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MORE NEW LAWS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Here are even more examples of new California legislation which may be of interest to the current clients of our practice. We hope you will find some of it to be useful.

25. **Real Estate Brokers**

Rules controlling broker trust accounts have been technically amended.

26. **Beer**

Certain beer manufacturers may now provide free rides home to visitors with or without a purchase.

27. **Education**

High school exit examinations are now eliminated.

28. **Pet Sales**

Pet stores can sell only rescue or shelter animals, and not by installment sales.

29. **HOA's**

Can no longer prohibit installations of rooftop solar energy systems.

30. **Flood Warnings**

Residential landlords must provide new tenants with specified information regarding flood risks.

31. **State Nuts**

Now include almonds, walnuts, pistachios, and pecans.

32. State Dinosaur

Is now the Augustynolophus Morrisi. (I am not making this up).

33. Real Estate

Owners of property offered for rent as places of public accommodation must inform a potential tenant if the property has undergone an accessibility inspection, and if not, allow the tenant to obtain its own inspection.

34. Parking Tickets

Generally, vehicles cannot be ticketed for parking at inoperable meters and must be allowed four hours free even if a time limit is posted.

35. Process Servers

Lawsuits can be served by delivery to a mail receiving agent if no other physical address is available.

36. Dating Services

There are technical changes to the regulation of online dating service contracts.

37. Sanctuary State

a) Police cannot inquire of the immigration status of or detain an individual, despite federal requests, unless the individual has been convicted of one of about 800 specified crimes.

b) Landlords cannot report undocumented renters.

c) Students of deported parents may continue attending California schools.

d) Crime victims and witnesses cannot be detained or reported for suspected immigration violations.

e) Unless required by federal law, employers cannot voluntarily consent to immigration agents entering nonpublic

workplace areas or accessing employee records without a warrant, subpoena, or court order.

38. Political Cyberfraud

Internet websites appearing to urge support of or opposition to a candidate are unlawful.

39. Free College

The first year of community college will be free for first-time students.

40. Elections

Neighborhood polling places will be replaced by mail-in ballots, drop off locations, and regional voting centers.

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Sincerely,

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