

In The California Assembly, Salas Voted For A New \$88.1 Million-Dollar Tax Hike On Medications Like Those Used By Cancer Patients And Wounded Veterans, While Pocketing Over \$70,000 In Campaign Contributions From Big Drug Companies.

Editor's Note: *The fee was designated as a tax levy at the rate of \$.01 per milligram of active opioid ingredients. That tax would be paid for by the wholesalers, but it does not increase the price of the drug itself. Wholesalers could pass the tax onto consumers, but that is not guaranteed.*

The drugs aren't specifically only for cancer patients and wounded veterans. However, cancer patients and veterans do take opioids for treatments.

BACKUP

Rudy Salas Voted For A New \$88.1 Million Annual Tax On Certain Prescription Drugs

Rudy Salas Voted For AB 2486, A Bill Entitled "Opioid Prevention And Rehabilitation Act." (AB 2486, Y: 65, N: 1, NVR: 12, Rudy Salas Voted Yea, [California Legislative Information](#), 05/31/18)

According To The California Tax Foundation Report, AB 2486 Was A Manufacturer Surcharge For Medi-Cal, Estimated To Cost \$88.1 Million Annually, And Would Have Imposed A Fee Of 1 Cent Per Milligram Of Active Opioid Ingredients On Opioids Drug Manufacturers That Contract With Medi-Cal To Provide Any Drug Containing Opioids.

AB 2486 - MANUFACTURER SURCHARGE FOR MEDI-CAL

\$88.1 MILLION

Vote Required: Majority
Version Reviewed: Amended 3/23/2018

AB 2486 (McCarty and Callagher) would have imposed a "fee" of 1 cent per milligram of active opioid ingredients on opioid drug manufacturers that contract with Medi-Cal to provide any drug containing opioids. Revenue from the tax (described in the bill as a "state rebate payment") would have been directed to counties for opioid prevention and rehabilitation programs. The estimated cost to taxpayers was \$88.1 million annually. The bill was amended to remove these provisions and instead impose a different tax on opioids.



Revenue Estimate: State Board of Equalization analysis of AB 1512.

(Vol. V, No. III, "Tax And Fee Report," [California Tax Foundation](#), 10/9/18)

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Name	Amount	Date
Gilead Sciences Inc	\$2,500	6/21/21
Novartis FSC	\$1,500	6/30/21
Bayer	\$2,000	7/14/20
Novartis FSC	\$2,000	8/4/20
Pfizer Inc	\$3,500	8/10/20
AstraZeneca	\$2,000	6/30/20
Eli Lilly And Company	\$2,000	9/21/20
Gilead Sciences Inc	\$1,500	9/28/20
Genentech USA	\$3,000	10/7/20
Novartis FSC	\$4,400	10/11/18

Eli Lilly And Company	\$4,400	10/11/18
Alkermes Inc.	\$1,000	10/13/18
Abbot Laboratories	\$4,400	10/19/18
Gilead Sciences Inc	\$2,500	10/20/18
GlaxoSmithKline PAC	\$1,250	8/14/17
Pfizer Inc	\$2,000	9/5/17
Abbot Laboratories	\$1,500	9/12/17
Genentech USA	\$1,500	10/13/17
Amgen Inc.	\$1,000	10/13/17
Astell Pharma Inc.	\$1,250	10/13/17
AbbVie PAC	\$2,500	10/27/17
Genentech USA	\$1,300	9/13/16
Daiichi Sankyo Inc.	\$1,000	3/7/16
Gilead Sciences Inc	\$1,500	3/21/16
Amgen Inc.	\$1,000	3/29/16
Astell Pharma Inc.	\$1,000	3/16/16
Gilead Sciences Inc	\$400	4/14/16
Gilead Sciences Inc	\$1,100	4/14/16
Genentech USA	\$1,000	4/4/16
AbbVie PAC	\$2,500	4/19/16
Gilead Sciences Inc	\$1,300	4/1/15
Pfizer Inc	\$1,000	8/13/13
Amgen Inc.	\$1,300	10/12/13
Eli Lilly And Company	\$1,500	9/25/13
Gilead Sciences Inc	\$1,500	11/18/13
Johnson & Johnson	\$1,500	11/20/13
Genentech USA	\$1,000	11/20/13
Daiichi Sankyo Inc.	\$1,200	11/20/13
AbbVie PAC	\$1,500	11/29/13
Abbot Laboratories	\$2,500	12/17/13
Total	\$72,800	

(Contributions, [Rudy Salas For Assembly](#), Accessed 08/6/24)

Abbot Laboratories Is A Pharmaceutical Company

Abbot Laboratories Is A Health Care Company That Includes Pharmaceuticals.

Abbott Laboratories

Abbott Laboratories discovers, develops, manufactures, and sells a broad and diversified line of health care products and services. The Company's products include pharmaceuticals, nutritional, diagnostics, and vascular products. Abbott markets its products worldwide through affiliates and distributors.

CURRENT PRICE

ABT:US 119.46 USD ▼ -0.63 -0.52% AS OF 02:52 PM EDT 05/03/2021 [SEE QUOTE](#)

SECTOR	INDUSTRY	SUB-INDUSTRY	FOUNDED
Health Care	Health Care	Medical Equipment & Devices	03/06/1900

(Abbott Laboratories, [Bloomberg](#), Accessed 05/03/21)

Abbvie Is A Biopharmaceutical Company

Abbvie Is A Biopharmaceutical Company. “When we became our own company, AbbVie formed a new kind of enterprise—a biopharmaceutical company. We blend the stability, global scale, resources, and commercial capabilities of a pharmaceutical company with the focus and culture of a biotech. Today, our ~30,000 employees around the world focus on delivering transformational medicines and therapies that offer significant patient benefits.” (Our Company, [AbbVie](#), Accessed 03/11/20)

Alkermes Is A Pharmaceutical Company

Alkermes Is A Pharmaceutical Company. “Alkermes, Inc. develops pharmaceutical products. The Company produces medications for debilitating diseases such as multiple sclerosis, schizophrenia, diabetes, hypertension, and addiction. Alkermes provides services worldwide.” (Alkermes, [Bloomberg](#), Accessed 07/21/22)

Amgen Is A Biotechnology Company

Amgen Is A Biotechnology Company. “Amgen Inc. is an independent biotechnology medicines company that discovers, develops, manufactures, and markets medicines for grievous illnesses. The Company focuses on human therapeutics and concentrates on innovating novel medicines based on cellular and molecular biology.” (Amgen Inc, [Bloomberg](#), Accessed 07/21/22)

Astellas Pharma Is A Pharmaceutical Company

Astellas Pharma Is A Pharmaceutical Company. “Astellas Pharma Inc. is a pharmaceutical company committed to the therapeutic fields of urology, immunology including transplantation and infectious diseases, oncology, euroscience and DM complications and metabolic diseases. The Company researches, develops, manufactures, and promotes its prescription drugs through subsidiaries in the US, Europe, and Asia.” (Astellas Pharma, [Bloomberg](#), Accessed 07/21/22)

AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals Is A Pharmaceutical Company

AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals Is A Pharmaceutical Company. “AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP manufactures, fabricates, and processes drugs in pharmaceutical preparations. The Company focuses on several therapeutic areas such as cardiovascular and metabolic, gastrointestinal, neuroscience, oncology, respiratory, and infection. AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals operates globally.” (AstraZeneca, [Bloomberg](#), Accessed 07/21/22)

Bayer Is A Pharmaceutical Company

Bayer Is A Pharmaceutical Company. “Bayer Corporation operates as a pharmaceutical and life science company. The Company researches, develops, manufactures, and markets products for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases, as well as produces fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, and crop varieties. Bayer serves customers worldwide.” (Bayer, [Bloomberg](#), Accessed 07/21/22)

Daiichi Sankyo Is A Pharmaceutical Company

Daiichi Sankyo Is A Pharmaceutical Company. “Daiichi Sankyo Inc. offers pharmaceutical products. The Company provides medicines for high and low blood pressure, heart related events, and other related diseases. Daiichi Sankyo serves customers worldwide.” (Daiichi Sankyo, [Bloomberg](#), Accessed 07/21/22)

Eli Lilly And Company Is A Pharmaceutical Company

Eli Lilly And Company Is A Pharmaceutical Company. “Eli Lilly & Company Ltd. manufactures and distributes pharmaceuticals. The Company offers pharmaceutical products for both humans and animals. Eli Lilly serves the medical and health care industry.” (Eli Lilly, [Bloomberg](#), Accessed 07/21/22)

Genentech USA Is A Pharmaceutical Company

Genentech USA Is A Pharmaceutical Company. “Genentech USA Inc was founded in 2007. The company's line of business includes the manufacturing, fabricating, or processing of drugs in pharmaceutical preparations for human or veterinary use.” (Genentech USA, [Bloomberg](#), Accessed 07/21/22)

Gilead Sciences Inc. Is A Is A Biopharmaceutical Company

Gilead Sciences Inc. Is A Is A Biopharmaceutical Company. “Gilead Sciences, Inc. is a research-based biopharmaceutical company that discovers, develops, and commercializes therapeutics to advance the care of patients suffering from life-threatening diseases. The Company primary areas of focus include HIV, AIDS, liver disease, and serious cardiovascular and respiratory conditions.” (Gilead Sciences Inc, [Bloomberg](#), Accessed 07/21/22)

GlaxoSmithKline Is A Pharmaceutical Company

GlaxoSmithKline Is A Pharmaceutical Company. “GSK PLC operates as a research-based pharmaceutical company. The Company develops, manufactures, and markets vaccines, prescription, and over-the-counter medicines, as well as health-related consumer products. GSK provides products for infections, depression, skin conditions, asthma, heart and circulatory disease, and cancer.” (GlaxoSmithKline, [Bloomberg](#), Accessed 07/21/22)

Johnson & Johnson Is A Healthcare Company That Provides Pharmaceutical Products

NOTE: *Johnson & Johnson produces medicines and pharmaceutical products.*

Johnson & Johnson Is A Healthcare Company That Provides Pharmaceutical Products. “Johnson & Johnson SA manufactures medical supplies. The Company provides consumer health and pharmaceutical products, and medical devices. Johnson & Johnson serves customers worldwide.” (Johnson & Johnson, [Bloomberg](#), Accessed 07/21/22)

Novartis Is A Pharmaceutical Company

Novartis Is A Pharmaceutical Company. “Novartis Corporation researches and develops of pharmaceutical products. The Company produces medicine for cancer treatment, vaccines, diagnostic, eye care, generics, over the counter products for flue and heart burn, and animal health. Novartis markets its products worldwide.” (Novartis, [Bloomberg](#), Accessed 07/21/22)

Pfizer Is A Pharmaceutical Company

Pfizer Is A Pharmaceutical Company. “Pfizer Inc. operates as a pharmaceutical company. The Company offers medicines, vaccines, medical devices, and consumer healthcare products for oncology, inflammation, cardiovascular, and other therapeutic areas. Pfizer serves customers worldwide.” (Pfizer, [Bloomberg](#), Accessed 07/21/22)