

Dear CCIA Members,

It's been a busy couple weeks as the end of the legislative session nears. Please see our brief summary below.

### **Outcome of the Assembly Appropriations Committee Hearing**

- **SB 1293 (Bradford)** to establish a tax credit for social equity applicants and licensees. **HELD UNDER SUBMISSION**
  - While the social equity tax credit was already approved in AB 195, this was an effort to potentially increase that amount greater than the original \$10,000.
- **SB 1326 (Caballero)** to authorize the governor to enter into interstate agreements for the import and export of cannabis and cannabis products. **PASSED**
- **SB 1097 (Pan)** to require modifications to the existing labeling requirements for cannabis and the development of a brochure. **PASSED**
  - CCIA is still opposed to the bill but we're working on amendments that would substantially reduce the scope.
- **SB 1186 (Wiener)**, CCIA's sponsored bill, to Medicinal Cannabis Patients' Right of Access Act. **PASSED**, (with amendments removing the CEQA exemption)

### **Outcome of the Senate Appropriations Committee Hearing**

- **AB 1885 (Kalra)** to permit the manufacture and sale of cannabis pet products as prescribed under the Medicinal and Adult Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) and requires that cannabis products intended for animals comply with concentration and other standards adopted by regulations of the Department of Cannabis Control. **PASSED**
- **AB 2188 (Quirk)** which amends the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, making it unlawful for an employer to discriminate against a person in hiring, termination, or any term or condition of employment, based on the person's use of cannabis off the job and away from the workplace, except employees who work in the building and constructions trades and applicants and employees in positions requiring a federal background investigation or clearance. **PASSED**

### **Other updates**

- **SB 1148 (Laird)**, which would have eliminated duplicative state compliance requirements under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) when the local jurisdiction has conducted project specific CEQA analysis, was not granted a hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee and is **dead** for the year.

The following bills have passed through the committee process and are awaiting a third-reading and final vote on the floor of the second house:

- AB 1014 (McCarty): Increases the maximum value of cannabis goods that can be carried by delivery drivers to \$10,000 and includes labor protections for drivers.
- AB 1646 (Chen): Authorizes cannabis beverages to be packaged in clear containers.
- AB 1656 (Aguiar-Curry): Hemp integration.
- AB 1885 (Kalra): Protection for veterinarians who recommend cannabis for animal patients.
- AB 1894 (L. Rivas): Requires the marketing of cannabis cartridges and integrated cannabis vaporizers to include a message of how to properly dispose.
- AB 1954 (Quirk): Would prohibit a physician from automatically denying treatment or medication to a patient solely based on a positive drug screen for THC
- AB 2188 (Quirk): Would make it unlawful for an employer to discriminate against an employee based on cannabis use off the job and away from the workplace
- AB 2210 (Quirk): Temporary event license clean up
- AB 2568 (Cooley): Would provide that it is not a crime for individuals to provide insurance to persons licensed to engage in commercial cannabis activity
- AB 2595 (Jones-Sawyer): Provides that the use of cannabis be treated the same as alcohol and legally prescribed medication in regards to a social worker's investigation of child abuse

The following bills have been passed by both houses and are awaiting a signature from the Governor:

- SB 988 (Hueso): Would remove stringent requirements that health care facilities currently abide by in regards to the use of medical cannabis, giving health care facilities more flexibility in allowing patients to utilize medicinal cannabis without threat of enforcement actions by the State Department of Health.
- AB 2925 (Cooper): Would require the State Department of Health Care Services to provide a spending report of funds from the Youth Education, Prevention, Early Intervention and Treatment Account