



# Legislative Report

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## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

### **The following California bills were passed in 2017:**

- **AB-1148:** This bill went into effect in July. For lease disclosures requiring stating whether or not a subject premise has undergone an inspection by a CASp, the definition of a 'commercial property' was revised to change the word 'sale' to 'rent'. "A property that is offered for rent or lease to persons operating, or intending to operate, a place of public accommodation" "or facility to which the general public is invited, at those premises."
- **AB-1379:** This bill went into effect in January. The fee for permits and business licenses has been increased from \$1.00 to \$4.00 until 2023. The additional fee is to help set-up training funds for building plan checkers and inspectors to become Certified Access Specialist.
- **AB-1553:** This bill went into effect in January. This bill expands the definition of a small business from having a total gross annual revenue of \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000 thus allowing more businesses to apply for the Capital Access Loan Program.

### **The following are bills being watched:**

Federal bills HR 620 and HR 1493 are similar notice and right to cure bills. HR 620 was reported by the Committee on Judiciary 15 ayes to 9 nays in September. A similar California bill AB-150 failed passage.

### **Other news:**

In July the Department of Justice (DOJ) placed the following rulemakings on the inactive list: Website Accessibility and Non-Fixed Equipment and Furniture. They have been withdrawn as of December.

The DOJ also withdrew outdated technical assistance and guidance documents in an effort to reduce regulatory burdens and provide quality guidance documents. A list of these documents is available on the ADA.gov website.

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