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TO COUNTY ASSESSORS:

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION NUMBER 7

This letter is intended to call to your attention certain bills passed during the 1985 legislative session and briefly discuss their property tax implications. Three bills, AB 312 (Chapter 186), AB 467 (Chapter 441) and SB 581 (Chapter 749) are more complex and will be the subject of detailed letters. A number of other chaptered bills have been and will be sent to you without discussion since they are uncomplicated or have minor involvement with property taxes. There are still a few bills that are not yet in print and they will be forwarded to you using the same criteria to decide the manner in which they will be sent.

AB 128 (Chapter 1250)

Author: Assembly Member Hill

Action: Approved by Governor

Date: September 29, 1985

Affected Code Sections: Amends Section 5701 and 5703 of the Revenue and Taxation Code

Only the property tax portions of this bill are being addressed in this discussion.

The definition of "racehorse" is amended to provide that "racehorse" does not mean or include any horse over three years old, or four years old in the case of an Arabian horse, that has not participated in a horserace contest on which parimutuel wagering is permitted or has not been used for breeding purposes in order to produce racehorses during the two previous calendar years.

This is an urgency statute and takes effect immediately.

AB 1412 (Chapter 878)

Author: Assembly Member Wyman

Action: Approved by Governor

Date: September 21, 1985

Affected Code Section: Amends Section 73 of the Revenue and Taxation Code

Section 73 provides that "newly constructed" does not include the construction of an active solar energy system. This section, by its own terms applied only to the 1981 through 1985 lien dates and was to expire January 1, 1986. This bill extends this section to the 1990-91 fiscal year and the section remains in effect until January 1, 1991.

AB 2409 (Chapter 1467)

Author: Assembly Member Filante

Action: Approved by Governor

Date: October 2, 1985

Affected Code Sections: Many Health and Safety Code sections and Section 229 of the Revenue and Taxation Code

Most of this bill relates to making floating homes subject to registration in order to enhance the availability of financing for them. However, the amendment to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 229 changes the definition of a floating home. The most significant change in the definition is that the restriction "... and is designed not to have such mode of power..." has been removed. A floating home now can have been designed to have power but it shall not have a mode of power. This is an urgency measure and takes effect immediately.

If you have any questions on these or on other bills, please call our Technical Services Unit at (916) 445-4982.

Sincerely,



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