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As America continues to experience volatility in the financial markets and readies itself to head to the polls in November, no one can predict exactly what the future holds. What is certain, however, is that greater legislative scrutiny and heightened regulation are on the agenda, and Worldwide ERC®'s Coalition – *Center for Governmental Issues* – is the **only organization** watching out for and protecting the best interests of employee mobility professionals.

The most effective way to prevent unwanted bills and regulations is to act on them early, before they gain any momentum in the legislative process. So, if you are aware of any trends or initiatives in your state, please [email us](#).

Below are the snapshots of current developments we're on top of right now. As always, we welcome your [comments, opinions and feedback](#).

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## DISCLOSURE

**CA A 2733 – Details:** Requires specific disclosures and manner for properties located within ¼ mile of an environmental hazard. **Updated Status:** **Vetoed by the Governor.**

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## REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY

**CA S 1461 – Details:** Requires real estate licensee to include his or her identification number on specified solicitation materials and on real property purchase agreements when acting as an agent in those transactions. **Updated Status:** **Signed by Governor; Chapter No. 284.**

**CO 9595 2008 – Details:** Prohibits brokers from pursuing payment of commission through remedies such as liens, holds, etc...that may hinder the client's ability to pass title to the property. **Status:** **Rule adopted; effective 10/30/08.**

**NH 6976 2008 – Details:** Requires consent to designated agency be obtained within the listing contract and the buyer agency/tenant representation contract. Requires disclosure of designated agency and facilitator. **Status:** **Rule adopted; effective 1/1/09.**

**WI 20993 2008 – Details:** Amends rules relating to the use of department-approved real estate contract forms to provide clarification regarding the ability to alter or change such forms. **Updated Status:** **Rule adopted; effective 11/1/08.**

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## TAXATION

**CA S 1396 – Details:** Authorizes a county board of supervisors to impose a fee to be paid at the time of recording of every real estate instrument. **Updated Status:** **Signed by Governor; Chapter No. 405.**

**SC 2954 2008 – Details:** Proposes rule to incorporate longstanding Department of Revenue policy on deed recording fees. **Status:** Proposed rule; comment deadline 10/27/08.

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## TITLE & CLOSING

**PA H 1634 – Details:** Provides for uniform methods to satisfy required municipal registration of deeds and conveyances. **Updated Status:** Signed by Governor; Act No. 2008-110.