



**Do You Think You Are a Victim  
Of a "17200" Shakedown Frivolous Lawsuit?  
Here Is What You Can Do Now!**

If you believe you are a victim of a "17200" frivolous lawsuit, you are not alone. Businesses all over the state are being hit every day by "legal shakedown lawsuits brought by personal injury lawyers. These lawyers are using loopholes in Business and Profession Code Sec. 17200.

The Civil Justice Association of California (CJAC) is working in the courts and Legislature to stop lawyers who are abusing Business and Professions Code 17200. Here is how you can help stop these lawyers:

1. Fax or e-mail us a copy of the legal complaint or letter the lawyer sent you. This will help us document the abuse that is occurring throughout California. We will not disclose your name or the name of your business to the public without your permission. If the legal document is long, you can just send us the first 4 or 5 pages. Use this page (see below) as the cover for your fax or letter.
2. Contact your State Assembly member and State Senator as soon as possible. Tell them what the lawyers are trying to do. Your legislators want to hear about this problem. You can send a fax, letter, or call for an appointment. You can identify your state representatives for your area at: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html> They are also listed in the telephone directory.
3. Ask your Assembly member and Senator to contact CJAC to discuss supporting legislation to stop this abuse of the law.
4. Contact your local newspaper and television and radio stations to tell them about your "shakedown lawsuit." Ask them to investigate it.

These steps are powerful tools to help change this law. With your help we can stop legal shakedowns and make California a safe place to do business. If you would like further information about abuse of this law, please go to our website at [www.cjac.org](http://www.cjac.org) and click "B&P 17200: A runaway law" or contact Jeff Sievers with CJAC at 916.443.4900 or [jsievers@cjac.org](mailto:jsievers@cjac.org).

RETURN BY FAX TO: 916-443-4306

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