

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE
YOSEMITE ICC CHAPTER
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**LEGISLATION UPDATES OF INTEREST TO
BUILDING DEPARTMENTS**

As we approach the last part of the 2007 session we will start to see some changes in the bills being tracked. Some bills that have been suspended will either be killed or amended and continue on with the process.

Noteworthy bill in the process and moving toward passage. This bill is not an urgency bill so if it passes it will go into effect January 1, 2008.

- **AB 382** Housing *Omnibus Bill has been amended to correct the error as a result of AB 2977 which passed last year. AB 2977 required the placement of an anti-entrapment device on the suction drain of swimming pools, toddler pools and spas whenever a building permit was issued for remodel, repair or rehab on a SFD. **AB 382** has corrected that error with the following language: *“Whenever a building permit is issued for the remodel or modification of an existing swimming pool, toddler pool or spa, the permit shall require that the suction outlet of the existing swimming pool, toddler pool, or spa be upgraded so as to be equipped with an anti-entrapment cover meeting current standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) or the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME).”*
- **AB 888 Green Building Standards:** This bill was amended on August 31, 2007. One of the notable amendments removed the California Environmental Protection Agency from the bill as the “Agency” of responsibility. The already existing LEED standards will be utilized as the green building standards for non-residential buildings.
- **AB 1058 Green Building Construction: Best Practice,** This bill was amended September 6, 2007. As with AB 888, the California Environmental Protection Agency has been removed as the responsible agency. HCD has been introduced as the agency in charge with the responsibility to develop green building standards for residential occupancies and submit to the BSC for review, adoption, approval and publication.

*An Omnibus bill is a bill created to clean up and/or correct a number of technical, non-controversial issues in existing laws.

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I'd like to invite anyone interested in legislation and wanting to keep a watch on legislative issues that may affect our industry, to join me on this committee. Drop me an email at gadams@willdan.com