1. Searching for a California state law is easiest with a bill number (in California the number will be preceded by “A.B.” or “S.B.”). If you have only the popular name of the law then go to your favorite search engine and do a search using the following format (this search is for Laura’s Law):

   Use the following format: Citation “[the popular name of the law]” “public law” – notice the quotation marks.

2. Check the search results for the Bill number (including a Wikipedia page):

   Take a look at the information in Wikipedia:

   The goal is to find the bill number and the year it was passed.
3. With the bill number and year of passage you can search California Legislative Information for the full-text of the law:

Find the “Bill Information” link and click.

4. Enter the Bill number and choose the correct year from the drop-down box, then click “search.”
5. Review the search results, find your bill:

Be certain that, under “Status” you see the word “Chaptered” – that indicates that the bill was passed by the California Legislature and signed into law by the governor.

6. Click on the bill number to locate the full-text of the bill, and review additional information provided: