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Introduction

The *Pacific Law Journal* editors and staff are proud to present the annual review of Selected California Legislation. This review provides an analysis of the most important legislation and highlights the differences in prior law and legislation passed in 1982. In selecting legislation to be included in the review, the editors have used the following three criteria: (1) whether the bill will affect the work of the practicing bar and bench, (2) whether the bill will affect the work of the legal specialist, and (3) whether the bill will interest the attorney as a community leader. Among the new laws discussed in the following pages are measures revising the law pertaining to enforcement of judgments and methods of attachment, changing the scope of the Medi-Cal and Workers' Compensation programs, establishing new procedures to remove clouds on title, and establishing a penalty for sale of drug paraphernalia.

The heading of each bill analysis includes a description of the subject area, a listing of code sections affected by the bill, the bill and chapter numbers, the author of the bill, and major organizational support of and opposition to the bill in its chaptered form. Unless otherwise specified, the operative date of the analyzed legislation is January 1, 1983. When constitutional issues, points of practical interest, or problem areas merit further discussion a comment is included to provide a broader insight into the legislation. In the analysis, the use of the term "prior law" refers to statutes that were in effect prior to the passage of the 1982 legislation but are no longer in effect, while the use of the term "existing law" refers to statutes that were in effect before the passage of the 1982 legislation and are still in effect. To facilitate access to specific code sections of interest, a table of the code sections affected by the bills analyzed in this review is provided at the end of this issue.

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