

**PROPOSITION 36  
THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND CRIME PREVENTION ACT OF 2000**

Background

On November 7, 2000, the California voters overwhelmingly approved the passage of

Proposition 36, the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000. The Act makes substantial changes to both the criminal justice system and the substance abuse treatment service system. The Act mandates that any person convicted of a nonviolent drug possession offense, and any parolee who is determined by the Parole Authority to have committed a nonviolent drug possession offense, or violated any other drug-related condition of parole, shall be diverted from incarceration into licensed or certified community-based drug treatment programs.

The Act also provides a total of \$60 million in the current fiscal year for start-up costs and

\$120 million annually for drug treatment services in Fiscal Years 2001-2002 through 2005-2006. The California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs has been designated as the State agency to implement and administer the Act.