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CSL LEGISLATIVE SESSION STATE TOP 10 PRIORITIES

AP-3 Senior Assembly Member Young: Nursing Home End-of-Life Privacy.

Requires nursing homes to provide a private room for a resident who has been diagnosed as terminal.

AP-4 Senior Assembly Member Krohn-Expanded Elder Abuse Reporting. Assembly Members Wolk/Saldana- Bill requires long-term health care facilities and local ombudsmen to report suspected elder abuses to Attorney General and district attorney. **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

AP-6 Senior Assembly Member Lucero: Prescription Expiration Date. Would require drug manufacturers to include a "best before" date on packaging. **Assembly Members Wiggins/Davis /Caballerro.** **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

AP-7 Senior Assembly Member Lucero: Hearing Aid Availability and Cost. Requires 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-10 Senior Assembly Member Monck: Electronic Prescription Writing. Proposal institutes a State electronic prescription writing system.

NOTE:(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—to be heard in February.**

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 **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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. **-SENATOR ALQUIST-May be acted on after Feb. 7.**

NOTE: AP-19 Senior Assembly Member Trotter- 2 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. **-AMENDED-RE-REFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**

AP-28 Senior Assembly Member Krohn: Elder Abuse Offender Registry. Requires the State to compile elder physical and financial abuse conviction details in an elder abuse offender registry, publicly accessible on the internet. **Assembly Member Caballerro-** **BILL PENDING.**

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SP-1 Senior Senator Eaton: Affordable housing Shortage for Seniors. Requires action to address the senior affordable housing shortage revisions of zoning requirements and permit and impact fees. **Senator Wiggins** LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SP-3- Sr. Senator Epstein/Sr. Assembly Member Loh-- Senior Volunteer Month-Proclaims the month of May, Senior Volunteer Month.- **Senator Huffman.** LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SP-9 Senior Senator Griswold: Property Tax Exemptions. Increases the homeowner's property tax exemption from \$7000 to \$27,000 for seniors.

SP-15 Senior Senator Young: Expanded In Home .Support Services. Expands IHSS to include support for activities in volunteer, social or other community functions.

SP-16 Senior Senator 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. **Senator Wiggins.** LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SP- 18 Senior Assembly Member Messler – Mellow-Granlund Definition of Disability. Amends Mellow-Granlund Older Californians Act to define disability. **Assembly Member Carter.** LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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SP-22-Senior Senator Goldman-Fraudulent Denial of long-Term Care Insurance. Senator Saldana – LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SP-29 –Senior Senator Kim-Selby--Senior Volunteer Month. Proclaims the month of May to honor Volunteers. **Assembly Member Huffman.** LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

TOP 4 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**

AFP-3 Senior Assembly Member Mitchell: Aircraft Port able oxygen Devices. Would require aircraft operators to allow passengers on oxygen therapy to operate portable oxygen devices.

AFP-4 Senior Assembly Member Lopes-Medical Expense Tax Deductions. Proposal allows persons 65 and older to fully deduct all medical expenses.

AFP- 7 Senior Assembly Member Loh: Government Negotiated Drug Prices. Proposal authorizes Medicare to negotiate prices and pass the savings to beneficiaries

SFP-3 Senior Senator Cox- Medicare Coverage of Oral Health. Proposal expands Medicare coverage to include health.

SJR 12-Assemby Member Karr- Elder Abuse Awareness Stamp. Two year measure requesting the President and the Congress to authorize the Postmaster General to issue a special first class stamp.

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