



STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL BOARD LAW UPDATE November 2014

TO: ALL REGISTERED COMPANIES AND BRANCH OFFICES

Senate Bill (SB) 1244 and Assembly Bill (AB) 1685 were signed by the Governor and become effective January 1, 2015.

SB 1244 amends sections 8505, 8505.1, 8505.2, 8505.5, 8505.10, 8505.12, 8505.14, 8505.17, 8507.1, 8514, 8518, 8520, 8528, 8551.5, 8560, 8562, 8564, 8564.6, 8565, 8566, 8567, 8590, 8593.1, 8612, 8613, 8617, 8622, 8643, 8647, 8651, 8660, 8673 and 8674, adds sections 8504.1 and 8672.1 and repeals sections 8505.6, 8565.6 and 8590.1 of the Business and Professions Code.

The following is a brief summary of SB 1244's provisions:

- The term "pesticide" is now defined.
- Notice must now be given to the county agricultural commissioner prior to a fumigation being performed. Previously, the notice only had to be given upon request by the county agricultural commissioner.
- The date and time a fumigant was injected and the name, address and telephone number of the registered company performing the fumigation can now be written in any color ink, not just red, on the warning sign. The warning sign language must continue to be in red, 2 inch lettering.
- Monthly pesticide use reports no longer need to include the number of applications made. These reports now only have to contain the name and registration number of each pesticide and the amount used. Stamps are no longer required to be "affixed."
- Copies of monthly pesticide use reports must now be maintained by the licensee for three years after the report submission date.
- From the date of employment, individuals may now apply pesticides for the purposes of training under the direct supervision of a licensed field representative or operator employed by the company for 90 days. The previous time frame allowed was 30 days.
- Applicator licenses will begin expiring at 12 midnight on June 30 the third year from date of issuance.

AB 1685 amends sections 8538, 8564.5, 8593 and 8674 of the Business and Professions Code.

The following is a brief summary of AB 1685's provisions:

- In addition to first-class mail, pesticide notices may now be given to the owner, owner's agent, and tenant, if there is a tenant, via electronic mail.

- The Board may charge the following examination fees:
 - Operator's examination fee of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100)
 - Field representative's examination fee of not more than seventy-five dollars (\$75)
 - Applicator's examination fee of not more than sixty dollars (\$60)

This is a brief overview of SB1244 and AB1685. For the complete versions of these bills, please visit the following website:

<http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov>

On the homepage, enter AB1685 or SB1244 next to "Bill Number" in the search box to view the amended language.

If you have any questions, please call the Board's Administration Unit at (916) 561-8700.