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CSL LEGISLATIVE SESSION STATE TOP PRIORITIES

AP-2 Sr. Asy. Member Young-IHSS Provider Auto Insurance. Bill would prohibit a vehicle covered under an auto liability policy from being classified as a common carrier, etc., solely for the reason that the named insured or applicant is operating or using the vehicle to provide transportation incidental to the provision of the in-home supportive services

AB 2139 ASSEMBLY MEMBER DE LA TORRE.

Referred to Insurance Committee.

AP-4 Sr. Asy. Member Krohn-Expanded Elder Abuse Reporting. Bill requires long-term health care facilities and local ombudsmen to report suspected elder abuses to Attorney General and district attorney. **AB 2100 Asy. Members Wolk/Berg/ Krekorian- Referred to Public Safety Committee-Amended.**

AP 10 Sr. Assembly Member Monk- Electronic Prescription Writing. Would institute a State electronic prescription writing system. **Assembly Member Mendoza. AB 2516.**

To be heard in Business and Professional Committee.

(AP-12) Senior Assembly Member Loh (TWO YEAR BILL) Assembly Member Blakeslee-Elder Abuse: Mandated reporters. Bill provides if abuse occurs any place other than a long-term care facility, the mandated reporter shall report to the adult protective services agency or the local law enforcement agency. **Assembly Member Blakeslee-AB 1765— Public Safety Committee.**

AP -12-Senior Assembly Member Serrin: Senior Shared Housing Option. Requires HUD Section 8 housing authorization be expanded to allow two bedroom shared rental options for seniors - **Assembly Member Portantino AB 2521. Housing and & Community Development Comm.**

AP-13 Senior Assembly Member Feingold: Acute Care Hospital Infection Screening. Requires general acute care hospitals to administer weekly screenings of infections and to publicly disclose the number of patients developing infections. **-SB 1058 Senators Alquist/Florez Referred to Health Comm.-Hearing March 26.**

AP-19 Senior Assembly Member Trotter (YEAR BILL). Senior Facility Infrastructure Upgrades. SB-977-Senator Correa. Bill declares the intent of the legislature to enact legislation that would require the preparation of a statewide study to determine the current and future infrastructure needs created by increases of the elderly persons in the state. **ASSEMBLY- Held at desk—No chg.**

AP-22- Senior Assembly Member Tucker *(combined with SP-8)-Senior Senator Fromm AB 1900-Assembly Member Nava. Bill would authorize county board of supervisors, to increase copies of death record to maximum increase of \$3.00 to support senior services

Referred to Public Safety comm.

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AP-28 Senior Asy. Member Krohn: Elder Abuse Offender Registry-AB 2051 Asy. Member Anderson Requires the State to compile elder physical and financial abuse conviction details in an elder abuse offender registry, publicly accessible on the internet. **Hearing March 21.**

Sr. Asy. Member Krohn-AB 2543 –Asy. Member Berg.-WORK FORCE EXPANSION ACT. Would establish the Geriatric and Gerontology Workforce Expansion Act to provide loan repayment assistance to professional medical workers working in a geriatric care setting, as specified. The fee would be raised \$10. or \$50 as specified. **Business & Professional & Health Committees.**

SP-16 Sr. Sen. Wright: Oral Health in Nursing Homes. 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. **AB 2229 Senator Huffman Assembly Health Comm. Hearing March 25.**

SP- 18 Sr. Asy. Member Messler – Mellow-Granlund Definition of Disability. Amends Mellow-Granlund Older Californians Act to define disability. **SB 2160 Asy. Member Carter. Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committees.**

SP-22-Sr. Senator Goldman-. SB 2460 Asy Member Davis–Housing Loan Counseling Would require lenders to refer prospective senior citizen borrowers to housing loan counseling prior to accepting a final application. **Banking & Finance Committee..**

SP-29 –Sr. Senator Kim-Selby--Senior Volunteer Month. Proclaims the month of May to honor Volunteers. **Assembly Member Huffman. AJR 111 Held for Printer.**

TOP FEDERAL PRIORITIES

AFP-2-Assembly Member Lopes Home Sale Gain Tax Exclusion—Proposal authorizes certain surviving spouses to exclude \$500,000 of home sale capital gain. **HR 3648 Signed by the President into Federal Law.**

AFP- 7 Sr. Asy. Member Loh: Government Negotiated Drug Prices. Proposal authorizes Medicare to negotiate prices and pass the savings to beneficiaries-**AJR 31 Assembly Member Jones/Machado** -Would urge the President and Congress to negotiate Medicare Prescription Part D of Medicare Moderation Act of 2003. **Senate Health Committee.**

AFP1-Sr. Asy. Member Karr (submitted 2004) SJR 12 Elder Abuse Awareness Stamp. Senator Simitian. Two year measure requesting the President and the Congress to authorize the Postmaster General to issue a special first class stamp. **Signed by Governor--sent to Congress.**

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