



CALIFORNIA'S SB 721 (AKA THE DECK INSPECTION BILL) – POOF IT'S GONE!



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On Jun 20, 2018 this bill was amended, removing the section applying this requirement to community associations. So this upcoming (dreaded) requirement has disappeared for community association housing. Click [here](#) to see the amended bill.

But let me take a moment to comment on this issue. This bill was triggered by six deaths from a collapsed balcony in June of 2015. Association Reserves stands on the principle of setting our clients up for an improved future. A balcony collapse should not be a part of anyone's future.

I do not know the reasons this requirement was removed. I do know that some have argued that this bill was not applicable, while others have argued it would have been financially burdensome for struggling community associations. I agree that the cost of compliance may have been "significant", and we addressed the mechanism for how an association can afford this expense in a [prior blog post](#). But I would argue that associations have a responsibility to afford many expenses in our complicated modern world, including those that provide owners with a reasonable expectation of safety. As such, I encourage those of us in the community association industry to never hide behind the excuse that "associations can't afford it".