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Pertinent State Business Legislation Goes Before the Governor

Governor Jerry Brown completed this year's legislation on October 9, by either signing or vetoing pertinent legislation that the Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce has been following.

AB 29 was signed by the Governor, which formally establishes an office in statute as the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) As most of you know, the Governor's Office of Economic Development was originally established in April 2010 via executive order, but the Governor's recent action rescinds that office and replaces it with GO-Biz, which ensures that California has a permanent and highly visible single point of contact for economic development and job creation efforts.

The Governor also acted regarding the Workers' Compensation system by vetoing AB 947, which would have increased costs to employers by broadening the definition of the types of injuries that qualify for an extended timeframe to receive temporary disability benefits from 104 weeks to 230 weeks. The Chamber wishes to thank Senators Strickland and Pavley for their NO votes on the Senate floor. Brown did sign five California Chamber supported bills including AB 335, AB 378, AB 397, AB 1168 and AB 1426. (To view additional information, visit the California Chamber of Commerce website at www.calchamber.com).

Signed and chaptered into law was AB 22, which was opposed by the California Chamber of Commerce. This law will unfairly limit private employers' ability to use consumer credit reports for legitimate employment purposes, such as those positions that have direct and unsupervised access to any amount of cash and/or valuable non-financial assets. Job applicants must be informed that there will be a credit check and they will be able to request a copy of the report from the reporting agency. The opponents stated that due to the economic times, many people who have lost their jobs may have ended up with bad credit.