action is taken.

Inactive File – A bill ready for floor consideration but placed on a dormant list upon the author's request.

Interim Study – The assignment of a bill's subject matter to the appropriate committee for study during the period the Legislature is not in session.

Reconsideration Granted – A motion giving the opportunity to take another vote on a bill that has failed passage in a committee hearing or floor session.

Rules Committee – All bills are initially referred to this committee in each house for policy committee assignments.

Spot Bill (or intent bill) – A bill that proposes nonsubstantive changes to a code section in a particular subject. Often used as a legislative vehicle later in the legislative session for ideas not fully fleshed out when the bill is introduced.

Suspense File – Bills meeting a certain appropriation threshold in fiscal committees are placed on the suspense file. Fiscal committees in each house hold a special hearing close to the fiscal committee deadlines (late May and August) to determine which bills will come off the suspense file and move forward. The decision on each bill is pre-determined by leadership and the committee vote is mostly a formality.

Two-Year Bill – A bill that has not passed out of it’s house of origin policy or appropriations committee by designated deadlines in the first year of a two-year legislative session. (Please note all deadlines may be waived by Legislative leadership.)

CHEAC Legislative Position Chart

S - 1 Strong Support	S - 2 Soft Support	S - 3 Discretionary Support	SIA Support if Amended
O - 1 Strong Oppose	O - 2 Soft Oppose	O - 3 Discretionary Oppose	OUA Oppose Unless Amended
WC Watch with Concerns	W - SIB Watch - Special Interest Bill	W Watch	R/BB Refer/Bring Back