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Governor Newsom Signs Cannabis Testing Legislation into Law

California Governor Gavin Newsom has signed Assembly Bill 1458 authored by Assemblymember Bill Quirk and sponsored by California Cannabis Manufacturers Association (CCMA). The new law goes into effect January 1, 2021.

“We are pleased to see Governor Newsom sign AB 1458. Thank you to Assemblymember Quirk for authoring this important piece of legislation. We are proud of our approach to the work, we are proud of the industry, and we are excited for where it is heading. These policy collaborations are crucial to achieve ideal outcomes for every stakeholder involved--consumer, patient, or otherwise,” says Kenny Morrison, co-founder and President of CCMA.

[AB 1458](#) codifies a 12% variance with a 2022 sunset for edible cannabis products, reverting to 10% thereafter, allowing appropriate time for the maturation of the industry to meet the exceptional standards of California consumer protections.

Unfortunately, the Governor vetoed AB 1470 also authored by Asm. Quirk and sponsored by CCMA. “While we are disappointed to see Governor Newsom veto AB 1470, we look forward to continuing work on this measure in the future,” Morrison said of the veto. A veto message can be found [here](#).

[AB 1470](#) would have allowed for batch testing of manufactured cannabis, as opposed to testing of selected, retail packaged representative samples. This bill also defines the “final form” as “the unpackaged product as it will be consumed” preventing unnecessary waste and cost while still maintaining testing integrity.

As thought leaders and business owners in California’s emerging cannabis industry, CCMA knows it is imperative for cannabis statutes and regulations to provide strong public safety standards while encouraging achievable and business-friendly practices that foster a robust, regulated marketplace. Steps that the Legislature take toward these measures are steps toward stamping out the still-thriving illicit cannabis market.

CCMA works to create and sustain a strong business climate for California cannabis manufacturers and producers. We create innovative products that consumers trust and rely on. We pride ourselves on being leaders in product safety and industry standards through our implementation of protocols aligning with mainstream industries to create trustworthy brands, products, and processes.

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