



2018 CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

2018 Assembly Bills

AB 1207 – GUT AND AMEND – DEAD

Summary: Provide exceptions to the prohibitions on the manufacture, distribution, and sale of powdered alcohol to manufacturers and research institutions, if (1) the powdered alcohol is possessed exclusively for manufacturing, research, or development purposes and not for retail sale, or (2) the retail sale of products that contain powdered alcohol as an ingredient in a mixture printed on a substrate and the mixture cannot be reasonably converted to a loose, powdered form. *Gutted and amended reintroduction of AB 2738.*

Author(s): Assembly Member Bill Brough (R-Dana Point)

AJ Position: Oppose – Opens the door for further efforts to legalize the sale of powdered alcohol.

CAPA Position: Oppose

AB 2460 - DEAD

Summary: Provides that an art gallery may provide beer and wine to patrons without need of an ABC license. No more than 12 ounces of beer or six ounces of wine may be offered to a patron.

Author(s): Assembly Member Matthew Harper (R-Huntington Beach)

AJ Position: Oppose – Continues the trend, that started with salons and barbershops, of making alcohol ever more widely available.

CAPA: Oppose

AB 2738 - DEAD

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Author(s): Assembly Member Bill Brough (R-Dana Point)

AJ Position: Oppose – Opens the door for further efforts to legalize the sale of powdered alcohol.

CAPA Position: Oppose

AB 2914 – SIGNED INTO LAW

Summary: Prohibits the sale of a cannabis product that is an alcoholic beverage, including an infusion of cannabis into an alcoholic beverage.

Author(s): Assembly Member Ken Cooley (D-Rancho Cordova)

AJ Position: Support – Prevents the creation of a new class of alcoholic beverages with the potential for all sorts of harms.

CAPA Position: Support

2018 Senate Bills

SB 905 – VETOED BY GOVERNOR

Summary: Allows closing times for on-sale retailers to be extended from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. as part of a pilot program conducted by the ABC. The pilot program may be conducted in six cities: Sacramento, Oakland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, West Hollywood, and Long Beach.

Author(s): Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco)

AJ Position: *STRONGLY OPPOSE* - This is the worst alcohol-related legislation of this session. Extending the hours of operation for on-sale retailers will result in increased alcohol-related harm. This bill recycles previously failed bills (SB 384 (2017) – Wiener & SB 635 (2013) – Leno) SB 384635-Leno). Alcohol service from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m, even in special "entertainment districts," extends neighborhood noise, street violence, and impaired driving to the hours of 4 a.m at least, and DUIs and traffic collisions could snarl early morning commuter traffic regionally. Without adequate local mitigation fees on alcohol, there will be vast increases to costs of night owl transportation (if any), police, sheriff, CHP, ambulance service, and emergency room usage.

CAPA Position: Oppose