



California Association of Nonprofits

Protecting, Strengthening & Promoting Nonprofits

NONPROFIT-RELATED STATE LEGISLATION: 2007-08 SESSION

The following is a selected list of bills of interest to nonprofits taken up by the California Legislature in its most recently completed two-year session. All were supported by CAN and signed into law unless otherwise indicated by an "O"(opposed) or "NP"(no position).

Accountability

AB.624 Foundations: diversity Would have required a private, corporate, or public operating foundation incorporated in California and with assets over \$250,000,000 to collect and report data on the racial and gender composition of its board of directors, staff, and grantees. **DIED IN COMMITTEE.** *(Note: Ten of the state's large foundations and the bill's sponsor, The Greenlining Institute, reached an agreement in June that, by the end of 2008, the foundations "will announce a comprehensive set of grant-making activities, which we expect to be overall in the multimillion-dollar range and over several years, to begin in 2009 that will lead to increased funding for: (1) Capacity building support and technical assistance targeted to minority-led and grassroots, community-based organizations that primarily serve minority and low-income communities in California; and (2) Support for leadership development activities that will bolster and train a diverse pipeline of executives, staff and board members for the nonprofit and philanthropic sectors."***(O)**

Emergency/Disaster Response

AB.903 Emergency services reimbursement Authorizes reimbursement of selected expenses of nonprofit responders and ensures that no reimbursement funds be used for sectarian purposes.

AB.1930 Emergency services: populations with limited English proficiency Requires state agencies to engage in research and planning to establish a process, by January 1, 2010, to address the needs of populations with limited proficiency in the English language for emergency preparedness, response, and recovery.

AB.2327 Emergency services: humanitarian and relief services Requires all entities performing disaster relief or emergency services to ensure that individuals receive the assistance they need and are eligible to receive, and prohibits a state entity or employee from requiring documents or identification from an individual seeking disaster relief or emergency services unless required by state or federal law.

AB.2796 State of emergency: immunity from liability Authorizes a statewide registry of, and provides for limited liability immunity for nonprofit and for-profit emergency and disaster responders. **CAN-SPONSORED**

Fundraising

AB.1964 Alcohol permits Increases the number of special alcohol permits from 1 to 3 per calendar year for nonprofit fundraising activities and allows nonprofits to receive wine donations while awaiting approval for their license application with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

AB.323 Wine donations Expands the number of types of vintners allowed to donate and pour their wines at nonprofit fundraisers.

SB.108 Wine donations Extends the provisions of AB 323 to nonprofits that are not 501 (c) 3 organizations.

SB.157 Wine Sales Expands the ability of nonprofit groups to hold wine sales events in conjunction with California wineries, hold wine tasting events where orders for wine can be taken, and hold wine tastings where custom crush producers can donate and pour wine.

SB.1369 Bingo Allows local ordinances authorizing "remote caller bingo. Doubles the prize limit on traditional bingo from \$250 to \$500. Bans electronics or video, except in connection with the caller's drawing of numbers or symbols and the public display of that drawing. Establishes a Charity Bingo Mitigation Fund to assist charity electronic bingo game operators. **CAN-SPONSORED**

AB.334 Bingo Appropriates \$500,000 from the Fund established by SB 1369 to the California Gambling Control Commission for startup costs for oversight of remote caller bingo.

AB.2610 Donation collection boxes Would have authorized cities and counties to establish permitting process for unattended collection boxes for salvageable personal property and specified disclosures and other requirements to qualify for those permits. **VETOED (NP)**

AB 1588. Raffles Would have decreased the percentage of gross receipts from charitable raffles required to go to beneficial or charitable purposes from 90% to 50% for a 50/50 cash raffle, and from 90% to 60% for a dream home raffle. The bill would likewise place certain restrictions on any noncash prize purchased in connection with a dream home raffle. **DIED IN COMMITTEE (NP)**

Volunteers

AB.2537 Public works volunteers Extends to December 31, 2011 the sunset date on state law that allows volunteers to work on public works projects that are subject to prevailing wage requirements and requires the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations to conduct a study evaluating the impact of allowing volunteers on public works projects.

Workplace Issues

AB.2716 Employment: paid sick leave Would have provided that an employee who works in California for 7 or more days in a calendar year is entitled to paid sick days, which shall be accrued at a rate of no less than one hour for every 30 hours worked. An employee would be entitled to use accrued sick time beginning on the 90th calendar day of employment. The bill would require employers to provide paid sick days, upon the request of the employee, for diagnosis, care, or treatment of health conditions of the employee or an employee's family member, or for leave related to domestic violence or sexual assault. An employer would be prohibited from discriminating or retaliating against an employee who requests paid sick time. The bill would require employers to satisfy specified posting and notice, and recordkeeping requirements. **DIED IN COMMITTEE**