

# Important Legislation In 2011



*From the Executive Corner*

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The deadline for bill introduction was Friday Feb. 18, and there were over 800 bills introduced that day. While it appears that there are fewer bills than normal, primarily because of the budget crisis, there are still over 2,400 of them. Bills that contain significant costs to either state or local government will be very difficult to get passed and if they pass, they are very likely to face a Governor's veto.

Shown below are the details of the bills that have been identified so far, which are of interest or concern to the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association (CTBA). Many of them are "spot bills" which means that they were introduced to meet the deadline, but will be amended as the final language is developed by the author and sponsor. The bills are listed in three categories:

**CTBA Bills;** these bills include several related to fairs, internet gambling and animal abuse.

**Horse Racing Bills;** these bills are directly related to horse racing and include bills on satellite wagering, pari-

mutuel tickets, funding for offsite stabling and problem gambling.

**Williamson Act Bills;** there are five bills that have been introduced that relate to the Williamson Act. Since the funding for the Williamson Act appears to have been eliminated by both the Assembly and Senate Budget Committees, there may be more bills introduced to try to restore that funding. It will be very difficult to pass a bill with funding and it is almost sure that the Governor will veto it, unless he can be convinced that the Williamson Act is worth saving.

Some of the bills have been referred to their first policy committee, but none have been set for hearing at this point. The CTBA will be meeting with the representatives of the other racing organizations to discuss the bills and to learn more about who are the sponsors and the intent of each of the bills. As more information becomes available, we will keep the CTBA membership informed. 🐾

## CTBA Bills

CA AB 35	.....	Solorio (D)
CA AB 513	.....	Hall (D)
CA AB 1117	.....	Smyth (R)
CA SB 1	.....	Kehoe (D)
CA SB 40	.....	Correa (D)
CA SB 45	.....	Wright (D)
CA SB 104	.....	Steinberg (D)
CA SB 917	.....	Lieu (D)

## Horse Racing Bills

CA AB 270	.....	Perea (D)
CA AB 280	.....	Silva (R)
CA AB 562	.....	Hall (D)
CA AB 707	.....	Garrick (R)
A AB 897	.....	Hall (D)
CA HR 6	.....	Hall (D)
CA SB 305	.....	Calderon R (D)
CA SB 732	.....	Wyland (R)
CA SB 855	.....	Kehoe (D)

## Williamson Act Bills

CA AB 1265	.....	Nielsen (R)
CA AB 1266	.....	Nielsen (R)
CA SB 618	.....	Wolk (D)
CA SB 648	.....	Berryhill T (R)
CA SB 668	.....	Evans (D)

**Note: To access any of these Bills, go online to [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov)**