



# **CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE**

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### **CSL 2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

#### **STATE PRIORITIES**

##### **CSL URGENCY PROPOSAL**

###### **AP-28 Sr. Asy.member Monck & Sr. Senator Levy- LONG-TERM CARE OPTIONS**

**SENATORS ALQUIST & DYMALLY-BILL SB 633** *This proposal would establish the right of any person in need of long-term Care services that are available in an institutional setting to receive those services in the community and to make changes in programs and agencies to implement that right.*

###### **AP-9 Sr. Asy. Members Glasmeier and Woods; Tribal gaming Funding for Senior**

**Centers.** Proposal would set aside 20% from tribal gaming payments to the State to fund senior citizen centers.

**AP-10 Sr. Asy.Member krohn; Peace Officer Abuse Training.** Proposal enhances and improves training of peace officers in elder and dependent adult abuse.-

###### **AP-14- Sr. Asy.member Lucero-Hearing Aid Availability and Cost. ASY.MEMBER**

**DYMALLY—AB 311**-Proposal requires that hearing aids be made available for over-~~the~~-counter sales and vendors be encouraged to submit a plan to the Hearing Aid Dispensers Bureau

**AP-16- Sr. Asy.member Lucero-Pharmaceutical Expiration Dates;** (H) Proposal requires the inclusion of an accurate "best before" date on pharmaceutical products .

###### **AP-19-Sr. Asy.member Trotter- SENATOR CORREA- Senior Facility Infrastructure Upgrades.**

**SENATOR CORREA-SB 977.** Proposal establishes a study of the infrastructure needs being shaped by increases in the senior population and includes funding for upgrades and renovations.

**AP-20 Asy.member Tucker-Elder Abuse Fines-** Proposal would increase fines for Elder Abuse by 10% and return funds from this measure to local jurisdictions, to control elder abuse.

###### **AP-25-Sr. SENATORS Young & FROMM, Skilled nursing facilities end-of-Life Privacy.-**

**ASY.MEMBER SALAS-AB 1142** Would require all skilled nursing facilities in the state to provide a private room or at a minimum a room designated as hospice.

###### **SP-2 Sr. Senator Fromm- IHSS Criminal Background Checks. Assemblymember Cook,**

**AB 459-** Authorities to obtain criminal background checks and subsequent arrest notification for non-IHSS providers.

**SP-4-Sr. Senator Griswold – Property Tax Exemptions.** Proposal increases the homeowner's property tax exemption from \$7,000 to \$27,000 for seniors.

**SP-17-Sr. Senator Mack- Large Print Prescription Warnings.** Proposal requires pharmacists to include large print inserts with prescriptions warning of drug interactions.

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**SP-18 Sr. Senator Wright – Oral Health in Nursing Homes.** Proposal requires that the DHS review the oral health component of nursing home treatment plans on a quarterly basis for proper completion and that appropriate referrals to dental professionals be made, with failures reported as abuse.

**SP-22 Sr. Senator Murphy – Line 52 Contributions.** Proposal permits designations to be made to **line 52** on amended tax returns.

### **FEDERAL PROPOSALS**

**AFP-2 Sr. Asy.members Shontz & Gould- Parkinson’s Prescription Renewal. *AUTHOR AND BILL NO. PENDING.*** Proposal changes the renewal period for Parkinson’s Medicare prescriptions from 30 to 180 days.

**AFP-3 Sr. Asy.member Mitchell- Aircraft Portable Oxygen Devices.** Proposal requires aircraft operators to allow passengers on oxygen therapy to carry on and operate portable oxygen devices.

**AFP-5 Sr. Asy.member Lucero-Sale of Personal Information.** Proposal requires business entities to obtain written permission from seniors prior to the sale of personal information.

**SFP- 11-Sr. Senator Gehrig- Medicare Podiatric Preventive Care.** Proposal expands Medicare coverage to include a co-pay for one annual podiatric care visit.

**AB1276 ASY.MEMBER KARNETTE-Previous year Sr. Asy.member Gould- Pharmacies: Prescription Containers : Labels**

**(CSL SUPPORT)-ASY.MEMBER JONES; AB 853 Home care services**

## **R E M E M B E R YOUR GOVERNMENT INCOME TAX REFUND-**

. For one exemption the standard refund will be \$30; two exemptions \$40; three, \$50; four or more, \$60. They’re available to anyone who paid federal long-distance taxes on land, cell phone or voice over internet protocol (VoIP) service. For those who think the refund is not enough, another option would be, check your old phone bills through 41 months to claim the actual long-distance taxes you paid.

**AND!**

### **ADDITIONAL INCOME TAX INFORMATION FOR 2006**

**Your State Income tax form, (LINE 52)-CALIFORNIA FUND FOR SENIOR CITIZENS- is a voluntary contribution to CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE**

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