

## New Business License Application and Renewals

Effective January 1, 2013

On September 19, 2012 Governor Brown signed into law SB 1186 which requires local agencies to collect \$1.00 fee from each applicant for an initial or renewed “local business license or equivalent instrument or permit”. This requirement is effective for a five-year period beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2018. The purpose is to fund certified access specialist programs and to develop educational resources for businesses in order to facilitate compliance with federal and state disability laws, as specified.

Under federal and state law, compliance with disability access laws is a serious and significant responsibility that applies to all California building owners and tenants with buildings open to the public. You may obtain information about your legal obligations and how to comply with disability access laws at the following agencies:

- The Division of State Architect at [www.dgs.ca.gov](http://www.dgs.ca.gov)
- The Department of Rehabilitation at [www.rehab.cahwnet.gov](http://www.rehab.cahwnet.gov)
- The California Commission on Disability Access at [www.cdda.ca.gov](http://www.cdda.ca.gov)