

AB 424 (Gaines) Income and corporation taxes: credit: defensible space. (A-08/28/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status:08/28/2007-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.

Current Location:08/28/2007-S REV. & TAX

Calendar Events:

Summary: The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law authorize various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws. This bill would, under both laws, allow for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, and before January 1, 2011, a credit in an amount equal to the qualified costs, as defined, not to exceed \$500 per qualified property, paid or incurred for the creation of a defensible space, which would be defined as a specified area around a qualified property, as defined, that is created by removing all brush, flammable vegetation, and combustible growth. This bill contains other related provisions.

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AB 706 (Leno) Fire retardants: toxic effects. (A-08/27/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status:02/13/2008-To inactive file on motion of Senator Ducheny.

Current Location:02/13/2008-S INACTIVE FILE

Calendar Events:

Summary: Existing law makes various findings related to the toxicity of certain fire retardants containing chemicals known as brominated fire retardants (BFRs) and chlorinated fire retardants (CFRs), and prohibits a person from manufacturing, processing, or distributing a flame-retardant part of a product containing more than one-tenth of 1% of prescribed retardants. This bill would revise and extend the findings relating to fire retardants, and would, commencing January 1, 2010, require all seating, bedding, and furniture products to comply with certain requirements, including that they not contain brominated fire retardants or chlorinated fire retardants, except as specified, and be labeled as prescribed. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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AB 1239 **(Garrick) Property taxation: exclusion from newly constructed: fire safety devices.** (A-08/28/2007 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status:08/28/2007-Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.

Current Location:08/28/2007-S REV. & TAX

Calendar Events:

Summary: The California Constitution generally limits ad valorem taxes on real property to 1% of the full cash value of that property. For purposes of this limitation, "full cash value" is defined as the assessor's valuation of real property as shown on the 1975-76 tax bill under "full cash value" or, thereafter, the appraised value of that real property when purchased, newly constructed, or a change in ownership has occurred. The California Constitution authorizes the Legislature to exclude from classification as "newly constructed" the construction or installation on or after November 7, 1984, of any fire sprinkler system, other fire extinguishing system, fire detection system, or fire-related egress improvement, as defined by the Legislature. Existing property tax law implementing this exclusion provides that the exclusion only applies to the construction or installation of these items in an existing building. This bill would provide that this exclusion from "newly constructed" also applies to the construction or installation, on and after the operative date of the bill, of any fire sprinkler system, other fire extinguishing system, or fire detection system in a new building. This bill would also specify, for purposes of this exclusion, that "the construction or installation of any fire sprinkler system, other fire extinguishing system, or fire detection system" includes the construction of any fire sprinkler system, other fire extinguishing system, or fire detection system in a new building, as defined, in which the owner-builder incorporated the fire sprinkler system, other fire extinguishing system, or fire detection system in the initial construction of the building and the owner-builder does not intend to occupy or use the building. This bill would provide this exclusion to the initial purchaser of the new building, but only if the owner-builder did not receive an exclusion for the same system. In the case of a new nonresidential building, this bill would specify that "fire sprinkler system, other fire extinguishing system, or fire detection system" does not include such items that are required by the California Fire Code to be included in the new building. This bill would require the county assessor to reduce the base-year value of these buildings by the value of such items, as specified. This bill would require the State Board of Equalization, in consultation with the California Assessor's Association, to prescribe the manner and form for a taxpayer to claim this exclusion. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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AB 1812 **(Arambula) Taxpayer contributions: California firefighters' and peace officer memorial funds: Fire Safety Fund.** (A-04/02/2008 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status:04/10/2008-From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (April 9).

Current Location:04/10/2008-A APPR.

Calendar Events:04/23/08 9 a.m. - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS

Summary: Under existing law regulating the administration of personal income taxes and corporation taxes, individual taxpayers are allowed to contribute amounts in excess of their tax liability for the support of specified funds or accounts, including, among others, the California Firefighters' Memorial Fund and the California Peace Officer Memorial Foundation. Existing law provides for the repeal of the contribution provisions for these funds on January 1, 2011. This bill would instead repeal those provisions on January 1, 2016. This bill contains other related provisions.

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AB 1847 **(Anderson) Fire: brush management.** (1-01/28/2008 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status:01/29/2008-From printer. May be heard in committee January 28.

Current Location:01/28/2008-A PRINT

Calendar Events:

Summary: Existing law requires certain state agencies to be responsible for fire protection, fire prevention, pest control, and range maintenance and enhancement. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to expedite the permit process for brush management in extremely high fire risk areas.

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AB 1883(Keene) Fire: inmate crews: nonprofit organizations. (A-04/10/2008 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status:04/14/2008-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Current Location:04/14/2008-A APPR.
Calendar Events:04/23/08 9 a.m. - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS

Summary: The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is required to use inmates and wards assigned to conservation camps for fire prevention, fire control, and other work of the department. The department is authorized to enter into contracts and cooperative agreements with public agencies for the performance of other conservation projects appropriate for that public agency, under the policies established by the Prison Industry Authority. This bill would enact the Wildfire Prevention Assistance Act of 2008 and would expand the department's authority to include entering into contracts and cooperative agreements with qualified nonprofit organizations.

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AB 1912 (Plescia) Income and corporation taxes: credit: wildfire risk reduction improvement. (I-02/08/2008 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status:02/21/2008-Referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.
Current Location:02/21/2008-A REV. & TAX
Calendar Events:05/05/08 1:30 p.m. - Room 126 ASM REVENUE AND TAXATION

Summary: The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law authorize various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws. This bill would authorize a credit against those taxes for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2009, and before January 1, 2013, in an amount equal to 15% of the cost that is paid or incurred by a taxpayer during the taxable year, after deducting the value of any other municipally, state, or federally sponsored financial incentives, for the purchase and installation of any wildfire risk reduction improvement, as defined, installed on existing property in this state. This bill contains other related provisions.

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AB 1976 (Benoit) Emergency telephone system: abuse. (A-04/17/2008 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status:04/17/2008-Read second time and amended.

Current Location:04/17/2008-A APPR.

Calendar Events:

Summary: Under existing law, any person who knowingly allows the use of, or who uses, the 911 telephone system for any reason other than because of an emergency is guilty of an infraction. The penalty for a first or 2nd violation of that provision is a written warning, as specified. The penalty for a 3rd, 4th, or 5th violation, depending upon the violator's ability to pay, is \$50, \$100, and \$200, respectively. This bill would make a written warning the penalty for a first violation only and would make the penalty for a 2nd and each subsequent violation monetary fines, as specified.

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AB 1995 (Jeffries) Arson: aggravated: punishment. (A-04/02/2008 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status:04/16/2008-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Current Location:04/16/2008-A APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Calendar Events:

Summary: Existing law defines the crime of aggravated arson, and makes a person guilty of that crime if the fire caused property damage and other losses in excess of \$5,650,000. Existing law specifies costs to be included in calculating property damage for purposes of these provisions and states legislative intent to review the property damage threshold in light of inflation within 5 years. Existing law repeals the provisions relating to property damage on January 1, 2010. This bill would extend the repeal date for the provisions relating to property damage until January 1, 2014, and would make a conforming change regarding that intent language. By extending the operative effect of an existing crime, this bill would create a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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AB 2031 (Hancock) Oil spill prevention and response. (1-02/15/2008 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status:04/17/2008-From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (April 16).

Current Location:04/17/2008-A APPR.

Calendar Events:

Summary: The Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act generally requires the administrator for oil spill response, acting at the direction of the Governor, to implement activities relating to oil spill response, including emergency drills and preparedness, and oil spill containment and cleanup, and to represent the state in any coordinated response efforts with the federal government. This bill would require the administrator, upon request, to provide a program for training and certification of a local emergency responder designated as a local spill response manager by a local government with jurisdiction over or directly adjacent to marine waters. The bill would require the administrator as part of the training and certification program, to authorize a local spill response manager to train and certify volunteers to work under his or her direction. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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AB 2050 (Garcia) Mobilehomes and manufactured homes. (A-04/07/2008 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status:04/16/2008-From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 6. Noes 0.) (April 16).

Current Location:04/16/2008-A APPR.

Calendar Events:

Summary: The Mobilehomes-Manufactured Housing Act of 1980 requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to enforce various laws pertaining to the structural, fire safety, plumbing, heat-producing, or electrical systems and installations or equipment of a manufactured home, mobilehome, special purpose commercial coach, or commercial coach. Under existing law, a knowing violation of the act, as specified, is punishable as a misdemeanor offense. This bill would require all fuel-gas-burning water heater appliances installed in new manufactured homes or new multifamily manufactured homes that are offered for sale, rent, or lease, or installed as replacement fuel-gas-burning water heater appliances in existing mobilehomes, existing manufactured homes, or existing multifamily manufactured homes that are similarly offered, would be required to be braced, anchored, or strapped to resist falling or horizontal displacement due to earthquake motion. All used mobilehomes, used manufactured homes, or used multifamily manufactured homes that are sold would be required to have, on or

before the date of transfer of title, the fuel-gas-burning water heater appliance or appliances braced, anchored, or strapped to resist falling or horizontal displacement due to earthquake motion. By creating a new crime or expanding an existing crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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AB 2170 **(Cook) Fireworks.** (1-02/20/2008 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status:03/05/2008-Referred to Coms. on G.O. and PUB. S.

Current Location:03/05/2008-A G.O.

Calendar Events:

Summary: Existing law makes certain offenses relating to the possession or discharge of fireworks a misdemeanor, including the possession of dangerous fireworks without holding a valid permit; the storage, sale, or discharge of any type of fireworks in or within 100 feet of a location where gasoline or any other flammable liquids are stored or dispensed; and placing, throwing, discharging, or firing dangerous fireworks at or near any person or group where there is a likelihood of injury or with the intent of creating chaos, fear, or panic. The possession of dangerous fireworks in excess of specified amounts is punishable as a felony. This bill would make it a misdemeanor to possess, manufacture, sell, use, or discharge, or to offer to do so, any type of fireworks, including safe and sane fireworks, in any high or very high fire hazard severity zone, as designated by the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection. Any violation of this provision involving the possession of dangerous fireworks in excess of specified amounts would be subject to punishment as a felony. This bill would imposed state-mandated local program by creating a new crime. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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AB 2286 **(Feuer) Unified hazardous waste and hazardous materials.** (A-04/08/2008
[html](#) [pdf](#))

Status:04/09/2008-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Current Location:04/09/2008-A APPR.

Calendar Events:04/23/08 9 a.m. - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS

Summary: Existing law requires the Secretary for Environmental Protection to implement a unified hazardous waste and hazardous materials management regulatory program. A city or local agency that meets specified requirements is authorized to apply to the secretary to implement the unified program, and every county is required to apply to the secretary to be certified to implement the unified program. This bill would, instead, require that in addition to any other funding that becomes available, the secretary shall increase the oversight surcharge by an amount necessary to establish the data system, but not to exceed \$25 each year for 3 years to establish the information data collection and exchange system, and would provide that not less than 60% of that funding shall be provided to certified unified program agencies and participating agencies through grant funds for the purposes of the system. The bill would require the secretary to establish milestones to measure the implementation of the system and provide periodic status updates to interested parties. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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AB 2288 **(Torrico) Automatic fire extinguishing systems: certificate of registration.**
(A-03/28/2008 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status:04/10/2008-From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 8. Noes 5.) (April 9).

Current Location:04/10/2008-A APPR.

Calendar Events:04/23/08 9 a.m. - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS

Summary: Existing law requires the State Fire Marshal to adopt and administer the regulations and building standards he or she deems necessary in order to establish and control a program for servicing, testing, and maintaining all automatic fire extinguishing systems, including, but not limited to, fire sprinkler systems. These regulations and building standards are required to consider the requirements of the applicable standards of the National Fire Protection Association and specified voluntary standards published by the State Fire Marshal. This bill would require the State Fire Marshal to expand these regulations and building standards to include the installation of automatic fire extinguishing systems, and would no longer require consideration of the voluntary standards. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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AB 2447 (Jones) Subdivision maps: disapproval. (A-04/17/2008 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status:04/17/2008-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. Read second time and amended.

Current Location:04/17/2008-A L. GOV.

Calendar Events:04/23/08 1:30 p.m. - Room 127 ASM LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Summary: The Subdivision Map Act requires the legislative body of a city or county to deny approval of a tentative map, or a parcel map for which a tentative map was not required, if it makes certain findings. This bill would require the legislative body of a county to deny approval of a tentative map, or a parcel map for which a tentative map was not required, if the proposed map is in a state responsibility area or a very high fire hazard sensitivity zone unless the legislative body of a county makes specified findings .

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AB 2859 (Gaines) Public resources: fire prevention and control: forest protection. (A-04/08/2008 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status:04/14/2008-Do pass as amended and be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Current Location:04/15/2008-A APPR.

Calendar Events:

Summary: Existing law, the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973, is intended to create and maintain an effective and comprehensive system of regulation and use of all timberlands to ensure , among other things, that productivity of timberlands is restored, enhanced, and maintained, where feasible. The act defines timber operations to mean the cutting or removal, or both, of timber or other solid wood forest products, including Christmas trees, from timberlands for commercial purposes, together with all the incidental work, including, but not limited to, construction and maintenance of roads, fuelbreaks, firebreaks, stream crossings,

landings, skid trails, and beds for the falling of trees, fire hazard abatement, and site preparation that involves the disturbance of soil or burning of vegetation following timber harvesting activities conducted after a certain date, but excludes preparatory work such as treemarking, surveying, or roadflagging. This bill would exclude from the definition of timber operations the removal of certain size trees for the purpose of complying with brush clearance requirements and removal of certain size trees from firebreaks and fuelbreaks that meet described criteria , including that the project and project based review, for projects on forested landscapes, be prepared by or in consultation with a registered professional forester . This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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AB 2935 **(Huffman) Toxic spill prevention and response.** (A-04/09/2008 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status:04/17/2008-From committee: Amend, do pass as amended, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (April 15).

Current Location:04/17/2008-A SECOND READING

Calendar Events:04/21/08 26 ASM SECOND READING FILE

Summary: The Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act generally requires the administrator for oil spill response, acting at the direction of the Governor, to implement activities relating to oil spill response, including emergency drills and preparedness, and oil spill containment and cleanup, and to represent the state in any coordinated response efforts with the federal government. Existing law requires the administrator to amend, on a triennial basis, the California oil spill contingency plan containing specified elements, including an environmentally and ecologically sensitive element for the preparation and distribution of maps depicting environmentally and ecologically sensitive areas in marine waters or along the coast. This bill would additionally require the environmentally and ecologically sensitive element to include the identification and prioritization of environmentally and ecologically sensitive areas, a plan for protection actions to be taken in the event of an oil spill in those areas, the location of available response equipment and personnel to deploy the equipment to protect priority environmentally and ecologically sensitive areas, and a program for testing protection strategies for each of the priority environmental and ecologically sensitive areas. The bill would additionally require the California oil spill contingency plan to include an element that would consider the utilization of specified private working craft and mariners in plans for containment and cleanup. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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AB 2990 **(Laird) Underground storage tanks: petroleum.** (A-04/03/2008 [html](#) [pdf](#))
Status:04/16/2008-From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (April 15).
Current Location:04/16/2008-A APPR.
Calendar Events:

Summary: Existing law generally regulates the storage of hazardous substances in underground storage tanks and requires underground storage tanks that are used to store hazardous substances to meet certain requirements, including requiring that a underground storage tank installed on or before January 1, 1984, and used for the storage of hazardous substances be replaced or upgraded, as specified, by December 22, 1998. This bill would require the board to convene a task force to develop recommendations on the process for the closure of all single-walled petroleum tanks in the state by a certain date and the provision of needed financial assistance to achieve that goal. This bill contains other existing laws.

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SB 1130 **(Battin) Arson: registration: Internet availability.** (I-01/29/2008 [html](#) [pdf](#))
Status:04/08/2008-Set, first hearing. Failed passage in committee. (Ayes 2. Noes 0. Page 3453.)
Current Location:02/07/2008-S PUB. S.
Calendar Events:

Summary: Existing law requires a convicted arsonist, as specified, to register with certain local officials in the area in which he or she resides, and makes it a misdemeanor to fail to register. Existing law also requires the registering law enforcement agency to forward certain information about the person to the Department of Justice, including a signed statement, and the person's fingerprints and photograph. Under existing law, those statements, photographs, and fingerprints are not open to inspection by the public or by any person other than a regularly employed peace officer or other law enforcement officer. This bill would delete the provision prohibiting public inspection of the statements, photographs, and fingerprints, and would require the Department of Justice, by July 1, 2014, to make specified personal identifying information in the arson registry available to

the public on its Internet Web site.

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SB 1231 **(Correa) Fire safety.** (A-04/01/2008 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status:04/16/2008-From committee: Do pass, but first be re-referred to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 10. Noes 0. Page 3430.)
Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Current Location:04/16/2008-S APPR.

Calendar Events:

Summary: Existing law requires a person, as defined, who owns, leases, controls, operates, or maintains a building or structure in, upon, or adjoining specified types of land areas to maintain around and adjacent to a building or structure fire protection or a firebreak, as specified. This bill would require the Office of the State Fire Marshal to develop, in cooperation with the Board of Forestry, and in consultation with representatives from local, state, and federal fire services, local government, building officials, the building industry, and the environmental community, a model defensible space program to be made available for use by a city, county, or city and county in the enforcement of the defensible space provisions. The bill would set forth required components of the program. The bill would also authorize the local agency for enforcement of the program to recover the actual cost of abatement and to place it as a special assessment or lien on the property. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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SB 1386 **(Lowenthal) Carbon monoxide.** (A-03/26/2008 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status:04/15/2008-Do pass as amended, and re-refer to the Committee on Appropriations

Current Location:04/15/2008-S APPR.

Calendar Events:

Summary: Existing law requires the State Fire Marshal to adopt regulations and standards regarding the quality and installation of burglar bars and safety release mechanisms for emergency escape and rescue windows, the approval and installation of smoke detectors, and the approval of portable fire extinguishers for marketing, distribution, and sale in this state. Existing law requires a smoke detector approved and listed by the State Fire Marshal to be installed in a dwelling unit intended for human occupancy. Existing law also requires the transferor of real property containing a single-family dwelling to provide transferees written notice of compliance with specified requirements for the installation of smoke detectors. This bill would additionally require the State Fire Marshal to approve carbon monoxide devices for the use in dwelling units intended for human occupancy, as defined. The bill would require a carbon monoxide device to be installed in a dwelling unit intended for human occupancy, as specified. The bill would generally provide that a violation of these provisions is an infraction punishable by a maximum fine of \$200 for each offense ; however, a resident of a single-family dwelling would receive a 30-day notice to correct prior to being assessed a fine . By creating a new crime, this bill would create a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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SB 1500 (Kehoe) Environment: CEQA: fire hazards: state responsibility areas. (A-04/09/2008 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status:04/15/2008-From committee: Do pass, but first be re-referred to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 2. Page 3428.) Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Current Location:04/15/2008-S APPR.

Calendar Events:

Summary: Existing law requires the state to have the primary financial responsibility for preventing and suppressing fires in areas that the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection has determined are state responsibility areas. This bill would require that on and after July 1, 2009, if the legislative body of a county considers entering into development contracts, approving certain permits or entitlements, or approving a tentative map or parcel map for a subdivision, for a project located within a state responsibility area, the county would be required to notify the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection of the proposed project. The board would then be required to evaluate whether the proposed project should remain in the state responsibility area or be a local responsibility for structural fire protection services. If the board determines that the affected lands should be removed from the state responsibility area the county would be prohibited from acting on the proposed project until it ensures the provision of structural fire protection by complying with any one of 3 requirements to ensure that structural fire protection is provided, including, but not limited to, contracting with the Department of

Forestry and Fire Protection to provide structural fire protection services. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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SB 1569 **(Kehoe) Property taxation: new construction exclusion: fire safety devices.**
(1-02/22/2008 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status:03/13/2008-Set for hearing April 9 in REV. & TAX. pending receipt.

Current Location:03/06/2008-S REV. & TAX

Calendar Events:

Summary: The California Constitution generally limits ad valorem taxes on real property to 1% of the full cash value of that property. For purposes of this limitation, "full cash value" is defined as the assessor's valuation of real property as shown on the 1975-76 tax bill under "full cash value" or, thereafter, the appraised value of that real property when purchased, newly constructed, or a change in ownership has occurred. The California Constitution authorizes the Legislature to exclude from classification as "newly constructed" the construction or installation on or after November 7, 1984, of any fire sprinkler system, other fire extinguishing system, fire detection system, or fire-related egress improvement, as defined by the Legislature. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to the provision implementing that authorization.

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SB 1595 **(Kehoe) Public resources: fire protection: fuelsmanagement: forest protection.** (A-03/24/2008 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status:04/16/2008-Hearing postponed by committee. (Refers to 4/14/2008 hearing)

Current Location:03/25/2008-S APPR.

Calendar Events:04/21/08 Anticipated Hearing SEN APPR.

Summary: Existing law requires that a person who owns, leases, controls, operates, or maintains an occupied dwelling or occupied structure in, upon, or adjoining certain terrains that is within a very high fire hazard severity zone, as designated by a local agency, maintain at all times a firebreak by removing all brush, flammable vegetation, or other combustible growth for a prescribed number of feet from the occupied dwelling or occupied structure, with exceptions, as well as take other required fire prevention actions. This bill would delete certain terrain qualifications thereby applying these provisions to any land within a very high fire severity zone as designated by a local agency without regard to the type of terrain. The bill would also change the current brush clearance requirements and would instead require the owner or person in control of a qualified property to reduce the risk of ignition by managing fuel materials, within a certain number of feet from the above-described dwellings, buildings, or structures. The bill would require that fuel found in vegetation, in manmade objects, and in connection with improvements attached to the structure be managed by collecting and disposing of combustible matter and irrigating living plants as required to sustain the species during exposure to a wildfire. Local agencies would be authorized to place alternative requirements in effect in areas where water shortages exist. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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SB 1617 **(Kehoe) State responsibility areas: fire-related benefit fees.** (A-04/01/2008
[html](#) [pdf](#))

Status:04/16/2008-Hearing postponed by committee. (Refers to 4/14/2008 hearing)

Current Location:04/10/2008-S APPR.

Calendar Events:04/21/08 Anticipated Hearing SEN APPR.

Summary: Existing law requires the state to have the primary financial responsibility for preventing and suppressing fires in areas that the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection has determined are state responsibility areas. This bill would require the board to adopt emergency regulations to establish a fee for fire-related services to be charged to an owner of a building or structure within a state responsibility area. The fee would be based on the fire hazard severity zone in which the building or structure is located, and include a specified amount to cover the county's costs for levying and collecting the fee. The bill would specify the minimum fees to be imposed. The fee for an owner would be reduced if the owner complies with certain requirements. The fees also would be reduced communitywide by an amount set by the board if the board determines that the appropriate local land use authority has met certain conditions. The fees would be eliminated communitywide if the board determines that there is sufficient structural fire protection service already provided by a county or special district, and the fees would be eliminated for an owner if the department determines the

improvements to the land do not require fire protection services beyond those provided to otherwise unimproved land. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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SB 1618 (Hollingsworth) Public resources: defensible space. (A-04/03/2008 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status:04/08/2008-Set, first hearing. Failed passage in committee. (Ayes 4. Noes 4. Page 3352.) Reconsideration granted. (Ayes 8. Noes 0. Page 3352.)

Current Location:04/03/2008-S N.R. & W.

Calendar Events:

Summary: The California Endangered Species Act prohibits the taking of specified species that are deemed to be endangered or threatened. This bill would exempt from this prohibition the taking of endangered or threatened species during specified activities related to creation and maintenance of a defensible space for fire safety for a building or structure under specified conditions. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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SCA 19 (Kehoe) Property tax: new construction exclusion: fire safety retrofitting improvements. (I-02/21/2008 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status:04/02/2008-Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Current Location:03/13/2008-S REV. & TAX

Calendar Events:

Summary: The California Constitution generally limits ad valorem taxes on real property to 1% of the full cash value of that property. For purposes of this limitation, "full cash value" is defined as the assessor's valuation of real property as shown on the 1975-76 tax bill under "full cash value" or, thereafter, the appraised value of that

real property when purchased, newly constructed, or a change of ownership has occurred. The California Constitution authorizes the Legislature to exclude from classification as "newly constructed" the construction or installation of any fire sprinkler system, other fire extinguishing system, fire detection system, or fire-related egress improvements, as defined by the Legislature. This measure would authorize the Legislature to additionally exclude from classification as "newly constructed" the construction or installation of any fire safety retrofitting improvement that meets fire safety building standards, as defined by the Legislature.

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