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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

*Alcoholic Beverages. Use by Minors. Open Containers.
Importation for Personal Consumption. Initiative Statute.*

SACRAMENTO, CA --- Secretary of State Bruce McPherson announced today that the proponent of a new initiative may begin collecting petition signatures for his measure.

The Attorney General's official title and summary is as follows:

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. USE BY MINORS. OPEN CONTAINERS. IMPORTATION FOR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

Legalizes parents or guardians providing alcoholic beverages to children. Legalizes transport of "open containers" of alcoholic beverages purchased within preceding 24 hours. Repeals state prohibitions on importation of alcoholic beverages for "personal consumption." Exempts such imports from state sales taxes. Repeals state authority to confiscate alcoholic beverages. In the event this initiative conflicts with existing federal regulations, requires California Congressional delegation to propose new federal regulations.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Unknown, but potentially minor changes in alcohol-related regulatory costs and revenues.

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1171 and the Attorney General's tracking number is SA2005RF0103.

The proponent for this measure, Connor Vlakancic, must collect 373,816 signatures of registered voters, equal to five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election, in order to qualify. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions for this measure is May 8, 2006. The initiative proponent can be reached at 202-558-7077.

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