

## Legislative Update

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/california/articles/2018-11-12/democrats-gain-veto-proof-majority-in-california-legislature>

- The Assembly has 60 Democrats and 20 Republicans
  - The Senate has 29 Democrats and 11 Republicans
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The following bills take effect on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019:

AB 2103 requires gun owners with a concealed carry license to undergo a minimum of eight hours of training, and demonstrate proficiency and safety on the shooting range. Before, C-C-W applicants could get their permit without ever shooting a gun.

SB 1046 requires Californians found guilty of driving under the influence to temporarily install breathalyzers in their vehicles to get their driver's licenses back.

AB 1976 requires employers to make reasonable efforts to provide a room or place for breastfeeding that is not a bathroom.

AB 626 - allows cities and counties to authorize and regulate the sale of home-made foods.

AB 1884 limits restaurants statewide to giving out single-use straws only upon request of customers. Fast food restaurants are exempt. Restaurants violating the law could be fined \$25 daily for violations, or a maximum of \$300 per year.

<https://krcrtv.com/news/local/a-breakdown-of-the-new-california-laws-going-into-effect-january-1st-2019>

**Senator Morrell – Committees**

Banking and Financial Institutions - Budget and Fiscal Review

Housing (New Committee) – Vice Chair

Labor, Public Employment and Retirement (New Committee) – Vice Chair

Legislative Ethics - Public Safety - Transportation

Budget Sub-Committee #1 on Education

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Senator Mike Morrell today issued the following statement in response to Governor Gavin Newsom's state budget proposal for 2019-20:

"The governor pledged in his inaugural address that his administration would be 'prudent with taxpayer dollars.' Yet from the outset, his first budget commits to new programs and ongoing spending that put future generations at risk of having to deal with more government debt, already pegged at \$1.3 trillion.

"It forces Californians to buy health insurance or pay a penalty, just after the federal government provided relief from this mandate. Furthermore, the health care system the governor wants to pursue could cost as much as \$400 billion. To put that in context, the entire amount of income tax collected from Californians last year was \$95 billion and the total state general fund budget is less than half the cost of the governor's health care plan.

"Living in California is already unaffordable for too many - a key reason why for 15 consecutive years, more residents have moved out of California than moved into our state. Higher taxes would only add to this pressure.

"It is not 'prudent' if Democrat leaders in Sacramento also tell taxpayers they have no choice but to foot the bill for their socialistic priorities to increase government control over our lives."

California fast facts:

- California has the nation's **highest income taxes**. According to the nonpartisan Tax Foundation, California is ranked 49th overall in state business tax climate.
- California's statewide sales tax is **highest in the country** at 7.25 percent.
- Unfunded liabilities are estimated to be as high as \$400 billion - more than twice the size of the state's general fund budget.
- Over 9,000 businesses have either left or declined to expand their operations California.

For 13 years in a row, California has been named the **worst state for business** in a survey of 500 CEOs by Chief Executive Magazine.