



# DICTIONARY AND CHAPTERED BILL REPORT

2012 LEGISLATIVE YEAR



## A LETTER TO OUR MEMBERS

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# From the PIFC Staff

The Dictionary is a compilation of Assembly and Senate bills tracked by the Personal Insurance Federation of California during the 2012 Legislative year. It is organized by bill number and House of Origin. Each entry contains the bill number, author, title, status, and PIFC Position (Support, Oppose, Watch). Chaptered bills contain a description of code sections affected. A complete list of bills Chaptered in 2012 can be found at the end of this document. For two year bills Chaptered or Vetoed during the previous year please visit our website ([pifc.org](http://pifc.org)) where a report containing bills chaptered in 2011 can be viewed under Legislative Updates.

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## Assembly Bills

**AB 3****Author:** Miller**Title:** Vehicles: Confidential Home Address: Citations**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly

**Summary:** Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles, as part of its vehicle registration renewal process, to provide a person, who requests a confidential home address, with any outstanding notices of toll evasion that appear in the person's record. Requires the notice to be the same level of notification as is required to be given a person who does not have a confidential home address. Authorizes the department to charge a reasonable fee to cover related costs.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 21****Author:** Nestande**Title:** State Budget: Key Liabilities**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly

**Summary:** Requires the Governor to submit a report to the Legislature, setting forth a list of the state's key liabilities, in the nature of debt, deferred payments, and other liabilities that will affect the state's financial health. Requires the Governor's Budget to specify percentages and amounts of General Fund revenues that must be set aside and applied toward retiring key liabilities. Restricts the Governor from including as estimated revenues those revenues estimated to be generated from laws not in effect.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 53****Author:** Solorio**Title:** Insurers: Procurement Contracts: Minority and Disabled**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 414

**Sections Affected:** An act to add and repeal Article 10.2 (commencing with Section 927) of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 1 of the Insurance Code, relating to insurers.

**Summary:** Requires each admitted insurer, with premiums written equal to or in excess of a specified amount, to submit to the Insurance Commissioner a report on its minority, women, and disabled veteran-owned business procurement efforts. Provides that the failure to file the report by a specified date, subjects the admitted insurer to civil penalties to be fixed and enforced by the Commissioner. Requires the insurer to biennially update its supplier diversity report.

**PIFC Position:** Neutral

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**AB 66****Author:** Chesbro**Title:** Taxation: Vehicle License Fees**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly

**Summary:** Amends the Vehicle License Fee Law that imposes, in lieu of any ad valorem property tax upon vehicles, an annual license fee for any vehicle subject to registration, and that also imposes an additional tax equal to 0.15% of the market value of specified vehicles to the license fee. Repeals the provision relating to the sunset date and repeal of the additional 0.15% tax.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

**AB 205****Author:** Hagman**Title:** Income Taxes: Credit: Vehicle Registration Fees**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly**Summary:** Authorizes a credit under the Personal Income Tax Law for qualified costs paid by a taxpayer for specified fees charged by the Department of Motor Vehicles for a qualified vehicle.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 260****Author:** Cedillo**Title:** Vehicles: Driver License Compact**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly**Summary:** Relates to the Driver License Compact. Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the definition of licensing authority with regard to that compact.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 423****Author:** Butler**Title:** Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly**Summary:** Provides that the Department of Finance shall assume authority over the Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 444****Author:** Carter**Title:** Vehicles: Material Damage: Definition**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly**Summary:** Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to existing law which defines material damage sustained by a motor vehicle in order to comply with damage disclosure requirements set forth in the Vehicle Code and specifies that the damage is material to the cost of repairs and whether the damage was to the frame or drive train of the vehicle, occurred in connection with a theft of the entire vehicle, or was to the suspension of the vehicle requiring repairs other than wheel balancing or alignment.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 476****Author:** Lowenthal B**Title:** Tow Trucks: Illegal Operation: Impoundment and Release**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly**Summary:** Provides a tow truck driver who violates prohibition in existing law that prohibits the owner or operator from soliciting an engagement for towing services or moving a vehicle without proper authorization is, in addition to being guilty of a misdemeanor, subject to punishment by having the tow truck impounded for a specified period and a monetary fine. Authorizes the release of such vehicle to the registered owner or his or her agent if specified requirements are met. Provides required payment methods.**PIFC Position:** Watch

**AB 480****Author:** Solorio**Title:** Insurance: Solid Waste Facilities**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 713

**Sections Affected:** An act to amend, repeal, and add Section 1760 of the Insurance Code, and to amend, repeal, and add Section 43601 of, and to add Section 43601.2 to, the Public Resources Code, relating to insurance.

**Summary:** Amends existing law that provides that if the evidence of financial ability of a solid waste landfill for closure, postclosure, or corrective action is demonstrated by use of insurance, the insurance may be approved if the carrier meets specified requirements. Provides such insurance shall not be an admitted insurer or surplus line broker. Requires a report on the use of mechanisms for financial ability to provide for the cost of maintenance. Relates to funding a related study.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 539****Author:** Williams**Title:** Electronic Toll Collection Systems: Information Use**Status:** Failed – Adjourned in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee

**Summary:** Permits a transportation agency or its designee to share data regarding a vehicle's use of toll facilities with another transportation agency to comply with specifications and standards in existing law. Permits such agency to share specified information with agencies in other states as part of a toll collection program. Permits a transportation agency to perform toll collection and violation enforcement functions required to operate and manage toll facilities, whether in the state or not.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 601****Author:** Yamada**Title:** Vehicles: Transfer of Interest: Power of Attorney**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly

**Summary:** Authorizes an active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces as the owner of a vehicle to execute a valid military power of attorney for the purpose of using, operating, titling, or transferring his or her interest in or licensing and registering any vehicle in this state.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 695****Author:** Norby**Title:** Vehicles: Motorcycles: Safety Helmets**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly

**Summary:** Exempts from the requirement to wear a safety helmet when riding a motorcycle, a person who is a specified age or older who has either completed a motorcycle safety training program or has been authorized to operate a vehicle pursuant to a valid class M1 license or a comparable license.

**PIFC Position:** Opposed

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**AB 731****Author:** Jeffries**Title:** Firefighting**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly

**Summary:** Appropriates a specified amount of revenue currently received by the state from specified tax and fee revenue sources for firefighting and emergency response purposes, including, but not limited to, the purchase of firefighting and rescue vehicles and equipment.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

**AB 748****Author:** Yamada**Title:** Continuing Care Retirement Communities: Contracts**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly**Summary:** Relates to continuing care retirement communities. Transfers specified duties, powers, purposes, functions, responsibilities, and jurisdiction of the State Department of Social Services to the Department of Insurance, as prescribed.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 753****Author:** Monning**Title:** Vehicles: Rentals**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Senate Appropriations Committee**Summary:** Enacts the Raechel and Jacqueline Houck Rental Car Safety Act. Prohibits the short-term rental of a vehicle that is subject to a federal safety recall notice unless specified conditions are met. Prohibits a person from engaging in the short-term rental of vehicles from selling a vehicle at retail unless the vehicle meets specified requirements. Specifies that these provisions are applicable to a defined rental care company.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 806****Author:** Torres**Title:** Common Interest Developments**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 181**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Sections 10131.01, 10153.2, 10177, 11003, 11003.2, 11004, 11004.5, 11010.10, 11018.1, 11018.12, 11018.6, 11211.7, 11500, 11502, 11504, 11505, 23426.5, and 23428.20 of the Business and Professions Code, to amend Sections 51.11, 714, 714.1, 782, 782.5, 783, 783.1, 798.20, 799.10, 800.25, 895, 935, 945, 1098, 1102.6a, 1102.6d, 1133, 1633.3, 1864, 2079.3, 2924b, 2929.5, and 2955.1 of the Civil Code, to amend Sections 86, 116.540, 564, 726.5, 729.035, and 736 of the Code of Civil Procedure, to amend Sections 12191, 12956.1, 12956.2, 53341.5, 65008, 65915, 65995.5, 66411, 66412, 66424, 66427, 66452.10, 66475.2, and 66477 of the Government Code, to amend Sections 1597.531, 13132.7, 19850, 25400.22, 25915.2, 25915.5, 33050, 33435, 33436, 33769, 35811, 37630, 37923, 50955, 51602, and 116048 of the Health and Safety Code, to amend Section 790.031 of the Insurance Code, to amend Section 2188.6 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, to amend Sections 21107.7, 22651, 22651.05, and 22658 of the Vehicle Code, and to amend Section 13553 of the Water Code, relating to common interest developments.**Summary:** Makes various technical conforming changes to reflect a proposed revision and recodification of the Davis-Stirling Common Interest Development Act. Includes policies of residential property insurance containing earthquake coverages that insure against property damage and are issued to common interest developments or to associations managing such developments and to policies issued to insure against property damage to residential units or contents thereof.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 819****Author:** Wieckowski**Title:** Bikeways**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 716**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Section 891 of, and to add and repeal Section 891.1 of, the Streets and Highways Code, relating to bikeways.**Summary:** Amends existing law that requires all city, county, and local agencies to establish bikeways and the entities responsible for such development to utilize all minimum safety design criteria and uniform specifications and symbols for signs, markers, and traffic control devices. Requires the Department of Transportation to establish procedures for those entities to be granted exceptions from the requirement to use those criteria for purposes of research, experimentation, testing, evaluation and verification.**PIFC Position:** Watch

**AB 891****Author:** Garrick**Title:** Theft: Motor Vehicle: Penalties**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly

**Summary:** Amends the existing law that punishes persons who have been previously convicted of specified motor vehicle violations and includes certain felony grand thefts of a motor vehicle. Applies those provisions to a person who has previously been convicted of one or more misdemeanor violations. Prohibits persons subject to punishment under provisions for previously having been convicted of 2 or more of the above offenses from being granted probation.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 992****Author:** Nielsen**Title:** Civil Liability: Wildfires**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly

**Summary:** Provides that provisions of existing law relating to damages in civil action regarding the injury to trees without lawful authority, do not apply to damages caused by any wildfire, other than arson. Applies existing law that attaches civil liability to a person who allows a fire kindled or attended by him or her to escape to the property of another to a person who negligently, or in violation of law, commits those acts, and sets a statute of limitations for related actions.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1004****Author:** Hagman**Title:** Insurance: Conservation and Liquidation Office**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly

**Summary:** Requires the Insurance Conservation and Liquidation Office to report and publish all specified claims on a quarterly basis through a public filing with the court in which an insurer's liquidation proceeding is pending. Requires the office to contact the claimants whose claims have been allowed. Requires the receiver, the Insurance Commissioner, and the office, upon receipt of notice that an allowed claim has been assigned to another party, to process that claim with a specified time period.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1031****Author:** Donnelly**Title:** Vehicles: DUI: Undocumented Drivers**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly

**Summary:** Requires and arresting authority to report to the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement the presence of a person if the person is arrested for driving while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or drug, and the person fails to provide the arresting authority with appropriate documentation demonstrating his or her legal presence in the United States.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1037****Author:** Perez V**Title:** Regulations: Small Business Impact**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly

**Summary:** Amends the Administrative Procedure Act. Declares that it is the intent of the Legislature that neither the Office of Administrative Law nor the court should substitute its judgment for that of the rulemaking agency as expressed in the substantive content of adopted regulations.

**PIFC Position:** Watch



**AB 1047****Author:** Jeffries**Title:** Vehicles: Motorcycle Safety**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 89**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Section 2814.1 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.**Summary:** Prohibits state and local law enforcement agencies from conducting motorcycle only checkpoints.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1061****Author:** Eng**Title:** Consumer Warranties: Vehicles**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly**Summary:** Requires every manufacturer, distributor, or retailer making express warranties with respect to a new vehicle also to fully set forth, in simple and readily understood language, a detailed list of items that are not covered under the warranty.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1080****Author:** Calderon C**Title:** Internet Transactions: Verification: Banking**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly**Summary:** Requires a business that provides banking or other financial services and that allows for the movement of specified funds over the Internet to collect, report, and update, on a quarterly basis, information relating to unauthorized transfers of funds over the Internet. Requires these banks or financial institutions to post this report at each of their locations within the state, or on its Internet Web site.**PIFC Position:** Opposed

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**AB 1098****Author:** Carter (previously Hagman)**Title:** Vehicle License Fees: Allocation**Status:** Vetoed**Summary:** Amends existing law regarding the allocation of motor vehicle license fees. Specifies the order in which the revenues shall be distributed to cities and to the Local Law Enforcement Services Account. Relates to funds used by the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Franchise Tax Board for enforcement of the Vehicle License Fee Law. Prohibits certain funds from being appropriated from the Motor Vehicle License Fee Account.**PIFC Position:** Support (previous version)

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**AB 1104****Author:** Pan**Title:** Vehicles: Driving-Under-the-Influence (DUI)**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly**Summary:** Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles, upon receipt of a duly certified abstract of record of a court, to postpone the revocation or suspension of a person's driving privilege until the term of imprisonment is served if that person was convicted of certain driving under the influence provisions and sentenced to incarceration in state prison. Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to notify the department 30 days prior to the release of an inmate whose license was suspended.**PIFC Position:** Watch

**AB 1107****Author:** Fletcher (I)**Title:** Vehicles: Bicycles: Rules of the Road: Bike Lanes**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly**Summary:** Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law which requires any person operating a bicycle upon a roadway at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic to ride within the bicycle lane, except as provided.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1108****Author:** Nielsen**Title:** Consumer Remedies: Litigation Costs: Prevailing Party**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly**Summary:** Amends the Consumer Legal Remedies Act that permits a court to award reasonable attorney's fees to a prevailing party only if the court finds that the plaintiff's prosecution of the action was not in good faith. Revises these provisions to require a court to award attorney's costs and fees to the prevailing party in the action.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1202****Author:** Jeffries**Title:** Vehicles: Driver's License Applicant: Organ Donation**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly**Summary:** Requires a person who enrolls in the Donate Life California Organ and Tissue Registry when submitting an application for a driver's license to receive a discount on the application fee.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1286****Author:** Fuentes**Title:** Wage Disputes: Waiver of Claims**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly**Summary:** Provides that unless approval of a settlement or compromise is being sought, an employee's waiver or release of a claim, and is covered by a pending certified or uncertified class action or representative action, shall not be valid or enforceable if that employee is a class member or a putative class member in a pending certified or uncertified class action or is represented or potentially represented in a representative action.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1291****Author:** Davis**Title:** Vehicles: Existing and Emerging Technologies**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly**Summary:** Authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to pursue the use and development of existing or emerging technologies, including technological applications that impact traffic safety or law enforcement procedures for the purpose of maximizing the efficient delivery of vehicle registration services, and achieving cost savings for business partners, service providers, or other customer groups as determined by the department. Requires the department to follow specified procurement procedures.**PIFC Position:** Watch

**AB 1311****Author:** Miller**Title:** Vehicles: Automated Speed Enforcement Systems**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly**Summary:** Authorizes a local authority to participate in a local traffic safety program that studies the feasibility of using an automated speed enforcement system for speed enforcement only in areas designated as school zones.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1399****Author:** Assembly Labor and Employment Committee**Title:** Employment Records: Right to Inspect**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly**Summary:** Requires, with an exception, an employer to maintain personnel records for a specified period of time and to provide a current or former employee, or his or her representative, an opportunity to inspect and make copies of those records. Permits, in the event an employer violates these provisions, a current or former employee or the Labor Commissioner to recover a penalty from the employer and to obtain injunctive relief and attorney's fees. Modifies a violation to an infraction.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1404****Author:** Feuer**Title:** Additional Registration Fees: Vehicle-Theft Crimes**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 775**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Section 9250.14 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles, and making an appropriation therefor.**Summary:** Authorizes specified counties to increase the fees imposed upon the registration of a vehicle and commercial vehicle service fee, upon the adoption of a resolution. Requires the resolution to be submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles prior to the operative date of the increase. Adds a new source of revenue to be deposited into local anti-vehicle theft related fund. Repeals provisions requiring the State Highway Patrol to review the reducing of vehicle theft crimes funded by such fees.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1447****Author:** Feuer**Title:** Automobile Sales Finance: Sellers**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 740**Sections Affected:** An act to add Sections 1795.51 and 2983.37 to the Civil Code, and to add Sections 241 and 241.1 to the Vehicle Code, relating to automobile sales.**Summary:** Amends the Rees-Levering Motor Vehicles Sales and Finance Act. Requires a buy-here-pay-here dealer to issue a specified warranty that covers specified parts and systems. Requires the dealer to repair the parts, make reimbursement, or cancel the sale. Prohibits the dealer from requiring payments be made in person. Prohibits tracking the vehicle using electronic tracking technology and disabling the vehicle. Relates to vehicle repossession and deferred downpayment. Provides for misdemeanor violations.**PIFC Position:** Watch

**AB 1452****Author:** Hill**Title:** Vehicles: Child Passenger Restraints**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No, 185**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Section 27363.5 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.**Summary:** Requires a public or private hospital, clinic, or birthing center, at the time a child under 8 years of age is discharged, to provide contact information relating to obtaining, at no cost or low cost, information and assistance relating to child passenger restraint system requirements, installation, and inspection.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1462****Author:** Mendoza**Title:** Vehicular Manslaughter**Status:** Failed – Adjourned. Assembly Public Safety Committee**Summary:** Amends existing law that provides the maximum criminal punishments for vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated. Provides monetary fines for the crimes of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1491****Author:** Assembly Budget Committee**Title:** Seismic Safety Account: Funding**Status:** Failed – Adjourned. Senate Rules Committee**Summary:** Requires the Department of Insurance to calculate an annual assessment to be charged to each commercial and residential property exposure in an amount set annually by the department based on specified factors, including the amount required for the support of the Seismic Safety Commission, and the administrative costs of the department. Requires an insurer to collect the assessment and remit it unless the insurer elects to pay the assessment on the insured's behalf.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1506****Author:** Jeffries**Title:** State Responsibility Areas: Fire Prevention Fees**Status:** Failed – Adjourned. Assembly Appropriations Committee**Summary:** Repeals an existing provision relating to specified fire prevention fees on each structure on a parcel that is within a state responsibility area.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1516****Author:** Alejo**Title:** Vehicles: Drivers Licensing: Farming Exemption**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Assembly Appropriations Committee**Summary:** Authorizes a class C license holder to operate a combination of vehicles with a specified gross combination weight rating and gross vehicle weight rating that meets specified operating conditions, including being operated by a farmer or an employee of a farmer and being operated within 150 miles of a farm. Excludes specified flatbed pickup trucks from the Motor Carriers of Property Permit Act.**PIFC Position:** Watch

**AB 1529****Author:** Dickinson**Title:** Trial Courts: Restructuring and Bail Forfeiture**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 470

**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Section 25762 of the Business and Professions Code, to amend Sections 116.940 and 631.2 of, to amend the heading of Article 7 (commencing with Section 116.710) of Chapter 5.5 of Title 1 of Part 1 of, to add Section 116.798 to, and to repeal Section 631.1 of, the Code of Civil Procedure, to amend Section 56159 of the Education Code, to amend Sections 731, 752, 753, and 754 of the Evidence Code, to amend Sections 1814, 1820, 1834, 1838, 1850, 3025.5, 3170, 3173, 3188, 6303, 7553, and 7556 of the Family Code, to amend Sections 1750, 23249, 23332, 23535, 24350, 24351, 24353, 25252.6, 27080.1, 29320, 29370, 29370.1, 29371, 29372, 29373, 29374, 29375, 29376, 29377, 29379, 29603, 31116, and 68098 of, and to add Sections 68083 and 68083.5 to, the Government Code, and to amend Section 1306 of, and to add Section 1305.5 to, the Penal Code, relating to courts.

**Summary:** Modifies provisions of law to reflect trial court restructuring. Deletes obsolete references to municipal court. Specifies the jurisdiction of a writ petition relating to a small claims case. Revises various provisions to reflect the state's responsibility for trial court funding, including jury fees, expert witnesses, interpreters, and translators. Adds provisions regarding an appeal of a motion to vacate a bail forfeiture in Superior Court in a specified amount.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1534****Author:** Wieckowski**Title:** Used Vehicle Sales: Labeling Requirements**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 741

**Sections Affected:** An act to add Sections 241 and 241.1 to, and to add Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 11950) to Division 5 of, the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

**Summary:** Requires a buy-here-pay-here used motor vehicle dealer to affix to and to prominently and conspicuously display a label on any used vehicle offered for retail sale that states the reasonable market value of the vehicle. Requires the label to contain specified information used to determine that value and the date the value was determined. Requires such dealer to provide a prospective purchaser a copy from a recognized pricing guide that such dealer used to determine the vehicle's value.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1536****Author:** Miller**Title:** Vehicles: Wireless Communications: Prohibitions**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 92

**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Section 23123.5 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

**Summary:** Removes a prohibition in existing law that prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while using an electronic wireless communications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication, if the person is using an electronic wireless communications device that is specifically designed and configured to allow voice-operated and hands-free operation to dictate, send, or listen to a text-based communication, and it is used in that manner while driving.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

**AB 1550****Author:** Bonilla**Title:** Vehicles: Veterans' Organizations License Plates: Fees**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 398**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Section 5068 of, and to add Section 5068.1 to, the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.**Summary:** Authorizes prescribed persons to apply for a special interest license plate that honors all veterans or veterans who serve in a particular war or armed conflict. Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue decals for plates issued under this program that honor all veterans or veterans who served in a particular war or armed conflict. Requires the department to make available to an applicant a specified decal. Provides for an increase in related special interest license plates fees.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1577****Author:** Atkins**Title:** Parolee: Driver's Licenses**Status:** Failed in Assembly**Summary:** Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and county jails to adopt rules and enter into interagency agreements necessary to establish the identities of offenders for the purposes of assisting offenders in obtaining a driver's license or identification card immediately upon the offender's release.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1582****Author:** Wagner**Title:** Civil Actions: Telephone Appearances**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Assembly Judiciary Committee**Summary:** Requires a court to permit a telephonic appearance by parties and their attorneys in civil actions. Expands the types of hearings, conferences, and proceedings where those telephonic appearances must be permitted by the court. Specifies that this requirement is subject to the court's discretion, which may require a personal appearance under the circumstances specified in existing law.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1603****Author:** Feuer**Title:** Mortgage Servicers: Force-Placed Insurance**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly**Summary:** Prohibits a mortgage servicer from obtaining a replacement policy of hazard, flood, or homeowner's insurance, collectively defined as force-placed insurance with respect to a residential property securing a mortgage loan, unless there is a reasonable basis to believe the borrower has failed to comply with contract requirements to maintain such insurance. Authorizes a civil action by a borrower in connection with any servicer's violation of these provisions for injunctive relief or damages, and costs.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1604****Author:** Campos**Title:** Invasion of Privacy: Computer Crimes**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Assembly Public Safety Committee**Summary:** Authorizes a person to intercept the wire or electronic transmissions of a computer trespasser, transmitted to, through, or from the computer system if authorized by the owner of the system for the sole purpose of recovering the system. Authorizes law enforcement officers to use information gathered from those transmissions for the sole purpose of recovering the system.**PIFC Position:** Watch

**AB 1631****Author:** Monning**Title:** Arbitration: Legal Representation**Status:** Enacted . Chapter No. 53**Sections Affected:** An act to amend and repeal Section 1282.4 of the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to arbitration.**Summary:** Deletes the repeal date under existing law that permits persons admitted to the bar of any other state to represent a party in an arbitration proceeding in this state in connection with an arbitration proceeding in another state, thereby making these provisions operative indefinitely. Makes conforming changes to an existing provision of law.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1664****Author:** Buchanan**Title:** Vehicles: Driving Under the Influence**Status:** Failed - Adjourned**Summary:** Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law prohibiting any person who is under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or drug, or under the combined influence of any alcoholic beverage and drug from driving a vehicle or for any person who has 0.08% or more, by weight, of alcohol in his or her blood from driving a vehicle.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1708****Author:** Gatto**Title:** Vehicles: Financial Responsibility and Insurance**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 236**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Section 515 of the Insurance Code, and to amend Section 16028 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.**Summary:** Authorizes an insurer issuing policies of automobile liability insurance or motor vehicle insurance to issue, upon request, an electronic verification as to the existence of the coverage to a mobile electronic device. Requires, when a person provides evidence of financial responsibility using a mobile electronic device, a police officer may only view such evidence and not view any other content of the device. Provides the device owner excepts liability for damages to the device.**PIFC Position:** Support

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**AB 1725****Author:** Lowenthal B**Title:** Driver's Licenses: Identification Cards: Veterans**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Assembly Appropriations Committee**Summary:** Requires the application for a driver's license or identification card to also allow a person to present to the Department of Motor Vehicles a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. Requires the department to charge an additional fee in an unspecified amount to a person who requests that the person's driver's license or identification card be designated with a letter V or another appropriate designation.**PIFC Position:** Watch



**AB 1734****Author:** Hagman**Title:** Insurance: Conservation and Liquidation Office**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Assembly Judiciary Committee

**Summary:** Requires the Insurance Commissioner, through the Conservation and Liquidation Office, to develop a report of allowed claims for corporations, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, and partnerships. Requires the office to contact claimants whose claims have been allowed. Provides procedures for the acceptance, processing and distribution of claims. Allows the charging of a claim reassignment fee. Provides hold harmless indemnification for the office.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1747****Author:** Feuer**Title:** Life Insurance: Nonpayment Premium Lapse: Notice**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 315

**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Section 10173.2 of, and to add Sections 10113.71 and 10113.72 to, the Insurance Code, relating to life insurance

**Summary:** Requires every life insurance policy issued or delivered in this state contain a provision for a grace period and that the policy remains in force during that period, and a provision that gives the policy applicant the right to designate a person, in addition to the applicant, to receive notice of lapse or termination of a policy. Requires an insurer to provide each applicant a form to make this designation and to notify the policy holder of right to change the designation. Provides notification timeline.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1844****Author:** Campos**Title:** Employer Use of Social Media**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 618

**Sections Affected:** An act to add Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 980) to Part 3 of Division 2 of the Labor Code, relating to employment.

**Summary:** Prohibits an employer from requiring or requesting an employee or applicant for employment to disclose a user name or password for the purpose of accessing personal social media to access personal social media in the presence of the employer, or to divulge any personal social media. Prohibits an employer from discharging, disciplining, threatening to discharge or discipline, or otherwise retaliating against an employee or applicant for not complying with a request or demand by a violating employer.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 1875****Author:** Gatto**Title:** Civil Procedure: Depositions**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 346

**Sections Affected:** An act to add Section 2025.290 to the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to depositions.

**Summary:** Limits the time allowed for the deposition of any person in a civil action. Requires the court to allow additional time if necessary to fairly examine the deponent, and to allow additional time if the deponent, another person, or any other circumstance impedes or delays the examination.

**PIFC Position:** Watch



**AB 1878****Author:** Gaines B**Title:** Disability Access: Liability**Status:** Failed in Assembly

**Summary:** Establishes notice requirements for an aggrieved party to follow before bringing an action against a microbusiness for an alleged violation of disability access provisions. Requires a party to provide notice to the owner of a property. Requires the owner to respond with a description of the improvements to be made or with a rebuttal to the allegations.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2019****Author:** Hill**Title:** Foster Care**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 642

Sections Affected: An act to amend Sections 1527.6 and 1527.8 of the Health and Safety Code, and to add Section 676.75 to the Insurance Code, relating to foster care.

**Summary:** Relates to an existing law establishing the Foster Family Home and Small Family Home Insurance Fund for the purposes of paying, claims of foster children, their parents, guardians, or guardians ad litem resulting from occurrences peculiar to the foster care relationship and foster care services. Provides for the statute of limitations regarding a claim. Prohibits an admitted insurer from refusing or cancelling coverage based solely upon foster home activities of the applicant or policyholder.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2043****Author:** Wagner**Title:** Appeals: Representative Actions**Status:** Failed in Assembly

**Summary:** Relates to existing law specifying the judgements and orders from which an appeal may be taken to the court of appeal. Adds an order granting or denying class action certification, allowing appeal from the order at the discretion of the court of appeal. Specifies various factors the court would be required to consider in determining whether to allow the appeal.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2049****Author:** Garrick**Title:** Public Safety: Fire Equipment**Status:** Failed – Adjourned in Assembly

**Summary:** Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law requiring equipment for fire protection, including fire hoses and fire hydrants, that has threaded couplings and fittings to meet the national standard for that equipment adopted by the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2050****Author:** Allen**Title:** Corporations: Political Activity: Disclosures**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Assembly Judiciary Committee

**Summary:** Prohibits a domestic corporation from making any monetary contribution to any candidate for local or state office in this state or any other state. Requires every domestic corporation making any monetary contribution in excess of \$1,000 to any candidate for federal office or any other statewide ballot, referendum, or initiative voted on in this state to make a specified disclosure to the Secretary of State within 10 days thereof. Requires the Secretary of State to make the disclosure public.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

**AB 2061****Author:** Norby**Title:** Provisional Driver's Licenses: Restrictions: Exceptions**Status:** Failed in Assembly

**Summary:** Amends existing law that provides an exception for a person with a provisional driver's license to drive a vehicle between a specified time frame when the licensee or his or her immediate family member needs immediate transportation and reasonable transportation facilities are inadequate. Revises the exception to allow a person to transport individuals when reasonable transportation facilities are inadequate, and to also transport others for essential education-related transportation, including carpools.

**PIFC Position:** Oppose

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**AB 2065****Author:** Galgiani**Title:** Automotive Repair**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Assembly Appropriations Committee

**Summary:** Amends the Automotive Repair Act that provides for the regulation of automotive repair dealers, and defines the repair of motor vehicles to mean all maintenance of and repairs to motor vehicles, and excludes from the definition repairing tires, changing tires, lubricating vehicles, installing light bulbs, batteries, windshield wiper blades, and other minor services. Deletes repairing and changing tires from the list. Excludes tire services provided by or on behalf of a motor club or tow truck operator.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2071****Author:** Hagman**Title:** Civil Damages: Trees**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Assembly Judiciary Committee

**Summary:** Provides treble damages for intentional damage to, or removal of, timber, trees, or underwood upon the land of another. Holds a person liable for actual damages for specified violations. Provides specified damages for violations that occur on the land of an owner who intended to make commercial use of the specified wood and increased damages if the violation was intentional.

**PIFC Position:** Support

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**AB 2073****Author:** Silva**Title:** Courts: Electronic Filing and Service of Documents**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 320

**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Section 1010.6 of the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to civil actions.

**Summary:** Authorizes the Orange County Superior Court to establish a pilot project to require parties to eligible civil actions to electronically file and serve documents, subject to rules adopted by the Judicial Council and other specified conditions. Requires the council to conduct an evaluation of that project and to report on the results and adopt uniform rules to permit mandatory electronic filing and service of documents in eligible civil actions. Authorizes the court to require mandatory electronic filing.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

**AB 2084****Author:** Solorio**Title:** Blanket Insurance**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 321**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Sections 10270, 10270.2, and 10270.3 of, and to add Section 10270.2.5 to, the Insurance Code, relating to insurance.**Summary:** Revises and recasts provisions regarding blanket insurance to include specified governmental entities, sports teams, and common carriers providing benefits to members for accidents occurring while performing action incident to an activity or operation sponsored by the entity. Requires blanket insurance to be sold by admitted insurers and policies to be approved by the Insurance Commissioner. Authorizes a copy to the insured. Allows adding and removing entities that may be eligible for blanket insurance.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2099****Author:** Cedillo**Title:** Annuities and Mutual Fund Custodial Accounts**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Senate Rules Committee**Summary:** Authorizes a pilot project that would allow the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles Community College District to select specific 403(b) products offered by 4 or more vendors of tax-deferred retirement investment products described in Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code or establish a list of preferred vendors that are recommended to employees, through a due diligence and competitive review process.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2106****Author:** Wagner**Title:** Civil Procedure: Motion to Vacate a Judgment**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 83**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Sections 659 and 663a of the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to civil procedure.**Summary:** Requires the filing of a motion to be done after a decision is given. Specifies the power of the court to rule on a motion to set aside and vacate a judgment shall expire a specified number of days from the mailing of notice of entry of judgment by the clerk of the court or a specified number of days after service upon the moving party by any party of written notice of entry of the judgment. Specifies that if the motion is not determined within that number of days the effect shall be a denial of the motion.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2114****Author:** Smyth**Title:** Swimming Pool Safety**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 679**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Sections 115921, 115928, 115928.5, 116064, and 116064.2 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public safety.**Summary:** Requires a swimming pool, spa, or public wading pool that is subject to safety provisions to have at least 2 circulation suction outlets per pump, and be separated by a distance of at least 3 feet in any dimension between the suction outlets, or to be designed with a specified configuration. Requires building permits to require all outlets for a pool, toddler pool, or spa to be upgraded with an antientrapment covering. Provides updated requirements for pools with a suction outlet.**PIFC Position:** Watch

**AB 2138****Author:** Blumenfield**Title:** Health Insurance Fraud: Annual Fee**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 444**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Sections 1872.85 and 1872.87 of the Insurance Code, relating to insurance.**Summary:** Relates to an annual fee paid by disability and health insurers to investigate fraud. Authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to increase the fee. Requires that a certain percentage of those funds go to the Fraud Division of the Insurance Department and to local district attorneys. Authorizes an insurer to recoup the fee by way of surcharge on premiums or by including the fee within the insurer's rates.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2160****Author:** Blumenfield**Title:** Insurance: Retention Risk**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 479**Sections Affected:** An act to add Section 1241.2 to the Insurance Code, relating to insurance.**Summary:** Requires specified foreign investments by a domestic insurer included on the list maintained by the Department of General Services be treated as nonadmitted assets on the financial statements of the insurer. Deems use of the list developed for purposes of the Iran Contracting Act of 2010 as automatic compliance with this requirement. Requires insurers to provide the department with a list of the investments the insurer has in companies included on the department's list.**PIFC Position:** Oppose

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**AB 2189****Author:** Cedillo**Title:** Vehicles: Driver's Licenses**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 862**Sections Affected:** An act to add Section 1936.5 to the Civil Code, and to amend Sections 12801 and 14608 of, and to add Section 12801.6 to, the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.**Summary:** Allows persons who provide proof that they are lawfully in the US, but are not eligible for a social security account number, to receive an original driver's license. Amends existing law prohibiting a person from renting a motor vehicle unless they are a validly licensed driver and the person renting the vehicle has inspected the renters driver's license and compared signatures. Deletes the signature requirement. Allows the person to compare the driver's license photograph.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2255****Author:** Donnelly**Title:** Civil Actions**Status:** Failed in Assembly**Summary:** Extends indefinitely provisions establishing procedures for conducting expedited jury trials in civil cases where the parties sign a consent order to stipulate that those procedures apply, including provisions for a jury of a specified number of members or fewer, with no alternates, a limit of a specified number of peremptory challenges for each side, and a limit of a specified number of hours for each side to present its case.**PIFC Position:** Watch

**AB 2264****Author:** Knight**Title:** Insurance Fraud: Release of Information**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Assembly Insurance Committee

**Summary:** Requires the insurer, or agent authorized to act on behalf of the insurer, to release to the authorized governmental agency any or all relevant information deemed important to the authorized governmental agency that the insurer may possess relating to any other unlawful activity uncovered in the course of an insurance fraud investigation, including, but not limited to, information about an unlawful activity not by the insured or claimant related to insurance fraud. Relates to civil liability for release.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2289****Author:** Jeffries**Title:** Specially Constructed Vehicles: Emission Inspection**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee

**Summary:** Relates to emission inspections of motor vehicles. Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles establish, and make available to the public, the number of current applicants each year for registration of a specially constructed vehicle in order in which the applications were received and the number registered each year. Prohibits the department from granting more than one application for registration to an applicant. Requires the department to reject additional applications.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2298****Author:** Solorio**Title:** Insurance: Public Safety Employees: Accidents**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 823

**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Sections 488.5, 557.5, and 791.12 of the Insurance Code, and to amend Section 16051 of the Vehicle Code, relating to insurance.

**Summary:** Provides no insurer shall, in issuing or renewing a private automobile insurance policy to a peace officer, member of the Department of the Highway Patrol, or firefighter, with respect to his or her operation of a private passenger motor vehicle, increase the premium for that policy for the reason that the insured or applicant for insurance has been involved in an accident while operating his or her private passenger motor vehicle in the performance of duties at the request or direction of the employer.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2301****Author:** Assembly Insurance Committee**Title:** State Insurance Guarantee Association: Definitions**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 57

**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Section 1063.1 of the Insurance Code, relating to the California Insurance Guarantee Association.

**Summary:** Makes technical, substantive changes to existing law establishing the State Insurance Guarantee Association to provide coverage against losses arising from the failure of an insolvent property, casualty, or workers' compensation insurer to discharge its obligations under its insurance policies. Revises the definition of covered claims to require that the claim be presented as a claim to the liquidator in the state of domicile of the insolvent insurer or to the association.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

**AB 2302****Author:** Assembly Insurance Committee**Title:** Workers' Compensation: Studies**Status:** Failed – Adjourned. Senate Inactive File**Summary:** Relates to existing law requiring the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation, after consultation with the Insurance Commissioner, to contract with a qualified organization to study the effects of legislative reforms on workers' compensation insurance rates. Repeals the worker's compensation study requirements.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2303****Author:** Assembly Insurance Committee**Title:** Insurance Omnibus**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 786**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Section 1946.1 of the Civil Code, to amend Sections 100, 661, 700.04, 923.6, 985, 1011, 1012, 1016, 1022, 1035, 1061, 1063, 1070.6, 1639, 1670, 1685, 1687, 1704, 1749.1, 1750, 1751, 1758.1, 1759.10, 1765.1, 1765.4, 1810.7, 1851, 1864, 12100, 12962, and 12967 of, to add Section 1011.1 to, to add Article 7.5 (commencing with Section 14085) to Chapter 1 of Division 5 of, to repeal Sections 117, 1688, 1689, 1691, 1692.1, 1695, 1699, 1700, 1872.1, and 12961 of, and to repeal Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 12420) of Part 6 of Division 2 of, the Insurance Code, and to repeal Section 52.5 of Chapter 639 of the Statutes of 2003, relating to insurance.**Summary:** Relates to insurance. Relates to escrows and title insurers, mortgage insurance, insurer liquidation and related notice, incorporation of the federal Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, variable contract sales and licensing, industrial life and industrial disability insurance certificates of convenience, surplus lines brokers, bail agent licensing, child care liability insurance, automobile insurance fraud, unpaid claims of victims of the Holocaust, and crop insurance adjusters.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2324****Author:** Gatto**Title:** Vehicles:First-Line Service Provider: Dealer Charges**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee**Summary:** Amends existing law relating to the maximum amount a first-line service provider may charge its customers for license plate processing, postage, registration, and titling transactions. Prohibits a first-line service provider from charging a dealer more than a specified amount for providing the specified service unless the director of the Department of Motor Vehicles determines that the amount is insufficient, and increases the maximum amount that may be charged.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2328****Author:** Olsen**Title:** State Government: Law Revision Commission**Status:** Failed in Assembly**Summary:** Eliminates the California Law Revision Commission, and makes conforming changes to related provisions.**PIFC Position:** Watch

**AB 2337****Author:** Dickinson**Title:** Electronic Personal Records**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Assembly Judiciary Committee

**Summary:** Relates to existing law requiring a copy of a subpoena duces tecum for the production of personal records pertaining to a consumer, to be served upon the consumer prior to specified dates, together with a copy of the affidavit supporting the issuance of the subpoena, if any, specified notice, and proof of service. Increases the period of time by which the notice to the consumer and delivery of documents must occur. Relates to the validity of such subpoena. Permits a motion relating to a witness subpoenas.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2354****Author:** Solorio**Title:** Travel Insurance**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 257

**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Sections 1752 and 1757 of, to add Section 1754 to, to repeal Sections 10295 and 10296 of, and to repeal and add Sections 1753 and 1755 of, the Insurance Code, relating to travel insurance.

**Summary:** Recasts provisions related to travel insurance by changing the definition of travel insurance. Authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to issue a limited lines agent license to organizations engaged in transacting travel insurance through travel retailers. Requires an agent and retailer to follow specified requirements. Requires an applicant for licensure to file specified information including a certificate that the insurer is satisfied that the applicant is trustworthy and competent, and to pay a fee.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2373****Author:** Norby**Title:** Independent Contractor: Definition**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Assembly Labor and Employment Committee

**Summary:** Amends the definition of an independent contractor to state that whether a person is an independent contractor is determined by considering various factors. Amends various other statutory codes to incorporate this definition of independent contractor.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2379****Author:** Huber**Title:** Rental Vehicles: Damage Waivers**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Assembly Judiciary Committee

**Summary:** Relates to damage waivers for rental vehicles. Increases the amount that a rental company may charge for a damage waiver. Requires that damage waiver prices be adjusted annually to reflect changes from the previous year in the Consumer Price Index.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2395****Author:** Davis**Title:** Civil Actions: Pro Per Litigant Costs**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Assembly Judiciary Committee

**Summary:** Relates to pro per litigant costs in civil actions. Requires, in civil proceedings in which a pro per litigant is the prevailing party, that the court, upon motion, award reasonable compensation to the prevailing party for the time and effort required to litigate the matter. Requires the court to base the reasonable compensation on the standard rate of compensation for a paralegal assistant in the local market and any economic hardship suffered by the prevailing party in litigating the matter.

**PIFC Position:** Watch



**AB 2401****Author:** Blumenfield**Title:** Secure Electronic Communications**Status:** Failed – Adjourned in Assembly Judiciary Committee**Summary:** Authorizes a business, a government agency, government official, or a person acting with official government authority to communicate with a person in writing by the use of a secure electronic delivery service.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2406****Author:** Buchanan**Title:** Insurance: Rates**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 100**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Section 1861.10 of the Insurance Code, relating to insurance.**Summary:** Relates to existing law that requires insurers to file a complete rate application with the Insurance Commissioner in order to change a rate. Requires the Department of Insurance to post on its Internet Web site, during the period of eligibility, all requests for a finding of eligibility to seek compensation and all findings of eligibility for those individuals who are advocates and witnesses during the proceedings. Removes language under a certain condition.**PIFC Position:** Support

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**AB 2439****Author:** Eng**Title:** Corporation Taxes: Payments: Disclosure**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Senate Inactive File**Summary:** Requires the Franchise Tax Board to annually publish a list of the 500 largest corporate taxpayers per taxable year, including each taxpayer's tax liability, charitable contribution information and income apportionment information.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2449****Author:** Norby**Title:** Workers' Compensation: Independent Contractors**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Assembly Insurance Committee**Summary:** Requires that the provisions of the workers' compensation system be strictly construed by the courts with respect to what constitutes an independent contractor, as defined for purposes of limiting the inappropriate extension of these benefits to persons not intended to receive them.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2474****Author:** Chesbro**Title:** Fire Prevention Fee: State Responsibility Areas**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Assembly Appropriations Committee**Summary:** Requires the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to amend certain emergency regulations to provide for a credit against the amount of a fee imposed on each structure on a parcel that is within a state responsibility area based upon specified factors. Requires the board to report periodically to the Legislature on the costs of responding to all fire disasters in state responsibility areas.**PIFC Position:** Watch



**AB 2505****Author:** Ma**Title:** Motor Vehicle Replacement Parts**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Assembly Appropriations Committee

**Summary:** Defines the term aftermarket crash part for purposes of provisions of existing law regulating the use of motor vehicle replacement parts, and prohibits an insurer from requiring the use of nonoriginal equipment manufacturer aftermarket crash parts in the repair of an insured's motor vehicle, unless the consumer is advised in the written estimate and invoice. Requires the use of nonoriginal equipment manufacturer certified aftermarket crash parts to be identified on the written estimate and invoice.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2524****Author:** Harkey**Title:** Tort Claims Act: Public Entities**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Assembly

**Summary:** Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to the Tort Claims Act providing for the liability and immunity of a governmental entity for its acts or omissions that cause harm to persons, and defining a public entity for these purposes.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2556****Author:** Allen**Title:** Electrical Lines: Trimming of Trees**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Assembly Appropriations Committee

**Summary:** Requires electrical corporations and local publicly owned electric utilities to avoid excessive tree trimming that threatens the health of a tree, to make an effort to implement good forestry practices and vegetation management practices, and preserve the health of certain lands. Prohibits removal of trees unless certain circumstances exist. Requires the utility to provide a copy of its vegetation management plan to affected localities, publish the plan on its Web site, and notify affected property owners.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2558****Author:** Hagman**Title:** Insurance: Classes**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Assembly

**Summary:** Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law enumerating kinds and classes of insurance, as specified and providing that the fact that similar kinds of insurance occur in different classes does not extend or change the scope of any class.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2574****Author:** Morrell**Title:** Business Rights**Status:** Failed – Adjourned in Assembly

**Summary:** Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to existing law providing for the registration of trademarks, trade names and designations, container and laundry-supply brands, and farm names.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

**AB 2589****Author:** Bradford**Title:** Underinsured Motorist Coverage: Survey**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Senate Rules Committee**Summary:** Requires the State Law Revision Commission to conduct a survey to compare the key provisions of the state's underinsured motorist coverage laws with the laws of other states. Requires the commission to conduct the survey in consultation with automobile insurers, consumer attorneys, and the Department of Insurance and report its findings to the Legislature.**PIFC Position:** Oppose

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**AB 2618****Author:** Ma**Title:** Sales and Use Taxes: Auctions: Vehicles**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 756**Sections Affected:** An act to add Section 6092.5 to the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation, to take effect immediately, tax levy.**Summary:** Provides that a licensed dismantler that sells specified vehicles, motorhomes, or commercial coaches subject to registration or qualification under the Health and Safety Code or the Vehicle Code, and salvage certificate vehicles, or a person making those sales at auction, is presumed to be making a sale at retail, subject to tax and not a sale for resale. Provides that the seller may rebut this presumption. Relates to alternative method to verify a transaction is a valid sale for resale.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2652****Author:** Furutani**Title:** Vehicles: Financial Responsibility**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Assembly Transportation Committee**Summary:** Amends existing law that requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to suspend, cancel, or revoke the registration of a vehicle upon notification by an insurance company that the required coverage has been canceled and the owner fails to submit evidence. Increases the period of time to submit such evidence.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**AB 2690****Author:** Assembly Judiciary Committee**Title:** Civil Law: Tort Claims**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 759**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Section 43.99 of the Civil Code, to amend Section 1038 of the Code of Civil Procedure, to amend Sections 89307 and 89750.5 of the Education Code, to amend Sections 810, 54954.5, and 54956.9 of the Government Code, and to amend Section 28245 of the Penal Code, relating to governmental liability.**Summary:** Declares that provisions that govern the liability and immunity of public entities and their officers and employees, claims and actions may be referred to as the Government Claims Act. Revises various statutory provisions to refer to that title. Makes technical nonsubstantive changes.**PIFC Position:** Watch

**AJR 9****Author:** Cook**Title:** Public Alert and Warning System**Status:** Adopted. Chapter No. 41**Sections Affected:** Relative to a public alert and warning system.**Summary:** Urges the Congress of the United States to expedite a solution to provide a public alert and warning system to alert and warn the American people in situations of war, terrorist attack, natural disaster, or other hazardous to the public safety, health, and well-being of the American people.**PIFC Position:** Watch

## Senate Bills

**SB 18**

**Author:** Blakeslee

**Title:** Political Reform Act of 1974: Gifts

**Status:** Failed Passage in Senate

**Summary:** Prohibits a lobbyist, lobbying firm, or lobbying employer from making to an elected state official, and an elected state official from receiving from a lobbyist, lobbying firm, or lobbying employer, specified gifts, regardless of the value of the gift.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**SB 19**

**Author:** Blakeslee

**Title:** Political Reform Act of 1974: Automated Campaign Calls

**Status:** Failed Passage in Senate

**Summary:** Makes it unlawful for any person to make an automated campaign telephone call to any person listed on the State Political Robocall Do Not Call List. Prohibits these calls even if the caller obtains prior consent. Requires the Secretary of State to develop, maintain, and furnish the list for a fee. Requires the Secretary to place a space on voter registration cards and online voter registration Web site for sign-up. Requires county elections officials to cooperate with various entities to implement the bill.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**SB 28**

**Author:** Simitian

**Title:** Vehicles: Electronic Wireless Communications Devices

**Status:** Vetoes

**Summary:** Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to include a test of the applicant's understanding of the distractions and dangers of handheld cell phone use and text messaging while operating a motor vehicle. Increases the base fines for wireless communications device usage. Exempts a hands-free texting device. Requires a portion of the bicycle violation fine to the county courts. Deletes the prohibition on stopping a vehicle only for wireless communication device use. Relates to violation point assessments.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**SB 29**

**Author:** Simitian

**Title:** Vehicles: Automated Traffic Enforcement Systems

**Status:** Vetoes

**Summary:** Amends provisions authorizing places where a driver is required to stop to be equipped with an automated enforcement system and signs identifying the system. Requires the agency that operates such a system to develop uniform guidelines for specified purposes by a specified date. Prohibits a governmental agency from considering revenue generation as a factor when considering installation of such devices. Relates to notice to appear procedures in connection with alleged violations.

**PIFC Position:** Watch

**SB 89****Author:** Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Committee**Title:** Vehicle License Fee and Registration Fee**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 35**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Sections 10752.2, 11001.5, 11003, and 11005 of, and to amend and repeal Sections 10752 and 10752.1 of, the Revenue and Taxation Code, to amend Section 9250 of the Vehicle Code, and to amend Section 17604 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to vehicles, and making an appropriation therefor, to take effect immediately, bill related to the budget.**Summary:** Requires the Legislature to determine and appropriate annually an amount for the use of the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Franchise Tax Board for the enforcement of the Vehicle License Fee Law. Deems, for the 2011-12 fiscal year, a specified amount of funds to be the cost of the department for the collection of the motor vehicle license fee. Relates to the ad valorem property tax on vehicles, the vehicle registration fee, money to municipalities from the vehicle license fee.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**SB 700****Author:** LaMalfa**Title:** Prison Labor: Fire Suppression**Status:** Failed Passage in Senate**Summary:** Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to contact the local law enforcement agency responsible for the arrest of the prisoner for additional background information if the prisoner is under consideration for assignment to a camp or conservation center to fire suppression or forest fire prevention and control in a conservation center. Prohibits placement of the prisoner in the camp or conservation center if the law enforcement agency files an objection with a specified time period.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**SB 880****Author:** Corbett**Title:** Common Interest Developments: Vehicle Charging Stations**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 6**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Sections 1353.9 and 1363.07 of the Civil Code, relating to common interest developments, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.**Summary:** Authorizes the board of directors of a common interest development association to grant exclusive use of a portion of the common area without the affirmative vote of the members of the association for the purpose of installing and using an electric vehicle charging station in an owner's garage or designated parking space, under specified circumstances, such as when the installation or use of the charging station requires reasonable access through the common area for utility lines or meters.**PIFC Position:** Support

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**SB 956****Author:** Lieu**Title:** Buy-Here-Pay-Here Automobile Sellers and Lenders**Status:** Vetoed**Summary:** Enacts the Buy-Here-Pay-Here Automobile Dealers Act. Defines such dealer. Requires dealers to obtain a finance lender license. Governs the terms and conditions of contracts by dealers and the rights of the parties, including requiring a notice to a buyer-borrower of specified rights under the contract. Provides exclusions. Imposes additional requirements on such dealer seeking to repossess a vehicle. Prohibits a repossession under certain conditions. Relates to conditional sale or lease contract interest.**PIFC Position:** Watch

**SB 982****Author:** Evans**Title:** Corporations: Political Activity: Disclosures**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Senate Banking and Financial Institutions Committee**Summary:** Amends the General Corporation Law and the Political Reform Act of 1974. Requires a corporation that has shareholders located in this state and that makes a contribution to a candidate, ballot measure campaign, or a signature-gathering effort, to issue a report on the planned political expenditures of the corporation in the previous fiscal year, as well as 24 hours prior to each political contribution during the fiscal year, including a report on the corporation's Internet Web site, if any.**PIFC Position:** Oppose

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**SB 990****Author:** Vargas**Title:** Vehicle History Report**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Senate Transportation and Housing Committee**Summary:** Amends existing law that prohibits a dealer from displaying or offering for sale at retail a used vehicle unless the dealer first obtains a vehicle history report from the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System. Revises that prohibition to authorize a dealer to also obtain the vehicle history report from a commercial data provider.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**SB 1001****Author:** Yee**Title:** Political Reform Act: Lobbyists and Committees: Fees**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 506**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Section 86102 of, and to add Sections 84101.5 and 84613 to, the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.**Summary:** Amends provisions of the Political Reform Act of 1974 that requires a political committee to file a statement of organization with the Secretary of State and semiannual campaign statements. Requires the Secretary to charge each committee required to file such statement to pay a yearly fee until the committee is terminated. Provides for the increase in the fee to each lobbying firm and employer for each lobbyist required to be listed on its statement and placed in a specified fund.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**SB 1040****Author:** Evans**Title:** Fire Prevention: Fees**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Assembly Budget Committee**Summary:** Makes a repeal regarding state primary financial responsibility for preventing and suppressing fires and for fire prevention fees. Requires annual fee adjustment. Repeals provisions regarding the State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fund, owners of structures in state responsibility areas, fee retention, startup costs and costs of administration. Relates to refunds and expenses incurred in collections. Repeals provisions regarding an appeals process.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**SB 1071****Author:** Harman**Title:** Vehicles: Automated Traffic Enforcement Systems**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Senate Rules Committee**Summary:** Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law authorizing the limitline, intersection, or other places where a driver is required to stop to be equipped with an automated enforcement system, if the system meets certain requirements and authorizes a governmental agency to contract out the operation of the system.**PIFC Position:** Watch

**SB 1075****Author:** Senate Rules Committee**Title:** Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 310**Sections Affected:** An act to add Article 4 (commencing with Section 10290) to Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 2 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act.**Summary:** Enacts the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act to provide for the official designation, authentication, and preservation of certain legal material in electronic records by an official publisher. Designates the Legislative Counsel Bureau as the official publisher for purposes of the act.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**SB 1082****Author:** Corbett**Title:** Protection of Victims: Address Confidentiality**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 270**Sections Affected:** 6215.4, and 6215.5 of the Government Code, relating to the protection of victims.**Summary:** Relates to the community-based victims' assistance program. Requires victims of domestic violence or stalking or reproductive health providers, employees, and volunteers to be domiciled in the state in order to apply for the program. Authorizes a certain minor program participant to renew as an adult. Authorizes the Secretary of State to refuse to renew a program participant's certification under certain conditions. Authorizes the refusal to handle or forward packages for program participants.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**SB 1170****Author:** Leno**Title:** Senior Insurance**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 653**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Section 1770 of the Civil Code, and to amend Sections 787 and 789.10 of, and to add Section 785.4 to, the Insurance Code, relating to insurance.**Summary:** Makes it a deceptive act to promote an event regarding veterans' benefits without including a statement that concerning affiliation with a veterans' organization. Makes it unlawful for an insurance agent who is not licensed as an attorney to deliver to a senior citizen a trust or legal document other than an insurance contract or other product document. Requires a certain notice to seniors in senior's homes to be delivered within a certain time frame. Makes changes concerning senior-directed advertisements.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**SB 1209****Author:** Runner S**Title:** Vehicles: Registration Fees: Nonresident Owners**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Assembly Appropriations Committee**Summary:** Provides for an additional fee on the registration or renewal of registration on a motor vehicle registered to a nonresident owner who submits a registration or renewal of registration form with a residence or business address that is outside of the state. Provides the fees applies to a motor vehicle that is initially registered or that has a registration expiring after a specified date. Appropriates the fee to Department of Motor Vehicles, and specified law and justice agencies' public warning systems.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**SB 1212****Author:** Calderon R**Title:** Insurance: Electronic Transmission**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Assembly Judiciary Committee**Summary:** Authorizes offers of renewal of automobile, property, or commercial insurance, as well as certain liability insurance, and any offer of coverage or renewal and any disclosure of earthquake coverage, to be provided electronically with the insured's consent.**PIFC Position:** Support

**SB 1216****Author:** Lowenthal A**Title:** Reinsurance: Professional Reinsurers**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 277**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Sections 922.2, 922.4, 922.5, 922.8, and 12121 of, to add Sections 717.5, 922.31, 922.42, 922.43, and 922.85 to, to add and repeal Section 922.41 of, and to repeal and add Section 922.6 of, the Insurance Code, relating to reinsurance.**Summary:** Authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to designate an insurer as a professional reinsurer when they are qualified. Requires that credit for reinsurance as an asset or deduction from liability be allowed a domestic ceding insurer because of a change in the status of the ceding company. Requires a ceding insurer to manage its reinsurance recoverables. Requires that a reinsurer demonstrate that it has financial capacity to meet its obligations. Requires certification and rating of assuming insurers.**PIFC Position:** Support

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**SB 1234****Author:** De Leon**Title:** Retirement Savings Plans**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 734**Sections Affected:** An act to add Section 20139 to, and to add Title 21 (commencing with Section 100000) to, the Government Code, and to add Section 1088.9 to the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to retirement savings plans, and making an appropriation therefore.**Summary:** Enacts the State Secure Choice Retirement Savings Trust Act and a related trust. Requires eligible employers to offer a payroll deposit retirement savings arrangement so eligible employees could contribute a portion of their salary or wages to a program account. Allows an employee opt-out. Relates to risk management and investments. Provides a penalty for employers not offering the program. Requires an Internet investments clearinghouse and a vendor registration process.**PIFC Position:** Opposed

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**SB 1242****Author:** Dutton**Title:** Financial Statements of Insurers and Annual Reports**Status:** Failed – Adjourned in Senate Rules Committee**Summary:** Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to existing law requiring every insurer doing business in this state to make and file with the Insurance Commissioner, in the number, form, and by the methods prescribed by the commissioner, statements exhibiting its condition and affairs.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**SB 1262****Author:** Vargas**Title:** Earthquake Insurance: Coverage**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Senate Insurance Committee**Summary:** Specifies that earthquake insurance policies providing alternative coverage that may be offered may include coverage options not meeting the minimum coverage described in existing law.**PIFC Position:** Watch



**SB 1298****Author:** Padilla**Title:** Vehicles: Autonomous Vehicles: Safety Requirements**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 570**Sections Affected:** An act to add Division 16.6 (commencing with Section 38750) to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.**Summary:** Authorizes the operation of an autonomous vehicle on public roads by a driver who possesses the proper class of license for the type of vehicle being operated, or without a driver inside the vehicle if the application and a related fee are submitted and certain conditions are met. Requires for testing purposes that a driver be seated in the driver seat and capable of taking control. Requires evidence of insurance, surety bond or self-insurance. Provides additional requirements on manufacturers.**PIFC Position:** Support

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**SB 1310****Author:** Simitian**Title:** Vehicles: Electronic Wireless Communications**Status:** Vetoed**LOCATION:** Vetoed**Summary:** Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to include a test of the applicant's understanding of the distractions and dangers of handheld cellular phone use and text messaging while operating a motor vehicle during a driver's license testing. Increases the base fines and fines for any subsequent violation and assesses a violation point for a 2nd or subsequent violation.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**SB 1330****Author:** Simitian**Title:** License Plate Recognition Technology: Information**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Senate**Summary:** Relates to license plate data captured by license plate recognition technology. Requires compliance with all applicable statutory and constitutional requirements and disclosure to a law enforcement agency only pursuant to a search warrant. Requires the agency that obtains data through such warrant to notify the person whose information is disclosed that he or her records have been obtained. Authorizes a person whose information is incorrectly sold to bring an action for damages.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**SB 1384****Author:** Simitian**Title:** Consumer Information Privacy**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Senate**Summary:** Defines a nationwide specialty consumer reporting agency and consumer file for purposes of State law and would authorize a consumer to place a freeze on his or her consumer file that is compiled and maintained by a nationwide specialty consumer reporting agency.**PIFC Position:** Oppose

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**SB 1426****Author:** Blakeslee**Title:** Lobbyist Employers: Gifts**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Assembly Appropriations Committee**Summary:** Prohibits a lobbyist, lobbying firm, or lobbyist employer from giving to an elected state officer or a member of that officer's immediate family, and prohibits an elected state officer from accepting from those persons or entities, certain gifts, spa treatments, recreational trips, and gift cards. Provides these provisions do not apply to a fundraising event for a bona fide charitable organization.**PIFC Position:** Watch

**SB 1448****Author:** Calderon R**Title:** Insurance**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 282**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Sections 1215, 1215.2, 1215.4, 1215.5, and 1215.6 of, to amend and renumber Sections 1215.8, 1215.9, 1215.10, 1215.11, 1215.12, 1215.13, 1215.131/2, 1215.14, 1215.15, and 1215.16 of, and to amend, renumber, and add Section 1215.7 of, the Insurance Code, relating to insurance.**Summary:** Requires the filing of a proposed divestiture when the controlling person is seeking to divest its controlling interest in a domestic insurer. Requires the ultimate controlling person to file an annual enterprise risk report. Provides the time period for the approval or disapproval of an acquisition for control. Relates to contents of an insurer's registration statement. Authorizes a supervisory college for an insurer that is part of a holding company system. Exempts certain records from disclosure.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**SB 1449****Author:** Calderon R**Title:** Life Insurance and Annuities**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 567**Sections Affected:** An act to amend Sections 10110.5, 10271, and 10292 of, and to add Section 10271.1 to, the Insurance Code, relating to insurance.**Summary:** Makes disability insurance contracts inapplicable to provisions and supplemental contracts that operate to safeguard against lapse, or give special surrender value, benefit, or annuity, if the owner, insured, annuitant, or beneficiary meets certain benefit triggers. Relates to life insurance and annuity supplemental contracts that contain long-term care or disability insurance products. Prohibits supplemental contracts that imply long-term care coverage. Requires exclusions to be specified.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**SB 1450****Author:** Calderon R**Title:** Mortgage Guaranty Insurance**Status:** Enacted. Chapter No. 105**Sections Affected:** An act to amend, repeal, and add Section 12640.09 of the Insurance Code, relating to insurance.**Summary:** Deletes a requirement with regard to a specified class of insurance in existing law requiring a mortgage guaranty insurer to limit its coverage, for the class of insurance that insures against financial loss by reason of nonpayment of principal, interest, and other sums secured by a mortgage, deed of trust, or other instrument constituting a first lien or charge on a residential building or a condominium unit of buildings to not more than 30% of the entire indebtedness.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**SB 1451****Author:** Calderon R**Title:** Insurance**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Assembly Insurance Committee**Summary:** Amends existing law that governs the business of life and disability insurance. Specifies the term special benefit to include an accelerated death benefit if some of all of the death benefit is a life insurance contract is to the insured upon the occurrence of certain qualifying events, including the confinement in an eligible institution. Requires a life insurance contract or supplemental that includes such benefit to be submitted with information on the forms in which the benefit will be offered.**PIFC Position:** Watch

**SB 1460****Author:** Yee**Title:** Automotive Repair: Replacement Parts**Status:** Failed – Adjourned in Senate Judiciary Committee**Summary:** Requires an automotive repair dealer or insurer who uses or directs the use of replacement crash parts, to follow specified procedures when using replacement crash parts to follow specified procedures when using replacement crash parts, to expressly notify the automobile owner regarding the use of specified categories of crash parts in making the repairs, and to provide disclosures as to the warranty for those parts.**PIFC Position:** Support

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**SB 1528****Author:** Steinberg**Title:** Medical Services: Damages**Status:** Failed Passage in Assembly**Summary:** Provides that an injured person whose health care is provided through a public or private capitated health care service plan shall be entitled to recover as damages the reasonable and necessary value of medical services, and that a Medi-Cal beneficiary shall be entitled to recover from the person or party responsible the reasonable and necessary value of medical services. Provides that the county's right of action would continue as a first lien against any judgment, compromise, or arbitration award.**PIFC Position:** Oppose

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**SB 1556****Author:** Anderson**Title:** Civil Procedure: Attorney's Fees**Status:** Failed - Adjourned in Senate Judiciary Committee**Summary:** Authorizes the award of attorney's fees in those actions both against, and in favor of, public entities unless both parties mutually agree to forego the recovery of attorney's fees, as specified. Entitles a city, county, or city and county that prevails in a civil action that provides for attorney's fees and costs to those reasonable attorney's fees, in addition to other costs, unless the parties stipulate to forego the recovery of attorney's fees.**PIFC Position:** Watch

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**SCR 60****Author:** DeSaulnier**Title:** California Teen Safe Driving Week**Status:** Adopted. Chapter No. 10

Sections Affected: Relative to California Teen Safe Driving Week

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