

# Guide to Reading a Bill

<p><i>Indicates house of origin.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 22, 2008 AMENDED IN SENATE FEBRUARY 25, 2008</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SENATE BILL</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>No. 1055</b></span></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Introduced by Senators Machado, Correa, and Oropeza (Coauthors: Senators Alquist, Denham, Steinberg, and Wiggins) (Coauthor: Assembly Member Wolk Coauthors: Assembly Members Galgiani, Lieu, and Wolk)</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">January 7, 2008</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">An act to add Section 17144.5 to the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation, to take effect immediately, tax levy.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST</p> <p>SB 1055, as amended, Machado. Taxation: cancellation of indebtedness: mortgage debt forgiveness. The Personal Income Tax Law, in modified conformity to federal income tax laws, requires a borrower to include in his or her income, with certain exceptions, the amount of debt canceled or discharged, as specified. This bill would provide further conformity to federal income tax laws by conforming to specified provisions of the federal Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007, relating to the exclusion of the discharge of qualified principal residence indebtedness, as defined, from a taxpayer's income if that debt is discharged after January 1, 2007, and before January 1, 2009, as provided. This bill would take effect immediately as a tax levy. Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.</p>	<p><i>Date noted each time bill is amended.</i></p>
<p><i>Date introduced.</i></p>		<p><i>Bills are introduced in sequential number in each house.</i></p>
<p><i>Legislative Counsel drafts all legislation and writes a summary.</i></p>		<p><i>Code section being added or amended.</i></p>
		<p><i>Strikethrough text indicates language that is being deleted; italics highlight language that is being added by an amendment.</i></p>

*The actual language that will be a part of the state code when the bill is enacted into law appears following the line: "The people of the State of California do enact as follows."*