

2018 Legislative Summary

For the past five years, the California Cannabis Industry association has worked hard to make the industry's voice loud and clear in Sacramento. This year, CCIA worked to successfully advance changes to the state's emergency regulations to improve the operational effectiveness of licensed cannabis businesses.

Successes include the elimination of the A-Type and M-Type licensing requirement and the expansion of licensed delivery to all jurisdictions, preventing "access deserts" to ensure that patients and consumers have access to safe compliant products.

Furthermore, in 2018 the Governor signed several CCIA sponsored or supported bills into law, including:

SB 1459 (Cannella)

Establishes a provisional cannabis license to ensure that existing, compliant operators may continue to operate while their state and local applications are being reviewed

AB 1741 (Bonta)

Permits licensed commercial cannabis businesses, until January 1, 2022, to remit their tax payments to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) in cash without being charged the automatic 10 percent penalty levied on most other California businesses

SB 311 (Pan)

Allows distributor-to-distributor transfers to ensure that licensed cannabis retailers and consumers have access to quality products

SB 1294 (Bradford)

Establishes state and local equity programs to assist localities in processing local equity applications.

AB 2020 (Quirk)

Expands the types of locations where temporary cannabis events may occur to any location if approved by the local jurisdiction

AB 1793 (Bonta)

Requires the DOJ, by July 1, 2020, to automatically reduce or remove any eligible cannabis-related convictions from one's record

LOOKING AHEAD:

Moving ahead into the new legislative session, CCIA remains committed to strengthening California's cannabis industry, including but not limited to:

- Working to reduce taxes for the legal industry
- Protecting compassionate care programs
- Strengthening public safety and local participation
- Promoting fair and equitable tax structures for the legal industry
 ... and more!

For more information on CCIA's Legislative efforts, and to find out how you can get involved, visit our website at www.cacannabisindustry.org