



## **CA Bill Heads to Governor's Desk**

### **Passes State Legislature**

By Christie Bondurant, Associate Editor

The highly controversial California Assembly Bill 1822 passed state legislature this week and currently sits on the governor's desk awaiting his review.

On Tuesday, the State Assembly concurred Senate amendments, which includes adding two law enforcement officials to the California Massage Therapy Council (CAMTC). The amendment also stipulates that the California Police Chiefs Association (CPCA) and the California State Sheriffs Association have the only authority to select the law enforcement officials.

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## **Making a Difference**

By Angie Patrick

Some people can live their whole lives unconcerned with the state of affairs of their community, the friends they have, or the profession they choose. I think we all know someone like this. It seems the only interest in life they have is simply to make more money, amass more material things, and to elevate themselves regardless the cost.

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## **2010 FSMTB Annual Meeting Held in Member Board**

### **Jurisdiction of Puerto Rico**

The fifth annual Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) conference will be held October 7-9 at the El San Juan Hotel & Casino in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Registration is now open.

"The FSMTB always holds the annual meeting in a member-board State/territory," said Debra Persinger, FSMTB executive director. "Cost is a primary consideration and for 2010, the FSMTB was able to secure extremely favorable hotel rates (\$119/night) at a charming property. In general, air travel to Puerto Rico is no greater than travel within the continental U.S. In addition, the Puerto Rico board has been very supportive of the FSMTB with regard to developing the Spanish language MBLEx."

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## **When a Client Crosses the Line**

By Cherie Sohnen-Moe

The sexual assault allegations against Al Gore has elicited much commentary about clients crossing the line sexually. Regardless of the veracity of this particular claim, it is an important topic to explore in-depth. Some clients may "test the waters" about sexual services, while others blatantly cross the line. Massage practitioners must know how to appropriately deal with those situations.

A sexual boundary can be challenged physically, verbally or both. Many factors influence the impact this behavior has on a practitioner, such as the length of time the practitioner has been working, the practitioner's ability to manage boundaries, the practitioner's history of abuse, the setting in which the boundary challenge occurs, and the client's prominence.

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