



CIOMA MEMBER ALERT

Kill SB 1400 Banning C-store Sales of Tobacco Products **New Hearing Time TOMORROW at Assembly Business & Professions Committee**

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CIOMA Members:

The hearing time for the Assembly Business & Professions (B&P) Committee hearing Tuesday June 28. **has been changed** - the hearing will now begin at **9:00 a.m. in Room 4202** (4th floor of the "new" part of the Capitol). If you are attending the B&P hearing please gather in the hallway outside the hearing room around 8:45 a.m.

The Committee agenda is fairly long. Bills are taken up via author sign-in, which means that the author must come to the Committee room and sign in to be docketed for consideration. We do not know when Senator Wieckowski will sign in, or when his measure will be brought up, so plan on staying in or around the Committee room until the bill comes up. This may be a while, so plan accordingly.

Due to the length of the agenda, it is likely that the measure will be allowed "2-and-2" extended-testimony; 2 witnesses for the measure, 2 opposed. CIOMA member Tom Robinson (Rotten Robbie's) will be the lead-off the opposed witness. The California Retailers Association will provide the 2nd witness. After that, others opposed to the measure will line up and will be allowed to provide name, name of business, and "opposed" position. This is called "me-too" testimony. The Committee chair will cut off any extended testimony, beyond what is allowed.

If someone moves the bill and gets a second, a vote of those Committee members present will be taken. Since there are multiple hearings of other Committees going on at the same time, there may not be sufficient members present to take a final tally on the measure. If that is the case the final tally will occur at the end of the hearing, which could be well after the bill is heard. The bill needs 9 "aye" votes to

move out of the Committee. Opposition lobbyists will be working hard to get "no" votes back into the room when the final tally occurs.

If you do not want to stay in the Committee room for the final tally, you can go to the sixth floor cafeteria - the Committee hearing may be televised and you can watch from there.

Parking should be available at the City parking lot on 10th & L Streets. Please bring cash; the City is changing out parking equipment and they are charging a flat fee of \$6.00 - in cash.

IF the measure passes from the Business & Professions Committee it will go to the Government Organization Committee, now on Thursday June 30 in Room 4202.

The meeting is scheduled after adjournment of the Floor session that day, meaning it could come up morning, afternoon or evening. For that reason, we are NOT PLANNING A MEETING LOCATION.

We suggest attending the B&P hearing on June 28 if you want to show your opposition.

Thanks to all of you who have written, called faxed or attended meetings with legislators on this onerous legislation. We think it has made a big impact, but will not be sure until it is defeated in committee.

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