



Summary of Aviation Legislation in California

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A short summary of each bill is provided below. Read the bill's full text plus analysis at the official website for California legislative information at < www.leginfo.ca.gov > Click "Bill Information" and Search for the bill number.

| Bill Number & Author | Subject | 1 st Policy | 1 st Fiscal | 1 st Floor | 2 nd Policy | 2 nd Fiscal | 2 nd Floor | Gov. Desk |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| AB 1660 (Salas) | Emergency Aircraft Flights | 3/22/10 | | | | | | |
| SB 1141 (McLeod) | Airport Land Use Commissions | 4/07/10 | | | | | | |
| Color Code: Yellow indicates upcoming hearing/vote and date; Green indicates passage; Red check indicates Governor's signature. | | | | | | | | |

AB 1660, *Assembly Member Salas-Chula Vista , District 79 (Emergency Aircraft Flights)*
This bill would amend Public Utilities Code (PUC) regarding emergency aircraft flights. Such flights are exempt in the PUC from adopted local ordinances with respect to the time of day they fly, their noise signature and aircraft type. This bill would extend the local ordinance exemption to the so called non-emergency flight back to the aircraft's operational base.

The Latest -- This bill has been referred to the Assembly Committee on Transportation which has set a hearing date of 3-22-10, in Room 4202 at 1:30. The bill has not been amended.

SB 1141, *Senator Negrete McLeod-Chino, District 32 (Airports: airport land use commissions)*

This bill would delete some sections of airport land use law leaving fewer options for counties to establish an airport land use commission (ALUC). Some counties would be required to establish a new, so-called single-entity airport land use commission or designate an established planning body for airport planning responsibilities. No county would be exempt from the airport land use requirements. This bill is very similar to last year's **SB 737** with one notable addition. SB 1141 would allow the Division of Aeronautics to establish a fund that has as its sole purpose, providing funds for ALUC start-up costs.

The Latest -- This bill was introduced on February 18, 2010, and has not been amended. It has been referred to the Senate Committee on Local Government where it is scheduled for a hearing on April 7, 2010, in Room 112, at 9:30 a.m.

AB 2173, *Assembly Member Beall-San Jose, District 24 (Emergency Air Medical Transportation Providers)*

This bill provides for increased Medi-Cal funding of emergency air ambulance transportation by imposing a \$3 fee on each motor vehicle violation in California, with the exception of parking violations.

The Latest -- This bill was introduced on February 19, 2010, and has not been amended. It has been referred to the Assembly Committee on Health where it will be heard in Room 4202, on March 23, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

SB 1264, *Assembly Member Leno-San Francisco/San Rafael, District 03 (Commercial airlines: passenger rights)*

This bill would require passengers on planes that are delayed by three hours or more to be provided with fresh air, light, aircraft waste removal, and adequate food, water and other refreshment. Passenger air carriers would also be required to provide clear notification regarding consumer complaint contact information.

The Latest -- This bill was introduced on 2/19/10, and has not been amended. It has been referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing.

AB 1272, *Assembly Member Hill-San Mateo, District 19 (Emergency medical services: trauma center)*

This bill relates to the Emergency Medical Services System and designated trauma centers. As local services plan their systems they will be required to include air transportation of trauma patients to, and between trauma centers. This bill no longer specifically refers to helicopter landing pads and the permitting process, the Aeronautics Act or CEQA as was called for in previous versions.

The Latest -- 1/20/10 This bill was re-referred to the Committee on Health but was not heard by them by the time committee hearings closed last year.

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