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## GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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### VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, CALIFORNIA STATE COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

*June 7, 2012*

Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> was one of the important legislative deadlines. Legislation was required to pass out of the House it was introduced in (House of Origin) to the other House or the legislation is dead. Below is an updated bill list. Please note in the commentary section those that did not make the deadline.

While regular committee meetings on legislation continue as bills move through their second House, the attention of the Legislature and Governor will focus on the annual budget. The budget deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup>.

The schedule for the remainder of the legislative session is as follows: if the budget passes, the Legislature will take a summer recess beginning on July 6<sup>th</sup>. The Legislature is scheduled to reconvene on August 6<sup>th</sup> and they will work on legislation until adjournment on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Any bill that does not pass by the end of session is dead as this is the second year of a two year session. The Governor will have until September 30<sup>th</sup> to sign or veto the bills which passed.

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#### [CA AB 342](#)

**AUTHOR:** Atkins (D)  
**TITLE:** Office of Planning and Research  
**LAST AMEND:** 01/31/2012  
**FILE:** 29  
**LOCATION:** Senate Third Reading File  
**SUMMARY:** Requires the Office of Planning and Research, which is the coordinating agency for environmental justice programs, to serve as the state's liaison to the United States Department of Defense in order to facilitate coordination regarding issues that are of significant interest to the state and department.  
**Position:** Support

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#### [CA AB 372](#)

**AUTHOR:** Hernandez R (D)  
**TITLE:** Community Colleges: Matriculation Services  
**LAST AMEND:** 06/01/2011  
**LOCATION:** Senate Appropriations Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Relates to the college student matriculation process. Requires that military personnel and veteran students be given a prior learning assessment to determine college-level learning gain in other than a college credit setting. Requires the assessment to meet the standards of the American Council on Education, the Council for Adult and Experimental Learning, or other equivalent standard for awarding academic credits.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 477](#)

**AUTHOR:** Valadao (R)  
**TITLE:** Elections: Vote by Mail Ballots  
**LAST AMEND:** 04/05/2011  
**LOCATION:** Senate Appropriations Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Amends existing law that requires that a vote by mail ballot be received by the issuing elections official no later than the close of polls on election day. Makes an exception for special absentee voters temporarily living outside of the territorial limits of the U.S. and the District of Columbia, and instead requires that their vote by mail ballots be postmarked on or before election day and received by their elections officials not later than 10 days after election day.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 557](#)

**AUTHOR:** Perez J (D)  
**TITLE:** National Guard: Interagency Council on Veteran Services  
**LAST AMEND:** 07/14/2011  
**LOCATION:** Senate Appropriations Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Creates in state government the Interagency Council on Veteran Services and Programs for the purpose of bringing together key state agencies and departments, federal officials, legislative representatives, local governments, and stakeholder organizations to ensure that the state's programs that serve veterans are efficiently administered and properly integrated with federal and local government and stakeholder organizations.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 649](#)

**AUTHOR:** Harkey (R)  
**TITLE:** Postsecondary Education: Veteran's Enrollment  
**LAST AMEND:** 03/31/2011  
**LOCATION:** Senate Education Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Grants priority class registration for public postsecondary education to members or former members of the Armed Forces, who are State residents, within 5 years of leaving active duty.  
**Commentary:** Co-Sponsored by Student Veterans of CA & AMVETS  
**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 1223](#)

**AUTHOR:** Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee  
**TITLE:** Medi-Cal: Public Assistance Reporting System  
**LAST AMEND:** 08/24/2011  
**COMMITTEE:** Senate Health Committee  
**HEARING:** 06/20/2012 1:30 pm, Burton Hearing Room (4203)  
**SUMMARY:** Amends existing law that requires the Department of Health Care Services to

establish a 2-year pilot program to utilize the federal Public Assistance and Reporting Information System to identify veterans and their dependents and survivors and assist them in obtaining federal veterans' health care benefits. Removes the pilot project nature of these provisions, and requires the department to implement this program statewide.

**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 1224](#)

**AUTHOR:** Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee

**TITLE:** Veterans: Farm and Home Purchases

**LAST AMEND:** 05/01/2012

**LOCATION:** Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee

**SUMMARY:** Authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs to adopt regulations to implement the Veterans' Farm and Home Purchase Act for cooperative dwelling units. Revises the forfeiture and calculation of net gain in connection with the sale of a unit. Eliminates the requirement that the initial payment amount be based on the creditworthiness of the purchaser. Requires that the employment training programs 3-year plan of the Employment Training Panel include military veterans and members of the National Guard.

**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 1225](#)

**AUTHOR:** Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee

**TITLE:** Cemeteries: Veteran's Commemorative Property

**LAST AMEND:** 01/24/2012

**LOCATION:** Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee

**SUMMARY:** Prohibits any person or entity, except a municipal corporation, that owns or controls a cemetery where veteran's commemorative property has been placed from selling, trading, or transferring that property. Requires that person or entity that wishes to sell, trade, or transfer veteran's commemoration property to petition for permission to sell, trade, or transfer all or any part of that property. Establishes procedures to grant the permission. Makes a violation of these procedures a misdemeanor.

**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 1422](#)

**AUTHOR:** Perea (D)

**TITLE:** Department of Veterans Affairs: Administration

**LAST AMEND:** 07/14/2011

**LOCATION:** Senate Rules Committee

**SUMMARY:** States the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Veterans Affairs identify any savings in the operations of the veterans home system and prioritize the allocation of those identified savings to offset any program reductions. Requires the department to make a report to the Legislature that would include information on the savings and the programs that were augmented with those identified savings.

**Position:** Sponsor

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[CA AB 1500](#)

**AUTHOR:** Perez J (D)  
**TITLE:** Corporation Taxes: Apportionment: Scholarship Fund  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/25/2012  
**FILE:** 9  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Third Reading File  
**SUMMARY:** Amends the provisions of the Corporation Tax Law that pertains to the single sales factor. Requires a taxpayer to apportion its income in accordance with a single sales factor. Revises the rules that determine whether a taxpayer is doing business in the state and that determine whether sales other than tangible personal property occur in the state, including for cable system or networks. Increases the revenue from any related change to be deposited into the Middle Class Scholarship Fund.  
**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline  
**Position:** NoPosition

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[CA AB 1501](#)

**AUTHOR:** Perez J (D)  
**TITLE:** Student Aid: Middle Class Scholarship Program  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/25/2012  
**LOCATION:** SENATE  
**SUMMARY:** Establishes the Middle Class Scholarship Program. Provides the financial aid formula involved in the program and the qualifying factors. Provides that any excess funds in the program shall be expended to the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program.  
**Position:** NoPosition

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[CA AB 1505](#)

**AUTHOR:** Pan (D)  
**TITLE:** Veterans' Benefits: Reinstatement  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/03/2012  
**COMMITTEE:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee  
**HEARING:** 06/12/2012 1:30 pm, Rose Ann Vuich Hearing Room (2040)  
**SUMMARY:** Provides that if the federal government acts to reinstate benefits to discharged veterans who were denied those benefits solely on the basis of sexual orientation pursuant to any federal policy prohibiting homosexual personnel from serving, the state shall reinstate to those veterans any state-offered benefits. Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide Internet resources or links and printed materials regarding veterans' legal service organizations specializing in discharge upgrades.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 1550](#)

**AUTHOR:** Bonilla (D)

**TITLE:** Vehicles: Veterans' Organizations License Plates: Fees  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/14/2012  
**COMMITTEE:** Senate Transportation and Housing Committee  
**HEARING:** 06/12/2012 1:30 pm, Burton Hearing Room (4203)  
**SUMMARY:** Increases the amount of additional fees for veterans' special license plates. Clarifies that this special plate program shall permit veterans to apply for plates that indicate their service and nonveterans to apply for plates that honor veterans. Requires the issuance of related decals.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 1588](#)

**AUTHOR:** Atkins (D)  
**TITLE:** Professions and Vocations: Reservist Licensees  
**LAST AMEND:** 03/05/2012  
**LOCATION:** SENATE  
**SUMMARY:** Requires boards, commissions, or bureaus within the Department of Consumer Affairs to waive renewal fees and continuing education requirements of any licensee or registrant who is a reservist called to active duty as a member of the Military Reserve or the California National Guard if certain requirements are met.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 1592](#)

**AUTHOR:** Olsen (R)  
**TITLE:** Veterans: Benefits: Fee Waiver  
**LAST AMEND:** 03/26/2012  
**LOCATION:** Senate Rules Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Authorizes the governing board of a county or city to grant financial assistance, relief and support to disabled veterans by waiving service-related fees charged by the county or city.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 1614](#)

**AUTHOR:** Monning (D)  
**TITLE:** Fort Ord Reuse Authority  
**LAST AMEND:** 03/12/2012  
**COMMITTEE:** Senate Governance and Finance Committee  
**HEARING:** 06/13/2012 9:30 am, Room 112  
**SUMMARY:** Amends the Fort Ord Reuse Authority Act regarding future use and development of the territory occupied by the Fort Ord military base in Monterey County. Makes the act inoperative when the authority's board makes a determination that a specified percentage of the territory of Fort Ord that is designated for development or reuse has been developed or reused in a manner consisted with the original plan or a specified date, whichever comes first. Requires the submission of an approved plan to Monterey County.  
**Position:** Support

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### [CA AB 1644](#)

**AUTHOR:** Carter (D)  
**TITLE:** Military Base Reuse and Preservation Act of 2012  
**LAST AMEND:** 03/29/2012  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Local Government Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Enacts the State Military Base Reuse and Preservation Act of 2012. Makes findings and declarations relating to the granting of redevelopment powers to communities affected by federal military base closures. Requires a reuse plan to contain several elements relating to the economic, environmental, and low- and moderate-income housing impacts of the military base closure. Authorizes the reuse authority to acquire and dispose of real property and other assets adjacent to, or near, the former base.  
**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline  
**Position:** Support

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### [CA AB 1652](#)

**AUTHOR:** Olsen (R)  
**TITLE:** California American Portugese Veterans Memorial  
**LAST AMEND:** 03/19/2012  
**COMMITTEE:** Senate Governmental Organization Committee  
**HEARING:** 06/12/2012 9:30 am, Burton Hearing Room (4203)  
**SUMMARY:** Authorizes the American Portugese Club Incorporated to construct and maintain a memorial in the Capitol Historic Region to honor California American Portugese veterans. Requires the planning, construction, and maintenance of the memorial would be funded with private donations through the club. Prohibits the construction of the memorial until the master plan of the state Capitol Park is approved and adopted by the Joint Committee on Rules, and it is determined that sufficient private funding is available.  
**Position:** Support

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### [CA AB 1677](#)

**AUTHOR:** Nestande (R)  
**TITLE:** Corporate Income Tax: Filing Requirements: Tax-Exempt  
**LAST AMEND:** 06/04/2012  
**LOCATION:** Senate Governance and Finance Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Amends the Corporation Tax Law which states that specific tax-exempt organizations are exempted from the requirement to file annual information returns, including those organizations the gross receipts of which in each taxable year are normally not more than a specified amount. Increases the gross receipts threshold for the application of the exemption from the annual filing requirement to a specified amount.  
**Position:** Watch

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### [CA AB 1725](#)

**AUTHOR:** Lowenthal B (D)  
**TITLE:** Driver's Licenses: Identification Cards: Veterans

**LOCATION:** Assembly Appropriations Committee

**SUMMARY:** Requires the application for a driver's license or identification card to also allow a person to present to the Department of Motor Vehicles a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. Requires the department to charge an additional fee in an unspecified amount to a person who requests that the person's driver's license or identification card be designated with a letter V or another appropriate designation.

**Commentary:** AmLeg,AMVETS,CACVSO & VVA sponsored

**Commentary001:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline

**Position:** Sponsor

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[CA AB 1739](#)

**AUTHOR:** Allen (D)

**TITLE:** Veterans' Home Allied Council: Facilities and Activity

**LAST AMEND:** 04/17/2012

**COMMITTEE:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee

**HEARING:** 06/12/2012 1:30 pm, Rose Ann Vuich Hearing Room (2040)

**SUMMARY:** Amends existing law that requires a veterans' home administrator to maintain a morale, welfare, and recreation fund to be used to provide certain operations and activities to the general welfare of the veterans. Authorizes the administrator to enter into an agreement with an allied council that authorizes the council to operate facilities and activities of the home. Requires the agreement to be in the form and manner as specified by the administrator.

**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 1805](#)

**AUTHOR:** Huffman (D)

**TITLE:** Military or Overseas Voters

**LAST AMEND:** 05/25/2012

**LOCATION:** SENATE

**SUMMARY:** Amends an existing law regulating the voting procedures for special absentee voters, replacing the term special absentee voter with the term military or overseas voter. Applies the voting procedures for citizens of the United States living outside of the territorial limits of the United States in federal elections to military or overseas voters in all elections. Requires voting materials to be electronically transmitted to a military or overseas voter. Extends the use of the federal post card application.

**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 1806](#)

**AUTHOR:** Cook (R)

**TITLE:** Veteran Interment: Veterans' Remains Organizations

**LAST AMEND:** 03/26/2012

**COMMITTEE:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee

**HEARING:** 06/12/2012 1:30 pm, Rose Ann Vuich Hearing Room (2040)  
Requires the public administrator of a county to report all unclaimed remains to the county veterans service officer. Allows the release of the remains of a veteran or dependent of a veteran after a specified time period. Requires a

**SUMMARY:** county veteran service officer who determines that unclaimed remains are those of a veteran or a dependent and that the remains meet a specified criteria to report specified information to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Requires the maintenance of a list of such remains.

**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 1807](#)

**AUTHOR:** Cook (R)  
**TITLE:** Family Law: Child Custody  
**LAST AMEND:** 04/23/2012  
**COMMITTEE:** Senate Judiciary Committee  
**HEARING:** 06/12/2012 1:30 pm, Room 112  
Prohibits, after the deploying party returns from deployment, the court from ordering a child custody evaluation as part of its review of a temporary order unless the party opposing reversion to the prior custody order makes a prima facie showing that reversion is not in the best interest of the child. Prohibits the use of a parent's deployment as a basis for asserting that the state court is an inconvenient forum. Specifies that child custody cases should be expedited for deployed military parents.

**SUMMARY:**

**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 1823](#)

**AUTHOR:** Yamada (D)  
**TITLE:** Veterans' Homes: Accounting for Charges  
**COMMITTEE:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee  
**HEARING:** 06/12/2012 1:30 pm, Rose Ann Vuich Hearing Room (2040)  
Relates to charges for veterans' homes. Requires the quarterly statement or accounting of all charges to include information relating to payment of any outstanding charges at the time of the veteran's death, including the use of a deceased veteran's personal property or money for payment of outstanding charges, and the terms and conditions upon which fees and charges can be changed.

**SUMMARY:**

**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 1832](#)

**AUTHOR:** Silva (R)  
**TITLE:** Public Postsecondary Education: Veterans  
**LAST AMEND:** 03/29/2012  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Higher Education Committee  
Extends the time period for which the California community colleges, the California State University, and the University of California are required and

**SUMMARY:**



requested to grant priority registration for enrollment of veterans of the armed forces.

**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline  
**Position:** Watch

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[CA AB 1842](#)

**AUTHOR:** Monning (D)  
**TITLE:** California Central Coast State Veterans Cemetery  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/10/2012  
**COMMITTEE:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee  
**HEARING:** 06/12/2012 1:30 pm, Rose Ann Vuich Hearing Room (2040)  
**SUMMARY:** Authorizes the Central Coast State Veterans Cemetery at Fort Ord Endowment Fund to enter into any financial agreement to receive cash advances in the Endowment Fund, provided that no obligations of repayment are made to the state and the agreement is reviewed and performed in a specified manner. Provides for administrative and oversight costs. Authorizes the State Department of Veterans Affairs to use any moneys received from the Endowment Fund to reimburse any cash advances made to the Endowment Fund.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 1904](#)

**AUTHOR:** Block (D)  
**TITLE:** Professions and Vocations: Military Spouses  
**LOCATION:** SENATE  
**SUMMARY:** Relates to the issuance of reciprocal licenses, regulated by the Department of Consumer Affairs, in certain fields. Authorizes a board within the Department of Consumer Affairs to issue a temporary license to an applicant who holds an equivalent license in another jurisdiction and is married to an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States.  
**Position:** Watch

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[CA AB 1929](#)

**AUTHOR:** Gorell (R)  
**TITLE:** Elections: Casting Ballots  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/21/2012  
**LOCATION:** SENATE  
**SUMMARY:** Exempts a ballot marking system from the definition of a voting system. Defines a ballot marking system. Requires the Secretary of State to study and adopt regulation governing the use of ballot marking systems. Establishes procedures to govern the approval of ballot marking systems by the Secretary of State. Prohibits the use of a ballot marking system at an election until it has been approved by the Secretary of State as meeting prescribed criteria.  
**Position:** Watch

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[CA AB 1930](#)

**AUTHOR:** Gorell (R)  
**TITLE:** Civil Service Examinations: Announcement  
**LAST AMEND:** 04/16/2012  
**COMMITTEE:** Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee  
**HEARING:** 06/11/2012 2:00 pm, Rose Ann Vuich Hearing Room (2040)  
**SUMMARY:** Requires the State Personnel Board to notify the Department of Veterans Affairs when any promotional examination for the establishment of an eligible list for state civil service positions is announced or advertised to eligible candidates.  
**Position:** Watch

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[CA AB 1931](#)

**AUTHOR:** Gorell (R)  
**TITLE:** Veterans Affairs: Consolidation of Service to Veterans  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/25/2012  
**LOCATION:** SENATE  
**SUMMARY:** Establishes the Veterans Services and Workforce Development Division within the Department of Veterans Affairs to coordinate and administer veterans assistance programs. Requires the administrative and support staff responsible for the administration of specified programs be transferred from the Employment Development Department to the division. Requires the costs of the transfer to utilize existing resources.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 1932](#)

**AUTHOR:** Gorell (R)  
**TITLE:** United States Armed Services: Healing Arts Boards  
**LAST AMEND:** 04/17/2012  
**LOCATION:** SENATE  
**SUMMARY:** Requires every healing arts board to issue a written report to the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Legislature that details methods of evaluating the education, training, and experience obtained in military service and whether such education, training and experience is applicable to the board's requirements for licensure.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 1936](#)

**AUTHOR:** Knight (R)  
**TITLE:** State Employment: Military Service: Training  
**LAST AMEND:** 04/10/2012  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Appropriations Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Requires that a civil service employee who is granted short-term military leave of absence for inactive duty receive his or her salary or compensation for the first 30 days of inactive duty training during his or her absence, if specified conditions are met.  
**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline

**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 1976](#)

**AUTHOR:** Logue (R)  
**TITLE:** Licensure and Certification: Military Experience  
**LAST AMEND:** 04/11/2012  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Appropriations Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Requires a health arts board within the Department of Consumer Affairs, upon the presentation of qualifying evidence by an applicant for licensure, to accept military service related education, training, and practical experience towards licensure or certification qualifications. Requires schools seeking accreditation or approval to have procedures in place to accept that same information toward completion of education to qualify a person to apply for licensure. Relates to the adoption of regulations.  
**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline  
**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 2004](#)

**AUTHOR:** Knight (R)  
**TITLE:** Personal Income Tax Law: Exclusion: Military Veterans  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/16/2012  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Appropriations Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Excludes from gross income, under the Personal Income Tax Law, Combat-Related Special Compensation and Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay payments received by an eligible individual.  
**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline  
**Position:** Sponsor

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[CA AB 2038](#)

**AUTHOR:** Yamada (D)  
**TITLE:** Veterans' Homes: Residents: General Welfare  
**LOCATION:** ASSEMBLY  
**SUMMARY:** Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law requiring the administrator of a veterans' home to maintain a Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund to be used for the general welfare of the residents of veterans' homes.  
**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline  
**Position:** Watch

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[CA AB 2130](#)

**AUTHOR:** Gorell (R)  
**TITLE:** Peace Officers: Training  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/25/2012  
**LOCATION:** SENATE  
**SUMMARY:** Authorizes the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to evaluate

pertinent military police officer training previously completed by any jurisdiction's law enforcement officers for the purposes of determining whether the training meets the current training requirements prescribed by the commission. Authorizes the commission to develop a protocol that considers previous military police officer training as an applicable substitute for portions of current standard training.

**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 2133](#)

**AUTHOR:** Blumenfield (D)  
**TITLE:** Veterans: Priority Registration  
**LAST AMEND:** 04/26/2012  
**COMMITTEE:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee  
**HEARING:** 06/12/2012 1:30 pm, Rose Ann Vuich Hearing Room (2040)  
**SUMMARY:** Enacts the Combat to College Act of 2012. Extends the period in which the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California are required, and requested, to grant priority registration for enrollment to within 15 years of leaving state or federal military active duty. Requires the priority registration to apply to enrollment for all degree and certificate programs offered by the institution. Requires students to comply with specified requirements.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 2151](#)

**AUTHOR:** Halderman (R)  
**TITLE:** Veterans' Homes: Redding: Fresno: Funding  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Appropriations Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Appropriates a specified amount from the General Fund to the California Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of operating the Veterans' Home of California, Redding, and the Veterans' Home of California, Fresno.  
**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline  
**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 2160](#)

**AUTHOR:** Blumenfield (D)  
**TITLE:** Insurance: Retention Risk  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/21/2012  
**LOCATION:** SENATE  
**SUMMARY:** Requires specified foreign investments by a domestic insurer included on the list maintained by the Department of General Services be treated as nonadmitted assets on the financial statements of the insurer. Deems use of the list developed for purposes of the Iran Contracting Act of 2010 as automatic compliance with this requirement. Requires insurers to provide the department with specified information including a list of investments within

companies included on the list and their business with Iran.

**Position:** Watch

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[CA AB 2198](#)

**AUTHOR:** Nielsen (R)  
**TITLE:** Department of Veterans Affairs: Reporting Requirements  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/10/2012  
**COMMITTEE:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee  
**HEARING:** 06/12/2012 1:30 pm, Rose Ann Vuich Hearing Room (2040)  
**SUMMARY:** Extends a reporting date in existing law that requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to annually determine the amount of new or increased monetary benefits paid to veterans by the federal government attributable to the assistance of county veterans service officers to prepare and transmit its determination to the Department of Finance and the Legislature. Revises the reporting requirements of the department regarding the veterans use such officers, claims filed, and other related data.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 2248](#)

**AUTHOR:** Cook (R)  
**TITLE:** State Contracts: Veterans' Services  
**LAST AMEND:** 04/10/2012  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Appropriations Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Requires the Director of General Services to establish criteria identifying state contracts for social services provided to veterans and their families and to create a process that would provide a participation incentive to specified bidders for such contracts for use by all state agencies.  
**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline  
**Position:** Watch

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[CA AB 2250](#)

**AUTHOR:** Gaines B (R)  
**TITLE:** Public Postsecondary Education: Tuition: Military  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/03/2012  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Appropriations Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Requires a student, spouse of a person who is a former member of the Armed Forces or the State Military Reserve who received a specified discharge, to be exempt from paying nonresident tuition at the California State University and the California Community Colleges if he or she files an affidavit with institution stating his or her intent to establish residency. Requests those persons to be exempt from nonresident tuition at the University of California. Relates to the first year of continuous enrollment.  
**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline  
**Position:** Sponsor

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[CA AB 2295](#)

**AUTHOR:** Fletcher (I)  
**TITLE:** Income Taxes: Deduction: Charitable Contributions  
**LOCATION:** ASSEMBLY  
**SUMMARY:** Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the Personal Income Tax and the Corporation Tax Laws. Allows a deduction for charitable contributions made during the taxable year.  
**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline  
**Position:** Watch

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[CA AB 2327](#)

**AUTHOR:** Feuer (D)  
**TITLE:** Charitable Organizations: Enforcement  
**LAST AMEND:** 04/16/2012  
**LOCATION:** Senate Judiciary Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Provides that the Attorney General may issue a cease and desist order whenever the Attorney General finds that any entity that has committed an act that would constitute a violation of, or is operating in violation of, any provision of the Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act. Authorizes the Attorney General to impose a specified penalty on any person or entity for each act or omission that constitutes a violation of the act.  
**Position:** Watch

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[CA AB 2330](#)

**AUTHOR:** Olsen (R)  
**TITLE:** State Government: Commission on the Status of Women  
**LOCATION:** ASSEMBLY  
**SUMMARY:** Repeals the Commission on the Status of Women and makes conforming changes to related provisions. Provides that the new public member vacancies on a specified advisory committee be filled through appointments by the Senate Rules Committee.  
**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline  
**Position:** Watch

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[CA AB 2358](#)

**AUTHOR:** Hagman (R)  
**TITLE:** State Capitol: Ronald Reagan Memorial  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/22/2012  
**LOCATION:** SENATE  
**SUMMARY:** Authorizes the Ronald Reagan Centennial Capitol Foundation to construct and maintain a memorial to Ronald Reagan in the State Capitol Building Annex. Requires that the planning, construction, and maintenance of the memorial be funded with private donations through the Ronald Reagan Centennial Capitol Foundation. Prohibits construction until the Department of Finance has determined that sufficient private funding is available to construct and maintain the memorial.  
**Position:** Watch

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[CA AB 2371](#)

**AUTHOR:** Butler (D)  
**TITLE:** Veterans: Criminal Defendants: Mental Health Issues  
**LAST AMEND:** 04/19/2012  
**LOCATION:** SENATE  
**SUMMARY:** Authorizes a court to grant restorative relief to a criminal defendant who alleges he or she suffered from a traumatic brain injury or PTSD as a result of military service if the court finds that the defendant meets specified criteria, including that he or she does not represent a danger to the health and safety of others. Authorizes the court to take any of specified actions, including deeming all conditions of probation, except victim restitution, to be satisfied.  
**Position:** Sponsor

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[CA AB 2384](#)

**AUTHOR:** Bonilla (D)  
**TITLE:** Women's Health: Interagency Task Force  
**LOCATION:** ASSEMBLY  
**SUMMARY:** Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to existing law requiring the State Health and Human Services Agency to establish an interagency task force on women's health.  
**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline  
**Position:** Watch

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[CA AB 2426](#)

**AUTHOR:** Galgiani (D)  
**TITLE:** Public Contracts: Veterans Preference  
**LAST AMEND:** 04/26/2012  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Appropriations Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Allows a bid preference to a bidder of a public works contract if that bidder utilizes the Helmets to Hardhats program. Requires that the bidder and each listed contractor submit a certified statement. Imposes a civil penalty for knowingly providing false information in that statement.  
**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline  
**Position:** Watch

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[CA AB 2462](#)

**AUTHOR:** Block (D)  
**TITLE:** Public Postsecondary Education: Military Experience  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/10/2012  
**LOCATION:** SENATE  
**SUMMARY:** Requires the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to determine for which courses credit should be awarded for prior military experience. Encourages community colleges to recognize the learning acquired by military personnel during their service, consider military education or experience for credit for career technical education, and consider awarding credit for an

**Position:** examination process for experience or instruction gained in a military setting.  
Support

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[CA AB 2470](#)

**AUTHOR:** Nielsen (R)  
**TITLE:** Veterans' Memorials: Northern State Veterans Cemetery  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Recognizes the Vietnam veterans sculpture located in the Northern State Veterans Cemetery as an official state memorial for Vietnam veterans.  
**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline  
**Position:** Watch

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[CA AB 2475](#)

**AUTHOR:** Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee  
**TITLE:** Military Service Protections: Property Rights  
**COMMITTEE:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee  
**HEARING:** 06/12/2012 1:30 pm, Rose Ann Vuich Hearing Room (2040)  
**SUMMARY:** Relates to existing law prohibiting any sale, foreclosure, or seizure of real or personal property subject to a mortgage, or the security, for nonpayment by the service member owner. Extends an existing prohibition from 3 months to 9 months after the military service period.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 2476](#)

**AUTHOR:** Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee  
**TITLE:** Service Member Obligations or Liabilities: Interest  
**LOCATION:** Senate Judiciary Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Prohibits an obligation or liability consisting of a mortgage, trust deed, or other security in the nature of a mortgage, that is bearing at a rate of interest in excess of a certain percentage and incurred by a service member before that person's entry into service from bearing interest in excess of 6% per year for one year after any part of the period of military service.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 2478](#)

**AUTHOR:** Hayashi (D)  
**TITLE:** Student Residency Requirements: Veterans  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/25/2012  
**LOCATION:** SENATE  
**SUMMARY:** Makes a community college student who was a member of the Armed Forces stationed in this state on active duty for more than one year immediately prior to being discharged from the Armed Forces exempt from paying nonresident tuition for a specified length of time after being discharged if he or she files an affidavit with the community college in the state that he or she intends to establish residency.



**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 2490](#)

**AUTHOR:** Butler (D)

**TITLE:** Veterans: Correctional Counselors

**LAST AMEND:** 05/25/2012

**LOCATION:** SENATE

**SUMMARY:** Requires that at every state prison that is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation a correctional counselor shall be responsible for assisting veterans who are inmates in pursuing claims for federal veterans' benefits or in establishing rights to any other privilege, preference, care or compensation provided under federal or state law because of honorable service in the military. Requires coordination with specified organizations or individuals for advice and assistance.

**Position:** Sponsor

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[CA AB 2528](#)

**AUTHOR:** Perez J (D)

**TITLE:** Mortgages & Trust Deeds: Foreclosure: Military Members

**LAST AMEND:** 03/29/2012

**LOCATION:** Assembly Judiciary Committee

**SUMMARY:** Requires that in order for a notice of mortgage default to be recorded, it must include a declaration stating that the mortgagee, trustee, or authorized agent contacted the borrower to determine if the borrower is an active duty servicemember, and if the borrower is an active duty servicemember, or was an active duty servicemember during a specified period prior to the date of the notice, that the mortgagee, trustee, or authorized agent has complied with a specified Act.

**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline

**Position:** Watch

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[CA AB 2540](#)

**AUTHOR:** Gatto (D)

**TITLE:** Veterans' Home: County Veterans Service Officers

**LAST AMEND:** 04/25/2012

**LOCATION:** Assembly Rules Committee

**SUMMARY:** Provides for the continuous appropriation from the General Fund, of specified amounts of funding to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of operating specified veterans' homes in the state and for the purpose of funding county veterans service officers.

**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline

**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 2548](#)

**AUTHOR:** Mitchell (D)

**TITLE:** State Veterans Board  
**LAST AMEND:** 04/11/2012  
**COMMITTEE:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee  
**HEARING:** 06/12/2012 1:30 pm, Rose Ann Vuich Hearing Room (2040)  
**SUMMARY:** Requires one member of the State Veterans Board to have substantial training, professional knowledge, or experience in the issues faced by female veterans.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 2598](#)

**AUTHOR:** Fuentes (D)  
**TITLE:** B.T. Collins Veterans Health Registry  
**LAST AMEND:** 03/29/2012  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Health Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Requires the State Department of Public Health to establish a statewide system for the collection of information about veterans who have or have had a presumptive illness relating to qualifying military service. Requires the department to evaluate the sources of a presumptive illness and evaluate measures designed to eliminate, alleviate, or ameliorate its effect.  
**Commentary:** Dead - requested bill to be dropped this year  
**Position:** Sponsor

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[CA AB 2611](#)

**AUTHOR:** Butler (D)  
**TITLE:** Veterans Courts  
**COMMITTEE:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee  
**HEARING:** 06/12/2012 1:30 pm, Rose Ann Vuich Hearing Room (2040)  
**SUMMARY:** Authorizes superior courts to develop and implement veterans courts for eligible veterans with the objective of creation of a dedicated calendar or a locally developed collaborative veterans mental health program or system that leads to the placement of mentally ill offenders who are veterans in community treatment.  
**Position:** Sponsor

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[CA ACR 107](#)

**AUTHOR:** Eng (D)  
**TITLE:** Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day  
**LAST AMEND:** 04/26/2012  
**LOCATION:** Chaptered  
**SUMMARY:** Recognizes June 27, 2012, as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA ACR 111](#)

**AUTHOR:** Cook (R)  
**TITLE:** Purple Heart State

**LAST AMEND:** 03/19/2012  
**LOCATION:** Chaptered  
**SUMMARY:** Proclaims California as a Purple Heart State, honoring the service and sacrifices of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA ACR 122](#)

**AUTHOR:** Achadjian (R)  
**TITLE:** Armed Forces Day  
**LAST AMEND:** 04/26/2012  
**LOCATION:** Chaptered  
**SUMMARY:** Honors and recognizes the service and sacrifice made by members of the Armed Forces and their families on the occasion of Armed Forces Day on May 19, 2012.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA AJR 31](#)

**AUTHOR:** Perea (D)  
**TITLE:** 144th Fighter Wing  
**LAST AMEND:** 03/20/2012  
**LOCATION:** Chaptered  
**SUMMARY:** Requests Congress and the Department of Defense to remain committed to maintaining the 144th Fighter Wing and the Aerospace Control Alert mission in the state in order to prevent any negative impacts to Southwest air defense operations, the state's economy, and the ability of first responders to protect the residents of this state.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA SB 314](#)

**AUTHOR:** Vargas (D)  
**TITLE:** Property Taxation: Leased Property: Redevelopment  
**LAST AMEND:** 02/09/2012  
**COMMITTEE:** Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee  
**HEARING:** 06/18/2012 1:30 pm, Room 126  
**SUMMARY:** Provides that property used exclusively for charitable purposes and located within the former Naval Training Center in San Diego and leased by the city or Redevelopment Agency of the city to certain entities shall be deemed to be include within the welfare exemption and shall be entitled to a partial property tax exemption in any year in which the development of the property is being financed with funds available through federal tax credit programs.  
**Position:** Watch

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[CA SB 340](#)

**AUTHOR:** Wolk (D)

**TITLE:** Remote Caller Bingo  
**LAST AMEND:** 08/18/2011  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Appropriations Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Permits a city or county to permit the conduct of remote caller bingo games. Allows charitable organizations affiliated with community college districts to conduct such games. Requires eligible organizations to register annually. Provides for an Internet registry. Relates to audits. Authorizes a requirement that persons who manufacture or supply devices, supplies, or other services for use in remote caller bingo to register a copy of any local bingo license. Makes changes relating to card-minding devices.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA SB 383](#)

**AUTHOR:** Wolk (D)  
**TITLE:** Remote Caller Bingo  
**LAST AMEND:** 01/12/2012  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Governmental Organization Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Permits a city, county, or city and county to amend an existing ordinance that allows bingo games to be conducted to permit the conduct of remote caller bingo games. Includes within the entities authorized to conduct such games a charitable organization affiliated with a community college district. Deletes state licensure requirements. Requires entities to register with the Gambling Control Commission. Requires a related fee to be deposited into the Bingo Fund. Relates to the usage of card-minded devices.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA SB 443](#)

**AUTHOR:** Strickland (R)  
**TITLE:** Veterans' Memorial  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/31/2011  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Transportation Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Requires the Department of Transportation to sell excess real property in the state-owned area associated with the park-and-ride lot at the Clark Avenue West exit from State Highway Route 135 in the Town of Orcutt to the County of Santa Barbara for purposes of erecting a veterans' memorial.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA SB 661](#)

**AUTHOR:** Lieu (D)  
**TITLE:** Crime: Picketing  
**LAST AMEND:** 01/04/2012  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Public Safety Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Creates a crime punishable by a fine or imprisonment in a county jail for a

person to engage in picketing, except upon private property, which is targeted at a funeral beginning one hour prior to the funeral and ending one hour after the conclusion of the funeral.

**Position:** Sponsor

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[CA SB 663](#)

**AUTHOR:** Correa (D)

**TITLE:** Veterans: Homeless Veterans

**LAST AMEND:** 01/24/2012

**LOCATION:** Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee

**SUMMARY:** Amends existing law that specifies certain powers and duties of the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to various programs serving veterans, including establishing housing projects. Requires the department to include specified information in its strategic plan related to homeless veterans. Requires the department to transfer the strategic plan to the Chairman of the Assembly and Senate Committees on Veterans Affairs.

**Position:** Support

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[CA SB 903](#)

**AUTHOR:** Anderson (R)

**TITLE:** Public Retirement Systems: Investments: Iran

**LAST AMEND:** 07/01/2011

**LOCATION:** Assembly Appropriations Committee

**SUMMARY:** Amends Public Divest from Iran Act prohibits the Public Employees' Retirement System and the State Teachers' Retirement System from investing public employee retirement funds in a company with business operations in Iran that is invested in or engaged in business operations with entities in certain sectors. Provides that nothing in those provisions requires either board to take action described in this section if it determines that the action would be a breach of the fiduciary responsibilities described.

**Position:** Watch

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[CA SB 908](#)

**AUTHOR:** Runner S (R)

**TITLE:** Elections: Ballots: Submission by Electronic Mail

**LAST AMEND:** 05/10/2011

**LOCATION:** Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee

**SUMMARY:** Permits a special absentee voter who is temporarily living outside of the territorial limits of the United States or the District of Columbia, or is called from military service within the United States to make application for a vote by absent voter ballot, to return his or her ballot by electronic mail. Requires the ballot to be accompanied by a copy of an identification envelope. Requires signature validation.

**Position:** Support

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[CA SB 921](#)

**AUTHOR:** Lieu (D)  
**TITLE:** Office of the Inspector General: Military Whistleblower  
**LAST AMEND:** 04/16/2012  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Appropriations Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Establishes specified requirements for the position of inspector general. Requires the Governor to appoint the Inspector General. Requires the continuance of a toll-free number for complaints and allegations. Authorizes the inspector general to investigate specified complaints and allegations of misconduct upon written request. Provides the requests are not a public record. Establishes the Military Whistleblower Protection Act. Requires training of the Military Department's civil service employees.  
**Position:** Watch

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[CA SB 1101](#)

**AUTHOR:** Cannella (R)  
**TITLE:** Veterans Affairs: Administration  
**LOCATION:** Senate Rules Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct audits on internal controls, and to provide those audits to the Inspector General.  
**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline  
**Position:** Watch

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[CA SB 1111](#)

**AUTHOR:** LaMalfa (R)  
**TITLE:** Department of Veterans Affairs: Administration  
**LOCATION:** Senate Rules Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Makes technical nonsubstantive changes to existing law authorizing the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs to employ such expert, technical, legal, clerical and other employees as may be necessary to carry out his powers and duties.  
**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline  
**Position:** Watch

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[CA SB 1170](#)

**AUTHOR:** Leno (D)  
**TITLE:** Senior Insurance  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/01/2012  
**COMMITTEE:** Assembly Insurance Committee  
**HEARING:** 06/20/2012 9:00 am, Room 437  
**SUMMARY:** Relates to unfair or deceptive acts or practices in regards to an event given to disseminate information regarding veterans benefits whereby the entity does not include a statement that it is not affiliated with any veterans' organization. Provides for an unlawful insurance practice by an attorney in regards to selling insurance to senior citizens. Relates to requirements regarding a in-home meeting with a senior citizen regarding insurance. Relates to the insurance advertising requirements.

**Position:** Sponsor

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[CA SB 1179](#)

**AUTHOR:** Walters (R)  
**TITLE:** Income Taxes: Credit: Manufacturers  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/15/2012  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Authorizes various credits against the Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law for each disabled veteran hired as a qualified full-time employee during the taxable year by a qualified employer.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA SB 1184](#)

**AUTHOR:** Corbett (D)  
**TITLE:** Senior Insurance: Veterans Benefits  
**LAST AMEND:** 04/17/2012  
**COMMITTEE:** Assembly Insurance Committee  
**HEARING:** 06/20/2012 9:00 am, Room 437  
**SUMMARY:** Prohibits an insurance broker or agent from participating in, being associated with, or employing any party that participates in, or is associated with, the obtaining of veterans benefits for a senior citizen, unless the insurance agent or broker maintains procedural safeguards designed to ensure that the agent or broker transacting insurance has no direct financial incentive to refer the policyholder or prospective policyholder to any veterans benefits program offered through the government.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA SB 1197](#)

**AUTHOR:** Calderon R (D)  
**TITLE:** Crematories: Burning of Flags  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/29/2012  
**LOCATION:** Senate Rules Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Authorizes the cremation of an American flag, in accordance with specified federal law, in conjunction with the cremation of human remains and other items described under existing law.  
**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline  
**Position:** Support

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[CA SB 1198](#)

**AUTHOR:** Calderon R (D)  
**TITLE:** Publicity of Benefits Program for Homeless Veterans  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/29/2012  
**LOCATION:** ASSEMBLY  
**SUMMARY:** Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to publicize information pertaining

to benefits that are available to qualified homeless veterans, including the veterans pension programs administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing voucher program, and CalFresh. Requires the department to publicize this information using printed materials, its Internet Web site, and other forms of media.

**Position:** Support

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[CA SB 1258](#)

**AUTHOR:** Wolk (D)

**TITLE:** Veterans: Employment Development: Information

**LAST AMEND:** 05/29/2012

**LOCATION:** Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee

**SUMMARY:** Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop outcome indicators for veterans. Requires the department to report to legislative committees all of the outcome indicators developed, recommendations on ways to establish a system for monitoring outcomes of veterans, and any regulatory or fiscal barriers that may hinder future progress on the development of a monitoring system. Requires the Employment Development Department to permit specified information to be used to develop such indicators.

**Position:** Support

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[CA SB 1275](#)

**AUTHOR:** Lieu (D)

**TITLE:** Vacancies in Office: Special Elections

**LAST AMEND:** 04/24/2012

**COMMITTEE:** Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee

**HEARING:** 06/19/2012 1:30 pm, Room 444

**SUMMARY:** Relates to special elections to fill a vacancy in the office of a Representative in Congress or either house of the Legislature. Requires that a special general election occur at least a specified number of days after the issuance of an election proclamation. Revises the deadlines relating to the filing of nomination papers for a candidate in a special primary election. Requires that an application for a vote by mail ballot in such election be made in the same manner as for a regular election.

**Position:** Support

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[CA SB 1287](#)

**AUTHOR:** Harman (R)

**TITLE:** Sport Fishing Licenses

**LAST AMEND:** 04/26/2012

**COMMITTEE:** Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee

**HEARING:** 06/12/2012 9:00 am, Room 437

**SUMMARY:** Requires the Department of Fish and Game to issue a reduced fee sport fishing license to active military personnel who are recovering service members and who demonstrate eligibility.

**Position:** Support

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[CA SB 1288](#)

**AUTHOR:** Harman (R)  
**TITLE:** Hunting Licenses  
**LAST AMEND:** 04/26/2012  
**COMMITTEE:** Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee  
**HEARING:** 06/12/2012 9:00 am, Room 437  
**SUMMARY:** Requires the Department of Fish and Game to issue a reduced fee hunting license to military personnel who are recovering service members and who demonstrate eligibility.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA SB 1297](#)

**AUTHOR:** Blakeslee (R)  
**TITLE:** State Capitol Park: Memorial Plaque  
**LOCATION:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to plan and construct a memorial plaque in the State Capitol Park to honor California Veterans who have fought and served in the War in Iraq. Requires the memorial plaque and its maintenance to be funded through private donations.  
**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline  
**Position:** Support

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[CA SB 1345](#)

**AUTHOR:** Evans (D)  
**TITLE:** State Government: Commission on the Status of Women  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/10/2012  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Authorizes the members of the Commission on the Status of Women who are also members of the Legislature to vote by proxy. Requires the commission to study additional topics. Authorizes the Legislature to recommend that the commission study additional topics relevant to women. Authorizes the commission to review the implementation of any law to ensure the law is not discriminating against women or creating an inequitable environment for women.  
**Position:** Watch

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[CA SB 1355](#)

**AUTHOR:** Runner S (R)  
**TITLE:** Vehicles: Driver's Licenses: Veterans  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/07/2012  
**LOCATION:** Senate Appropriations Committee

**SUMMARY:** Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to include the designation veteran on a driver's license or an identification card issued to a veteran who requests the designation and provides proof of his or her military service and honorable discharge. Authorizes a fee for the replacement of an unexpired driver's license or identification card with a new license or card with such designation. Provides that applications for an original license or card or renewal of either are subject to the regular fees.

**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline

**Position:** Watch

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#### [CA SB 1375](#)

**AUTHOR:** Alquist (D)

**TITLE:** Student Veterans: Services

**LOCATION:** Senate Education Committee

**SUMMARY:** Encourages the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California to offer on campus counseling services for student veterans. Requires the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and encourages the University of California, to adopt online an online course for student veterans.

**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline

**Position:** Support

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#### [CA SB 1397](#)

**AUTHOR:** Wyland (R)

**TITLE:** Joint Legislative Committee on Job Creation

**LOCATION:** Senate Rules Committee

**SUMMARY:** Creates the Joint Legislative Committee on Job Creation and Economic Development. Requires the committee to hear testimony from business representatives regarding how to improve job creation and economic development. Requires the committee to transmit a record of the recommendations received to each Member of the Legislature for the purpose of enacting legislation to improve job creation and economic development.

**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline

**Position:** Watch

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#### [CA SB 1413](#)

**AUTHOR:** Negrete McLeod (D)

**TITLE:** Adjutant General: Support Programs

**LOCATION:** Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee

**SUMMARY:** Repeals an existing law authorizing the Adjutant General to establish rules and regulations for the provision of morale, welfare, and recreation activities for members of the National Guard. Authorizes the Adjutant General to establish specified support programs of the benefit of the Military Department, its components, and its soldiers, airmen, cadets, and their family members and to establish, construct, or acquire facilities or equipment programs.

**Position:** Watch

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[CA SB 1422](#)

**AUTHOR:** Anderson (R)  
**TITLE:** Handguns: Handgun Safety Certificate  
**LAST AMEND:** 04/12/2012  
**LOCATION:** Senate Appropriations Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Amends existing law that authorizes a certified handgun safety instructor to charge a fee for the issuance of a handgun safety certificate. Reduces the fee for such certificate for an honorable discharged member of the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard, the Air National Guard, or active reserve components of the United States.  
**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline  
**Position:** Sponsor

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[CA SB 1468](#)

**AUTHOR:** Calderon R (D)  
**TITLE:** Fireworks  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/17/2012  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Local Government Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Authorizes the sale of certified safe and sane fireworks on specified dates if authorized by a charter city, city, county, fire district, or city and county ordinance or resolution that may also restrict the house of use of those fireworks. Authorizes each entity that adopts an ordinance to require the permit recipient to pay a related fee for related purposes, including fire operation and suppression efforts. Provides those costs shall be based on a percentage of the permittee's sales and use tax return.  
**Position:** Support

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[CA SB 1475](#)

**AUTHOR:** Cannella (R)  
**TITLE:** Veterans' Benefits: Department of Veterans Affairs  
**LOCATION:** Senate Rules Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to provisions of existing law authorizing the California Veterans' Educational Institute, under the management and control of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to provide opportunities for veterans to continue their education, and authorizing the Department of Veterans Affairs to work with authorized agencies of the United States in providing those opportunities.  
**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline  
**Position:** Watch

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[CA SB 1505](#)

**AUTHOR:** DeSaulnier (D)  
**TITLE:** Keep Our Promises Act: Corporation Taxes  
**LAST AMEND:** 04/16/2012  
**LOCATION:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Requires a taxpayer, under the Corporations Tax Law, to apportion income in

accordance with a single sales factor. Revises the provisions that determine whether sales other than tangible personal property occur in this state, including cable systems or networks. Requires a deposit into the Keep Our Promises fund appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs for veterans' services.

**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline  
**Position:** Support

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#### [CA SB 1526](#)

**AUTHOR:** LaMalfa (R)  
**TITLE:** Corporate Income Tax: Filing: Tax Exempt Organizations  
**LAST AMEND:** 04/18/2012  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Increases, under the Corporation Tax Law, the gross receipts threshold for the application of the exemption from the annual filing requirement for specified tax exempt organizations.  
**Position:** Sponsor

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#### [CA SB 1563](#)

**AUTHOR:** Cannella (R)  
**TITLE:** Civil Service Examinations: Veterans' Preference  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee  
**SUMMARY:** Specifies that veterans who have completed acceptable training in the United States Armed Forces as peace officers shall be allowed additional points for any entrance examination for a peace officer position.  
**Position:** Sponsor

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#### [CA SB 1580](#)

**AUTHOR:** Senate Governmental Organization Committee  
**TITLE:** State Surplus Property: Armories: Sales  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/09/2012  
**LOCATION:** ASSEMBLY  
**SUMMARY:** Authorizes the Director of General Services, with the approval of the Adjutant General, to sell specified armories, including improvements made to those armories. Requires, notwithstanding a requirement for payment of sale proceeds into the Deficit Recovery Bond Retirement Sinking Fund Subaccount, the proceeds from the sale to be deposited in the Armory Fund. Requires the department to be reimbursed for any reasonable costs or expenses incurred in conducting a transaction involving those armories.  
**Position:** Watch

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#### [CA SCR 82](#)

**AUTHOR:** Blakeslee (R)  
**TITLE:** Veterans Of the Iraq War: Memorial  
**LAST AMEND:** 04/24/2012

**LOCATION:** Assembly Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee

**SUMMARY:** Commemorates and honors the service and sacrifice of the members of the United States Armed Forces who supported the operations in Iraq, and their families, as the official combat mission in Iraq draws to a close. Requests that the Department of General Services work with appropriate third parties to design and create a memorial for the California veterans who fought and served in Iraq.

**Position:** Support

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[CA SJR 8](#)

**AUTHOR:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee

**TITLE:** TRICARE Cost Increases

**LAST AMEND:** 07/07/2011

**LOCATION:** Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee

**SUMMARY:** Urges the U.S. Congress to take the necessary steps to ensure that Congress itself has the sole authority to determine future TRICARE cost increases and base any future TRICARE cost changes on cost-of-living adjustments.

**Position:** Support

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[CA SJR 9](#)

**AUTHOR:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee

**TITLE:** Veterans' Health Care

**LOCATION:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee

**SUMMARY:** Urges Congress to require the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs not abrogate the desires of President Lincoln to care for those most needy and to remember the promises made to WWII veterans.

**Commentary:** Dead - Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline

**Position:** Support

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[CA SJR 19](#)

**AUTHOR:** Strickland (R)

**TITLE:** Military Base Closures

**LAST AMEND:** 04/19/2012

**LOCATION:** ASSEMBLY

**SUMMARY:** Urges the California delegates of Congress to protect military bases within the state from closure during any upcoming base realignment and closure processes.

**Position:** Support

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