



## **2019 LEGISLATION**

### **Banking and Financial Institutions**

- **SB 455: Financially Empowering Californians**

Creates the California Financial Empowerment Fund administered by the Department of Business Oversight to award grants to nonprofit organizations, which provide effective financial education and empowerment tools to unbanked and underbanked individuals and families.

*(Signed by the Governor)*

### **Business and Economic Development**

- **SB 595: Reducing Barriers and Creating an Equitable Cannabis Industry**

Requires a state cannabis-licensing authority to develop and implement a program to provide state application or licensing fee waivers and deferrals for local social equity applicants or licensees, who have been most harmed by cannabis prohibition and the larger war on drugs.

*(Pending Governor's action)*

### **Education**

- **SB 206: The Fair Pay to Play Act**

Enables all student athletes enrolled in public or private four-year colleges and universities to earn money from sponsorships, endorsements and other activities that use their name, image, and likeness.

*(Signed by the Governor)*

- **SB 575: Expanding Access to College Education Programs for Incarcerated Students**

Ensures that incarcerated students will have equal access to college education programs, while supporting effective rehabilitative efforts within our correctional institutions.

*(Pending Governor's action)*

### **Energy, Utilities and Communication**

- **SB 155: Clarifying Energy Procurement Rules**

Clarifies existing requirements that help the State achieve its existing renewable and zero-carbon energy goals.

*(Signed by the Governor)*

- **SB 255: Expanding Diversity in California's Energy Sector**

Adapts the existing energy supplier diversity initiative to suit our twenty-first-century electric grid by including new market participants.

*(Signed by the Governor)*

- **SB 676: Smart Transportation Electrification**

Lowers the overall costs associated with Californians' growing number of electric vehicles by integrating their electricity demand into the grid in smart, optimal ways.

*(Signed by the Governor)*

- **SB 704: Improving the LifeLine Universal Telecommunication Service Program**

Updates the LifeLine program, which helps low-income Californians access affordable, basic telephone service for their safety and well-being, and helps particularly vulnerable individuals better access the program.

*(Pending Governor's action)*

### **Environmental Quality**

- **SB 519: Streamlining Remediation for Groundwater Cleanup**

Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to grant money in the Site Cleanup Subaccount to Water Replenishment Districts thereby quickly and effectively funding projects in order to protect valuable water resources.

*(Signed by the Governor)*

### **Health**

- **SB 322: Protecting Employee Reporting Rights during Health Inspections**

Allows workers to speak privately with a state hospital/health facility inspector during an inspection by the Department of Public Health to ensure safety of workers and patients.

*(Signed by the Governor)*

### **Insurance**

- **SB 534: Ensuring Diversity in California's Insurance Industry**

Reinstates the Insurance Supplier Diversity Survey and expands on current definitions in the survey to include diverse communities and categories that have been historically excluded, such as LGBT and veteran-business enterprises. Also codifies the Governing Board Diversity Survey and Insurance Diversity Task Force in order to continue collecting vital

information and advise the Department of Insurance on how best to achieve its diversity goals.

*(Signed by the Governor)*

### Judiciary/Labor

- **SB 218: Fair Employment and Housing Act Local Enforcement**

Allows local jurisdictions to investigate and enforce state law prohibiting employment discrimination and enact their own employment antidiscrimination ordinances.

*(Pending Governor's action)*

### Public Safety

- **SB 269: Fair Compensation for the Wrongly Convicted**

Extends the time to apply for compensation for individuals who were wrongly convicted and have proven their innocence in a court of law. Also provides additional compensation for individuals who wrongfully spent time on parole, under state supervision, or on the sex offender registry.

*(Signed by the Governor)*