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Introduction

The first half of the 1975-76 Regular Session was very productive for the California Legislature. Many major changes in the laws of California were implemented, including a revision of the laws concerning medical malpractice (this volume at 544), the enactment of a new General Corporation Law (this volume at 258), a modification of the law of eminent domain (this volume at 503), and the addition of collective bargaining provisions for agricultural employees (this volume at 444) and public school teachers (this volume at 451). The Review of Selected 1975 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.

Pursuant to the legislative rules of procedure, all legislation reviewed in this volume which was enacted during this, the first half of the 1975-76 Regular Session, became effective on January 1, 1976, 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. Additionally, any legislation which came out of any of the three extraordinary sessions called by Governor Brown (housing, medical malpractice, and agricultural labor relations) became effective on the 91st day following the adjournment of the respective session, and such effective date is noted in the header of the bill.

An undertaking such as the Legislative Review would not be possible without dedicated and competent individual writers, and we are grateful for the efforts of the Legislative Review Staff Members. Our special appreciation is extended to Harold Bradford, Legislative Representative of the State Bar of California and Advisor to the *Pacific Law Journal* Legislative Review, and to the legislative advocates and legislative committee consultants who contributed background source material and suggestions.

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