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The *Pacific Law Journal's* Legislative Review Department proudly presents the twenty-second *Review of Selected California Legislation*. Once again, the staff has compiled analyses of the most significant legislation enacted over the past year, and the bills reviewed on the following pages are among the first to be enacted under California's new governor, Pete Wilson.

When reading the analyses, you will repeatedly encounter the terms "prior law" and "existing law." Prior law refers to legislation which was in effect prior to a chaptered bill's passage, and which is no longer in effect afterward. Existing law is that which is in effect both before and after a particular bill's passage. Unless otherwise indicated, all chaptered bills are effective on January 1, 1992.

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humor and professionalism, and for never losing sight of the task at hand.

We hope this *Review* is beneficial to you, and as always, we solicit your thoughts and comments. Please address suggestions to the *Pacific Law Journal's* Legislative Review Department.

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