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California ELD Mandate – Effective January 1, 2024

The California ELD mandate requires commercial drivers to use electronic logging devices (ELDs) to record their record of duty status (RODS). The mandate is set to take effect on January 1, 2024.



However, there are some exemptions to this mandate. The following drivers are exempt from the California ELD mandate:

Drivers who are operating under shorthaul operations aren't required to keep a record of duty status (RODS). Timecards can be used in place of ELD.

Drivers of property-carrying rental vehicles rented for eight days or less.

Drivers hauling livestock and insects, such as bees.

Household goods movers are considered

household goods carriers in California. Therefore, they are subject to the ELD mandate unless they qualify for an exemption. If a household goods mover drives less than 100 miles and keeps RODS

for eight days or fewer outside of the 100-mile radius in a 30-day period, they are exempt from the ELD mandate. If a driver exceeds the short-haul exemption more than eight times within 30 days, they will need to comply with the ELD mandate.

It's important to note that the California ELD mandate for intrastate truckers is set to take effect on January 1, 2024. Therefore, household goods movers should prepare for the transition by adopting ELD technology and ensuring compliance with the mandate.



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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER by Jesse Chabot

I am going to do a little something different with this article by offering some words of encouragement to anyone who may need it. I find that as I've

been traveling and talking to more people, I've noticed two things:

The first one is that as people take on roles in the CMSA, whether it is to become chapter president or be on the board, they kind of get out of their comfort zone. Now, they may have to start doing public speaking and organizing meetings, things they haven't done before. Let me start by saying every president we met has run an awesome meeting in their own style and has done a great job at running their meeting, but I think when they look back on how they performed for that night, they tend to see the mistakes they made that nobody else even noticed, and this could carry into other aspects of our

lives and businesses. The way I have always approached being out of my element was perfectly summed up in the movie Boiler Room. A bunch of new stock traders are joining a firm, and the CEO walks in and explains to the new recruits that they should act as if they're the CEO of the company, act as if they are the most successful person in the room, just act as if (this isn't a direct quote). The point being perception is everything. Sometimes, you have to put on a brave face and say I'm the best person to do this even if inside you have doubt. Almost all of the time, you're the only one judging your performance.

The second thing that I've noticed is that for being such a diverse group of moving companies, from companies that just do local moves on the weekends to huge operations that have their own international teams all around the world, we all deal with the same problems. Just because you view your moving company as smaller, you think that your problems are overwhelming because of

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS
By Steve Weitekamp

In the movie *The Last King of Scotland*, the story of the rise of Ugandan Dictator Idi Amin, there is a scene of a tense moment between the dictator and his foreign advisor, Nicholas. Amin is

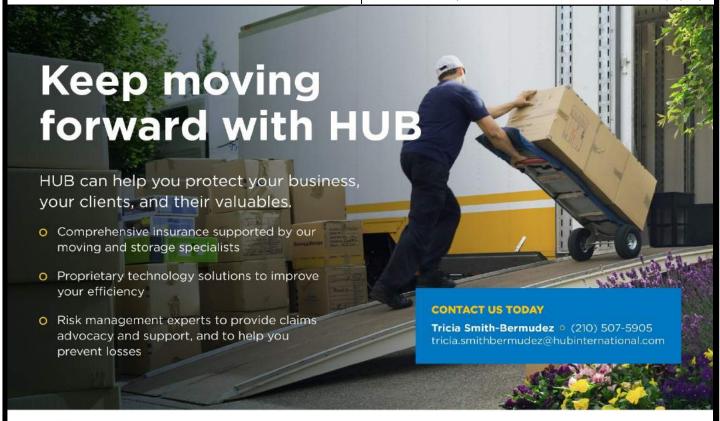
angry with his advisor and holds him responsible for the negative consequences of Amin's own actions. He asks, why did you not tell me what to do? The advisor answers, "I did!" to which Amin retorts, "But you did not persuade me, Nicholas. You did not persuade me!" I find this scene frequently relevant to issues related to certain problems related to moves and a class of consumers who only want validation of the poor choices they are about to make.

A very unfortunate issue that is on the rise, particularly in urban areas, is the increase in cargo theft related to moves. We are seeing a rise in items disappearing off

the tailgate and the curb. There have become areas where the prudent course of action is to protect the shipper's belongings by having a person stay with the truck while the required number of moving crew members proceed with the load or delivery. It really doesn't matter if the shipper or the mover supplies that individual; other than if supplied by the mover, there will be an increased (necessary) cost to the move. My opinion is that the mover has a responsibility to PERSUADE the shipper of the necessity. I get all the objections on both sides: it's too expensive, I'll lose the sale, etc.

Let me share with you a recent real-world example of this issue. A high-quality local mover had a moving job into an apartment in the center of the city where the mover was aware a large homeless encampment was right down the street. The mover advised the shipper of the security issue, but the shipper wanted to contain costs and said that they would watch the truck as the small crew delivered it to the upstairs apartment. The shipper was less

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your size, or if you had this, that, or the other, these problems would not affect you. However, just know that the bigger companies have the same problems. I think, at least for me personally, I've always looked to other companies and thought that they didn't

have the issues that I have, and if I could just reach a certain size, things would get easier. I know now that that is not true.

So I encourage everybody, especially now in this uncertain time, to get out there, get out of their comfort zone, try something new, and definitely "act as if."

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than diligent in their duties to watch the truck, something the mover was aware of but, wanting to avoid confrontation, failed to address immediately. As a result, two highend carry-on metal suitcases were stolen from the back of the truck. The shipper blamed the mover for the theft, even making them feel as if they were criminals, then filed a claim for over \$20,000, stating that the two suitcases were filled with high-end items. They also used their technological sophistication to trash the mover on social media. The shipper went so far as to record the mover's unfortunate and ill-advised call, expressing his indignation related to his perception that they were calling him a criminal

and then posting his call on social media. They also filed a complaint with the Bureau of Household Goods and Services related to violations of paperwork and practices.

If we can step back and view this without emotion, this story has several valuable takeaways. To me, the most important is that we need to persuade consumers of issues related to the safety of crews and belongings. There is no job worth doing if the consequences involve an unreasonably high risk of injury to staff or financial loss greater than the project's total revenue.

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In 1999, Gary embarked on his journey in the Moving and Storage business, where he joined BEKINS and began working under the guidance of Bill Lovejoy. From his early days in the industry, it was evident that Gary possessed a unique combination of skills, determination, and a passion for his work.



Over the years, Gary's career evolved as he assumed different roles, showcasing his versatility and capability. He transitioned from being a skilled salesman to taking on the responsibilities of a sales manager and finally VP of Sales at Republic Moving & Storage. His relentless dedication and ability to book a substantial number of moves not only showcased his talents but also played a pivotal role in the success of the com-

panies he served.

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ing and Storage Association (CMSA), is a testament to his dedication. Gary has served as the president of CMSA San Diego Chapter, where he displayed leadership and vision, and organized an amazing golf tournament. His contributions didn't stop there; even after his presidency, he remained actively engaged as a board member, providing valuable insights and expertise.

As we celebrate Gary's retirement, it's a time to honor the achievements of a true industry professional. The lessons learned from his career serve as an inspiration to many in the field. With gratitude and best wishes for his well-earned retirement, we look forward to witnessing the next chapter in Gary Bell's life, confident that it will be just as exceptional as his career in the Moving and Storage industry.

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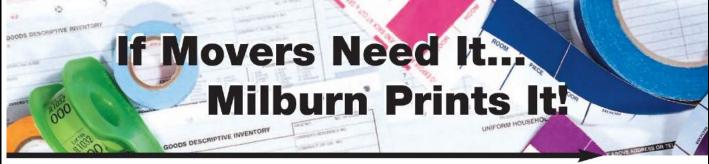
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All applicants must complete the required documents and submit them to be received no later than noon on Thursday, February 1, 2024 to: CMSA, 10900 E. 183rd St., #300, Cerritos, CA 90703 or e-mail to: information@thecmsa.org or fax to: (562) 865-2944. Winners will be notified by March 11, 2024 and the award recognition will take place at CMSA's 106th Annual Convention at the Hilton Waikoloa Village, Waikoloa, HI during the Awards Luncheon on May 4, 2024.

Requirements:

- Complete scholarship application form.
- Résumé.
- 3) Submit documentation of the cost of the vocational/technical school completed during May 2023 through April 2024 OR the school's verifiable projected cost for those just beginning their education. (Scholarship does NOT include incidental expenses such as parking, childcare, etc.) You must show receipt(s) of tuition payment to be reimbursed up to \$2,000 (not to exceed 50% of the school cost). If the student has not started the vocational school at the time the scholarship is awarded, the check will be made payable to the vocational institution.
- Two letters of recommendation from any of the following: teachers, employers or business leaders.
- Written statement (approximately 250 words) describing the vocation you are pursuing and how the scholarship will help you to reach your future goals. Describe how this benefit will affect your life.

Eligibility:

- Student <u>MUST</u> be a California resident and an employee or child/grandchild
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LABOR LAW CORNER

New Laws California Employers Will Need to Follow in 2024

SB 616: MANDATORY PAID SICK LEAVE bers to send them to the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) in the

Effective January 1, 2024, California employers will need to provide employees with five days or 40 hours of paid sick leave, Hoffman explains. In the case of accrual



caps where an employee accrues one hour for every 30 hours worked, the accrual can be capped at 80 hours or 10 days.

Why is there a difference between the hours and the days, Roberts asks?

Hoffman answers that although a work shift is often thought to be eight hours, that's not true for everyone. Some employees in the health care industry, for example, often work a 12-hour shift.

One problem with SB 616 is that it's not clear whether the paid sick leave time can be given as a lump sum on January 1 or if it can be given on an employee's employment anniversary date.

For example, if an employee was hired in July and gets his lump sum in July, what happens with his time bank on January 1, Roberts asks?

Hoffman says that unfortunately the statute is not clear on this issue. The CalChamber will be collecting questions from members to send them to the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) in the hope of obtaining guidance before January 1.

SB 848: Reproductive-Related Bereavement Leave

The reproductive-related bereavement leave established by SB 848 is a separate leave from California's existing bereavement leave law, Hoffman says. The new leave applies to employers with more than five employees. Eligible employees are entitled to up to five days of bereavement leave that can be taken within three months of the event.

An eligible employee is someone who suffers from what is defined as a reproductive loss event. This includes situations like miscarriage or stillbirth, unsuccessful assisted reproduction, failed surrogacy or failed adoption.

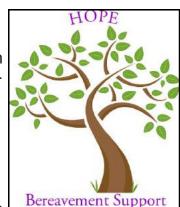
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Regarding unsuccessful assisted reproduction, Hoffman says it's important to note

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Sometimes people receive assistance such as taking medications to help with reproductive issues and SB 848 doesn't cover those situations unless the employee meets the exact definitions in the statute, Hoffman says.

Unlike bereavement leave, the bereavement leave established by SB 848 doesn't allow employers to ask for documentation. The new law also has a cap: it grants up to 20 days a year. Both parents, including the

non-birthing parent, are eligible for this leave.

AB 2188, SB 700: Cannabis Use

The last two bills discussed on the podcast deal with a person's use of cannabis and the requirement's impact on the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA).

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MEMORIAL BULLETIN

Charles Wolfe Cunningham 1941 - 2023

Charles Wolfe Cunningham went to heaven at the age of 81, on November 11, 2023 in San Francisco.

Charles' was born on November 20, 1941 in Skibbereen, County Cork, Ireland to Gerald-

Patrick Cunningham and Marjorie Winsome Cunningham (née Wolfe). Charles attended Newbridge College Boarding School, where he loved to play rugby and sail during the summer in West Cork on Baltimore Bay. He left for the USA after graduation in 1959 to live with his Uncle Joey and Aunt Irene Cunningham in Redwood City, CA. After attending USF for one year, Charles, who was nicknamed Charlie, served in the U.S. Marine Corps for two years of active duty (1963)



-1964) followed by weekend reserves.

Charlie met his beautiful wife, Karen Anne Cunningham (nèe Phillips) in San Francisco at the Irish Dances, a quite popular weekend event at the time. They married on October 22, 1966. Charlie started working as a mover at Market Street Van & Storage, followed by a job at Bekins

Worldwide Moving. This darling gentleman charmed his customers with his Irish accent, three piece suit, and a well-prepared sales prospect list under his arm. He rose to Sales Manager and then decided he wanted to start his own moving company. As such, Cunningham Moving and Storage was born in December of 1970. Along with his vibrant wife, three small children, and many long and arduous hours for them both, Charlie built a strong and well-respected moving

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company in San Francisco. He loved his customers, he loved to be of service, was a gentleman to everyone he met, and because of his passion for serving others, made an iconic name for himself in San Francisco and the moving industry.

Charlie enjoyed golfing with his business

associates and vendors, was a member of the Irish American community in SF, was a member of the California Moving and Storage Association (CMSA), and the San Francisco Executive's Association, where he made many strong business connections and friends.



Amy Messinger 1967 - 2023

Amy Messinger passed away on November 22, 2023 at the age of 56. Amy was born to Richard and Rosemary Messinger on October 18, 1967 in Fremont, OH.

She was a loving mother to her 17-year-old daughter Mia and life companion to Enrique Palos.

Amy attended Santa Clara High School in Oxnard, CA where she graduated with honors as class Valedictorian. Amy continued her education at UC Santa Barbara where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa and earned a B.A. degree in History.

Shortly after graduating from UCSB, Amy moved to San Francisco and began a career in the moving and storage industry where she worked for over 32 years. Amy was coowner of Cummings Moving Co., located in South San Francisco, for 18 of those years. A successful and accomplished businesswoman, Amy was well-respected for her innovation and volunteer service to the moving and storage industry.

Her greatest passion was being a mother to her daughter, Mia. Amy enjoyed attending all of her daughter's dance recitals, as well as coaching her daughter's school volleyball team for several years. Amy was an incredible friend and colleague to everyone around her, and she cherished spending time with her close circle of chosen family.



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AB 2188 passed in 2022, but it had a delayed implementation date. The law will take

effect on January 1, 2024, and will create a new protected class under the FEHA to add off-duty cannabis use.

Hoffman explains that the new law affects which tests employers can use to screen employees for cannabis use. Employers can no longer use hair tests as cannabis use can stay in those samples for weeks. Instead, employers can use only tests that measure psychoactive cannabis metabolites.

The law does not apply to some employers. Federal contractors and those in the

construction and building trades are exempted from AB 2188.

Another cannabis-related employment law bill employers will need to know for the new year is SB 700.

This new law prohibits employers from asking job applicants about cannabis use, including in job applications or interviews. Also, information received about the applicant's cannabis use from criminal history is off limits unless the employer is specifically al-

lowed to consider it under the Fair Chance Act.

SB 700 does not apply to federal contractors.

Source: Cal Chamber



California Paperwork

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Form# 2098 - Change Order for Service
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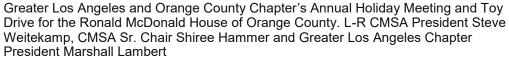
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ROOM RESERVATIONS: Call Hilton Waikoloa Village at (800) HILTONS (445-8667) to make reservations and reference California Moving and Storage Association to receive the special group rate. A reservation link can also be found online by visiting www.thecmsa.org and clicking on the Convention Calendar webpage. Reservations must be made by March 31, 2024 to guarantee the special group room rate. All major credit cards are accepted for deposit. Special CMSA rates apply to extended stay three days before and after the convention dates based on availability, so make reservations ASAP!

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO: CMSA, 10900 E. 183RD ST., STE 300, CERRITOS, CA 90703 OR FAX TO: (562) 865-2944

2024 CONVENTION EVENTS

ALL GENERAL SESSIONS AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

Thursday, MAY 2 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GROUP MEETING

EXHIBITORS WELCOME RECEPTION

Food, Beverage, Latest in Industry Products and Service Technologies

Friday, MAY 3 BIG ISLAND BREAKFAST

CMSA GENERAL SESSION

LEHUA BLOSSOM LUNCHEON

MILITARY BREAKOUT SESSION

FRIDAY EVENT TBD

Saturday, MAY 4 WAIKOLOA SUNRISE BREAKFAST

CMSA GENERAL SESSION

VAN LINE PANEL DISCUSSION

KOHALA COAST AWARDS LUNCHEON

CHAIRMAN'S RECEPTION & DINNER/BALL

CMSA ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Waikoloa Beach Resort Golf 69-600 Waikoloa Beach Drive Waikoloa, HI 96738 (808) 886-7888

THURSDAY, May 2, 2024 9:00 A.M. SHOTGUN START (Golfers should arrive at course by 8:30 a.m.)



Dress Code:

Acceptable Attire: Men-collared shirts, slacks or golf shorts.

Women-dresses, skirts, slacks, mid-length golf shorts.

Unacceptable Attire: Men-tee shirts, tank tops, denim, cut-offs or swimsuits.

Women-halter top, tee shirts, tank tops, denim, cut-offs, or swimsuits.

Soft-spikes or spike-less shoes are required for both men and women.

EVENT PARTNERS: CHAMPION RISK & INSURANCE SERVICES, L.P. and VANLINER INSURANCE COMPANY

ENTRY FEE — \$175.00 per person / Includes: green fee, shared cart, and unlimited use of practice facility on day of play.

<u>Primary Contact</u> :	
Golfer 1:	Company:
	Email:
List golfers in your foursome. (Foursomes will be	formed by CMSA unless listed below.):
Golfer 2:	Company:
Golfer 3:	Company:
	Company:
Refunds are subject to a \$20 processing fee. No ref	unds for cancellations after March 31, 2024.
Enclose golf fees with this form. Make checks payable	e to CMSA, or use your Visa or MasterCard.
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GOLF CLUB RENTAL FEES ARE PAIR	D DIRECTLY TO THE PRO SHOP—NOT CMSA.
will be sure to have enough on hand and re	ubs, please provide a count below so that the pro shop eady for you to pick up. Golf club rentals are available f \$55 (price subject to change) per set.
Enter # of Rental Sets: Men's RH	Men's LH Women's RH Women's LH
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