



# **California's New Laws for Notaries**

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**New Law Update**



# Law Changes Effective 1/1/14

1. Certificate wording - Proofs of Execution
2. Prison inmate IDs
3. Price-gouging for immigration-related services
4. Translating term “Notary Public” by non-attorneys
5. New penalties regarding livestock theft



# 1. AB 464 - Certificate Wording

- Proof of Execution by Subscribing Witness:
  - Before: “substantially similar” wording
  - After: “exact” wording
- Must use CA certificate even if the proof will be filed in another state



## 2. AB 625 - Prison Inmate IDs

- Inmate ID now acceptable if:
  - Issued by CDCR
  - Inmate is in custody at a facility operated by CDCR
  - Does not apply to inmate IDs at other facilities



# **3. AB 35 - Price-Gouging**

- Redundant: maximum fees already set
- Forbids price-gouging for immigration services
- SoS can deny, suspend or revoke commission for violations



## **4. AB 1159 - Translation**

- Misdemeanor for non-attorneys
- Penalty: \$1,000 per day per violation
- Immigration consultant bond increases July 1, 2014, from \$50,000 to \$100,000



## **5. AB 924 - Livestock Theft**

- SoS may deny, suspend or revoke Notary commission
- Punishable by imprisonment in county jail for up to one year



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