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## CALIFORNIA



### **Bill to allow some businesses to deduct PPP loan assistance expenses**

State senators have passed a bill that would allow restaurants to deduct eligible expenses covered by loans from the Paycheck Protection Program. This tax relief isn't a done deal until the State Assembly passes the bill and the governor signs it. So, there are more steps ahead, but after a long fight by the CRA and other groups to make sure that businesses aren't penalized for accepting federal aid, the Senate step is a good sign.

## FULL STORY

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### **Fresno County offering permit fee relief to restaurateurs**

Fresno County officials have agreed to give many local restaurants hundreds of dollars in fee relief. Environmental health permit fees in Fresno County are based on the amount of seating restaurants have; the reduction in fees reflects the fact that restaurants were largely unable to use their indoor seating last year.

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### **California hospitality employers will need to track COVID-19 layoffs until 2025 due to new right-of-recall bill**

A new California law has created a statewide right of recall for employees in some industries who were laid off because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This bill applies to multiple employers, including to restaurants that are located in hotels, and food facilities in airports, convention and event centers.

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### **New law could bring a pork shortage to California**

The new law, which targets pork producers, could lead to higher prices. It is taking effect even though the state has not issued its final guidelines yet.

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## NRAEF and Optum develop brief Mental Health Survey for Restaurant Industry Workers

Help us understand what support employers are looking for to support the mental health needs of workers in our industry. The questionnaire should take around 10 minutes. All questions are optional. All responses are completely anonymous.

**[Begin survey](#)**

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### **SBA moves closer to sending out \$29B in restaurant grants**

The agency has released a sample application to help restaurateurs get ready to apply for much-needed help from the Restaurant Revitalization Fund. The SBA has not yet set a date for the start of the application process, though it's expected to happen in as soon as two weeks.

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### **Tech Roundup: Restaurants remain fans of delivery fee caps**

Third-party delivery companies have said delivery fee caps would impact restaurants negatively, but the New York State Restaurant Association says that hasn't occurred.

A 20% fee cap in Westchester County began in October, and "there was no evidence that this cap resulted in fewer deliveries," said Melissa Fleischut, president and CEO of the association.

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## Webinar: Restaurant Revitalization Fund - Eligibility, Use of Funds, Calculation and more...

*May 4, 2021 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PST*

Join us for the details of the new Restaurant Revitalization Fund including eligibility, use of funds, calculation of funding amounts, how to apply and what documentation is required. Also included in the Webinar will be updates on PPP and ERTC.

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## CRA Marketplace Partner SafetyCulture

### **Adapt fast or disappear: A report for operations leaders to navigate the seas of opportunity, accelerate change, and build resiliency beyond COVID-19**

As the world returns to 'business as usual', research reveals that consumers remain cautious. Now more than ever, safety is the number one priority for those in hospitality. Download this report and revamp your operations strategy with emerging industry trends.

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**Vaccine eligibility in California**



**Updated Industry Insight: Marijuana**

The state has announced that Californians 16 and older are eligible for vaccine appointments. That greatly expands eligibility beyond the initial, targeted groups. You can check the CRA's website, to view more information from counties.

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### use in California restaurants

Check out the updated Industry Insight by CRA legal partner Zaller Law Group. Get insight into the ever-changing law and answers to frequently asked questions.

*This is a CRA member exclusive; please log in to view the insight.*

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