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CSL STATE & FEDERAL PRIORITIES

AP 8 Sr. Assembly Member Lucero: Pharmaceutical Expiration Date.

Proposal requires pharmaceutical manufacturers to include a "best before"

date on packaging. **Author Assembly Member Solorio—AB 1470**

ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE.

AP-16 Sr. Assembly Member L. Young –California Elder Economic Security Standard Index.

The State of California would enact legislation that would express eligibility for Means tested benefit programs. Assembly Member Beall—AB 324 ASY. AGING& LONG-TERM

SP-18 (2007) Sr. Senator Mesler, Sr. Assembly Members Godager, Beighle, Givens - Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act: disability: definition

Bill would define "disability for purposes of the act to be the same as the term is defined for purposes of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act. **Author Assembly member Carter AB 152 ASSEMBLY AGING & LONG-TERM**

CARE---CANCELED BY AUTHOR.

AP-21 Sr. Assembly Member Sorensen: Convalescent Care Facility Personal Equipment I.D.

Would require convalescent care facilities to permanently identify patient's personal equipment

Author Senator Carter AB 249 ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMM. HEARING POSTPONED.

AP-24 Sr. Assembly Member Weintraub Corporate-Owned Multiple) Nursing Home

Accountability Author Assembly Member Davis – AB 1457 Requires Corp's. owning more than 5 nursing homes to identify a single entity. ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMM.

SP-6- Sr. Senator Murphy: Silver Alert Program.

Proposal establishes a missing persons program called Silver Alert to protect persons suffering from Alzheimer's or dementia who roam away from home. California's Senior Legal Hotline. **Author Senator Alquist -SB 38.**

SENATE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

HEARING APRIL 21.

SP 8 –Sr. Senator Kim-Selby-Senior Volunteer Month. Author –Senator Correa Bill No. SCR. 28

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

SP 17 Sr. Senator Steir –Elder Death Reviews-Proposal requires long-term care facilities to report deaths and mandates reporters to report all alleged or suspected abuse to the coroner immediately or within 24 hours.— **Author Assembly Member Ammiano-AB 535--**

ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE—NO CHANGE.

SP 22 Sr. Senator Eaton- CSL FUNDING REPEAL DATE- Bill would extend the repeal date for contributions to THE CALIFORNIA FUND FOR SENIOR CITIZENS. **Author Senators Correa**

& Alquist SB 91

SENATE REVENUE & TAXATION COMM. HEARING APRIL 22L

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NOTE:

LATE 2008 INCOME TAX REPORTING.

REMEMBER YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE “CALIFORNIA FUND FOR SENIOR CITIZENS” (CSL) On State Income Tax Contributions, CODE 402

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The State Franchise Tax Board requires CSL to meet a \$250,000 budget each year

SP 23 Sr. Senator B. Young -Support of the Ombudsman Programs and the Senior Legal Hotline. Assembly Members Feuer and Jones -AB. 392- ASSEMBLY APPROP COMMITTEE.

SP 23 Sr. Senator B. Young (TWO BILLS) Assembly Members Feuer & Jones AB 935
Bill would require at least 1/2 of the funds in the State Health Facilities Citation Penalties Account and the Federal Health Facilities Citation Penalties Account be used to fund local ombudsman programs pursuant to the aforementioned distribution schedule.

ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE. HEARING ON APRIL 28..

SFP 2- Senator Murphy: Alzheimer Silver Alert Program. - Proposal establishes a federally coordinated program known as Silver Alert to locate missing persons with dementia and federal grant program to fund states development. **Author Senator Correa---SJR. 4 SENATE RULES**

AFP-3 -Sr. Senator Young-Federal Poverty Guidelines..-Requires the reevaluation and adjustment of the federal poverty guidelines to more accurately reflect senior’s basic cost of living. **.Author Assembly Member Beall.-AJR 6 SENATE RULES COMMITTEE.**

HEALTH CARE REFORM MEDICARE ADVANTAGE BENEFITS--(AARP)

Question: Why is AARP support cutting my Medicare Advantage benefits?

Answer: When Congress created the MA program—originally called Medicare + Choice – private insurance plans were supposed to deliver Medicare benefits at less cost. Unfortunately, that hasn’t happened. On average, these plans 14% more than traditional Medicare. Regrettably, the higher cost of the MA program is being borne by all Medicare beneficiaries. It’s just not fair. These excess costs are also shortening the life of the Medicare Trust Funds, which threatens the health security of current and future generations.

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