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## **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

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### **AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA**

#### **Legislative Report**

**October 18, 2011**

October 9<sup>th</sup> was the deadline for Governor Brown to sign or veto the legislation (hundreds of bills) that was sent to him during the final days of the first year of the 2011/2012 legislative session. Chaptered means the bill was signed into law. Most laws take effect on January 2012.

The legislators are now on recess and back in their districts for the remainder of the year and will return to the Capitol on January 4, 2012.

Below is a list of the bills we have been tracking on your behalf that made it to the Governor for action. Chaptered bills were signed into law and vetoed bills were rejected by the Governor.

We did not include the bills that did not make it through the legislative process (dead or 2-year bills) on this list, however, they will remain on our list to monitor when the Legislature resumes next year. These possible 2-year bills must leave their House of Origin by the end of January or they die.

As you can see, Governor Brown vetoed two high profile veterans' bills, AB 201 (Butler) Veterans courts and SB 888 (Lieu) Veterans funeral protestors. American Legion was a sponsor of SB 888.

I will continue to work on getting SB 340 (Wolk) the remote caller bingo legislation out of the Assembly when the Legislature returns in January. Please bear in mind that American Legion is not the sponsor of the bill and therefore is not in control of its fate. I will continue to work with the sponsor's lobbyist on this bill.

#### **CA AB 167**

**AUTHOR:**

**Cook (R)**

**TITLE:**

**State Stolen Valor Act**

**LAST AMEND:**

**06/02/2011**

**LOCATION:**

**Chaptered**

**SUMMARY:**

Relates to existing law which provides that any person who falsely represents himself or herself to have been awarded any military decoration, with the intent to defraud, is guilty of a misdemeanor. Provides that those provisions shall be known as the State Stolen Valor Act. Requires that certain elected officers forfeit their office upon conviction of any of the crimes specified in the act.

**Commentary**