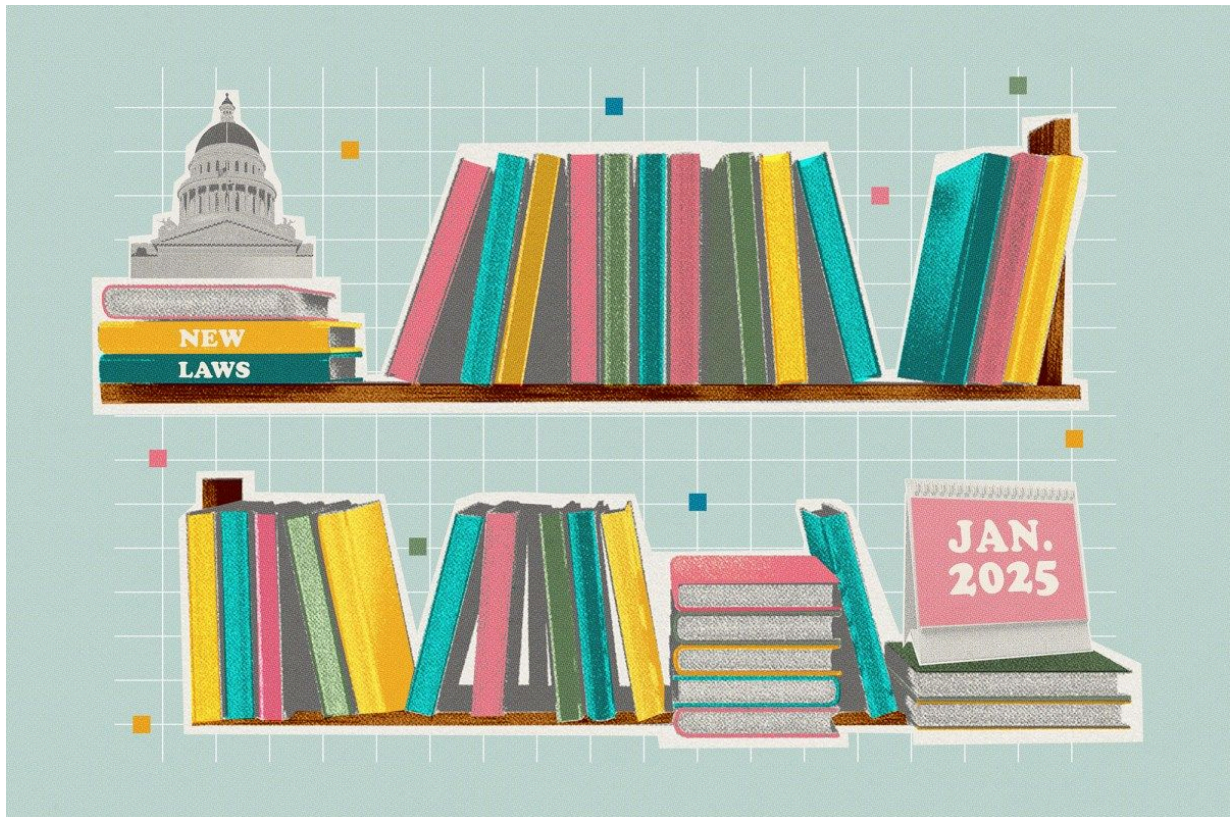


New Laws Take Effect in the Golden State

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Hundreds of new laws have gone into effect Jan. 1 in California. The big one is the overwhelming support for Proposition 36 which supplants Prop. 47 and cracks down on shoplifters with new penalties for retail crime and property theft, car break-ins and smash and grab robberies. The violations are now enhanced. Prop. 36 makes many of the above-noted crimes as felonies.

Amsterdam has arrived in the Golden State. Marijuana dispensaries are permitted to sell food and non-alcoholic beverages and host live events. A second law creates entertainment zones where restaurants and bars can vend drinks-to-go and outdoor drinking is permitted.

Automated Intelligence (A.I.) took a big hit. The State makes illegal to present real images which maybe cause serious emotional distress, and makes it illegal to create sexually explicit of images that are deep fakes.

Companies must give advance notice to its employees it plans to close a store.

Here are just a few of

1200 new laws for 2025:

- A new California law bans your employer from ordering you to attend anti-union meetings.
- Troubled California teens gain protection under a new law championed by Paris Hilton.
- California Lemon Law is changing and buyers have fewer protections in the new year.
- New laws could help tenants facing eviction stay in their homes.
- California bans schools from forcing teachers to “out” LGBTQ students. Parents will not be advised of child’s status.
- New California voter ID ban puts conservative cities at odds with the State.
- California limits junk fees for declined ATM withdrawals.
- Most medical debt can no longer hurt your credit score.
- California introduces new ways to turn in bottles and cans.
- Sales of firearms between two parties that are completed through a dealer are no longer exempt from a law that limits buyers to one application to purchase a handgun every 30 days.
- Firearms dealers are now required to give gun buyers a pamphlet from the state that “explains the reasons for and risks of owning a firearm.”