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Introduction

The Review of Selected 1974 California Legislation provides a concise analysis of all legislation which the editors have determined to be of importance to the legal community. The heading of each bill analysis includes a description of the subject area, a listing of the code sections affected by the bill, the bill and chapter numbers, the author of the bill, all known organizational support and opposition, and the effective date of all urgency statutes. Selected analyses contain comment sections wherein the writers have undertaken to identify and focus upon legislative objectives and problem areas within the bills themselves or within their potential application.

The 1974 session of the California Legislature represents the second year of the new two-year session scheme approved by constitutional amendment and inaugurated in 1973. This session completed its work as scheduled on August 31, 1974; hence under the new legislative rules and procedures, all legislation reviewed in this volume became effective on January 1, 1975, except those bills passed and signed as urgency statutes, which became effective upon signing, and those for which later operative dates were specified in the legislation itself. A unique exception to this rule has occurred with respect to chapters 11 and 752 [See REVIEW OF SELECTED 1974 CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION, this volume at 137 (Administration of Estates; community property, equal rights)]. To permit "further legislative study and deliberation," the effective date of these chapters has been changed from January 1, 1975, to July 1, 1975, by urgency legislation enacted in the new session which began December 2, 1974 [S.B. 12, CAL. STATS. 1975, c. 1].

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