

## CSRC 2020 CHAPTERED & VETOED BILLS 10/8/2020

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**AB 2113** (**Low D**) Refugees, asylees, and special immigrant visa holders: professional licensing: initial licensure process.

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 9/28/2020 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Chapter Number:** 186

**Introduced:** 2/6/2020

**Last Amend:** 8/4/2020

**Status:** 9/27/2020-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 186, Statutes of 2020.

**Location:** 9/28/2020-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Current law provides for the licensure and regulation of various professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Current law prohibits a board within the department from denying licensure to an applicant based upon their citizenship or immigration status. This bill, notwithstanding any other law, would require a board within the department to expedite, and authorize it to assist, the initial licensure process for an applicant who supplies satisfactory evidence to the board that they are a refugee, have been granted asylum, or have a special immigrant visa, as specified. The bill would authorize a board to adopt regulations necessary to administer these provisions.

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CSRC	W	JT	AR, JT, TM

**AB 2164** (**Rivas, Robert D**) Telehealth.

**Current Text:** Vetoed: 9/26/2020 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/11/2020

**Last Amend:** 8/20/2020

**Status:** 9/26/2020-Vetoed by Governor.

**Location:** 9/26/2020-A. VETOED

**Summary:** Current law prohibits a requirement of in-person contact between a health care provider and a Medi-Cal patient when the service may be provided by telehealth, and, for purposes of telehealth, prohibits the department from limiting the type of setting where Medi-Cal services are provided. Existing law authorizes, to the extent that federal financial participation is available, the use of health care services by store and forward under the Medi-Cal program, subject to billing and reimbursement policies developed by the department, and prohibits a requirement of in-person contact between a health care provider and a Medi-Cal patient when these services are provided by store and forward. This bill would provide that an FQHC or RHC "visit" includes an encounter between an FQHC or RHC patient and a health care provider using telehealth by synchronous interaction or asynchronous store and forward. The bill would specify that an FQHC or RHC is not precluded from establishing a patient who is located within the FQHC's or RHC's federal designated service area through

synchronous interaction or asynchronous store and forward as of the date of service if specified requirements are met.

**Governor's Message:** To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 2164 without my signature. This bill would authorize a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and Rural Health Center (RHC) to establish a relationship with a patient who is located within their service area by synchronous or asynchronous (store-and-forward) telehealth. AB 2164 would sunset 180 days after the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency has been terminated by the state of California. While I am supportive of utilizing telehealth to increase access to primary and specialty care services, the Department of Health Care Services is currently in the process of evaluating its global telehealth policy to determine what temporary flexibilities should be extended beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. Changes to FQHC and RHC telehealth is better considered within the context of a global assessment around telehealth in the state of California. Further, the cost of these changes is also more appropriately considered alongside other policy changes in the budget process next year. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom

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**SB 878 (Jones R) Department of Consumer Affairs: license: application: processing timeframes.**

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**Chapter Number:** 131

**Introduced:** 1/22/2020

**Last Amend:** 6/18/2020

**Status:** 9/24/2020-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 131, Statutes of 2020.

**Location:** 9/24/2020-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Current law provides for the licensure and regulation of various professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs. This bill, beginning July 1, 2021, would require each board within the department that issues licenses, on at least a quarterly basis, to prominently display on its internet website either the current average timeframes for processing initial and renewal license applications or the combined current average timeframe for processing both initial and renewal license applications.

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**SB 1159 (Hill D) Workers' compensation: COVID-19: critical workers.**

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**Chapter Number:** 85

**Introduced:** 2/20/2020

**Last Amend:** 8/30/2020

**Status:** 9/17/2020-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 85, Statutes of 2020.

**Location:** 9/17/2020-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Would define "injury" for an employee to include illness or death resulting from the 2019 novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) under specified circumstances, until January 1, 2023. The bill would create a disputable presumption, as specified, that the injury arose out of and in the course of the employment and is compensable, for specified dates of injury. The bill would limit the applicability of the presumption under certain circumstances. The bill would require an employee to exhaust their paid sick leave benefits and meet specified certification requirements before receiving any temporary disability benefits or, for police officers, firefighters, and other specified employees, a leave of absence. The bill would also make a claim relating to a COVID-19 illness presumptively compensable, as described above, after 30 days or 45 days, rather than 90 days.

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