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The 1971 volume of the review of California legislation is once again presented with an emphasis on those measures passed during the 1971 Legislative Session which are of interest to the practicing bar and the legal community. The 1971 Session surpassed all previous records for length and total number of chapters enacted. It should be particularly noted that there have been significant changes in the areas of civil procedure, consumer protection and juvenile law.

The organization of each write-up within this review is designed to give the reader a quick identification of the area of law under discussion; what the new law is or will be upon the effective date of the chapter; the background or prior law; and some insight into the legislative intent and objectives behind introduction and enactment of the bills. To implement these organizational objectives, the following modifications have been incorporated into this review: 1) An italicized "scope" note has been inserted to summarize the more lengthy write-ups; 2) The author of the bill is set forth in the title; 3) A "Comment" section has been added to selected write-ups wherein students have endeavored to identify and focus upon problem areas within the bill itself or in its potential application; 4) A modified form of citation to sources is utilized whereby specific statements within the text are cited in parenthetical footnotes and the collateral references section now cites sources which treat the area of discussion generally.

The legislation contained in this review is organized topically under nineteen titles listed in the Table of Contents. A Table of Code Sections is included to enable the reader to locate those changes discussed with respect to particular code sections.

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