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SERVING UP THE LATEST CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT NEWS

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS



New bill clears path for restaurant guests to bring their own cups, containers

Previously, health regulations related to accepting customer reusables weren't clear. AB 619 establishes a clear handling procedure. Matt Sutton, senior vice president, government affairs and public policy for the California Restaurant Association said the intent of the bill is to clarify how restaurants can safely allow reusables if they choose — and it reinforces that such practices are voluntary.

"A restaurant doesn't have to accept these containers, but if they want to, there's no responsibility on the restaurant's part to clean and sanitize them," he said.

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Upcoming law could set the stage for recycling definition debate

SB 1335 will require specific recyclables at California state facilities. CalRecycle's definition of acceptable products could affect other recycling bills.

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"Ghost" legal clients may be behind phony ADA lawsuits

An L.A. lawyer has allegedly fabricated clients to extract settlements from small businesses. A formal complaint has been filed with the State Bar of California.

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A photograph of a digital menu board in a restaurant. The board is divided into several sections with different colors (pink, blue, green). It lists various food items like 'THOUSANDS', 'BURRITOS', 'TACOS', and 'BURGERS' with their respective prices. Below the menu board, there is a text overlay that reads 'Make instant changes to your menu items, prices, calories and more!' and a button that says 'GET A FREE QUOTE'. The WAND logo is also visible in the bottom left corner.

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News You Need to Know: Regulations on sugary drinks fail to pass

Proposed bills would have regulated sugar-



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sweetened beverages by imposing new taxes, limiting the beverage sizes and prescribing new warning labels. They all failed, but expect them to be reintroduced next year, since they're now part of a larger political battle.

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