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Industry Advisory

New Laws Affecting BHGS Licensees/Registrants/Permit Holders Effective January 1, 2024

The Bureau of Household Goods and Services wants to make sure licensees, registrants, and permit holders are aware of new laws that take effect January 1, 2024.

<u>SB 814 (Roth)</u> – The Bureau's Sunset Bill, SB 814 contains a number of provisions that affect all Bureau programs (Electronic and Appliance Repair, Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation, and Household Movers) and other provisions that are program specific. The bill also extends the Bureau's sunset date to January 1, 2028.

The bill adds limited liability companies (LLCs) as an entity eligible for licensure with the Bureau; allows for the automatic cancelation of an EAR registration after it has had an expired status for six years; removes flame-retardant chemical documentation; and removes the business-related financial requirements for HHM applicants.

AB 1059 (Friedman) – This bill expands the list of components and fibers exempted from the prohibited sale and distribution of certain products and the use of certain components in repair and reupholstery, which contain impermissible levels of flame-retardant chemicals. Also, beginning on January 1, 2027, AB 1059 prohibits the manufacture, sale, and distribution of certain products, and the use in repair and reupholstery of components that contain "textile fiberglass."