



# **CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE**

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### **CSL 2008 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-6 Senior Assembly Member Lucero: Prescription Expiration Date.** Would require drug manufacturers to include a "best before" date on packaging.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**SP-9 Senior Senator Griswold: Property Tax Exemptions.** Increases the homeowner's property tax exemption from \$7,000 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.

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## CSL 2008 TOP 4 FEDERAL PRIORITIES

**AFP-2 Senior Assembly Member Lopes: Home Sale Gain Tax Exclusion.** Would authorize certain surviving spouses to exclude \$500,000 of home sale capital gain.

**AFP-4 Senior Assembly Member Lopes: Medical Expense Tax Deductions.** Would allow persons 65 and older to fully deduct all medical expenses.

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

**SFP-3 Senior Senator Cox: Medicare Coverage of oral Health.** Expands Medicare Coverage to include oral health.

## **CSL 2007 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION---FINAL DISPOSITIONS**

**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 **DEAD**

**AP-25-Sr.Asy. member Young --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-**GOVERNOR VETOED.**

**SP-2 Sr. Senator Fromm- IHSS Criminal Background Checks. SENATOR MULLIN SB 692** Authorities to obtain criminal background checks and subsequent arrest notification for non-IHSS providers. **SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.- DEAD**

**SP-3 Sr. Senator Goldman – Senior Citizens I.D. Cards. –ASSEMBLYMEMBER KREKORIAN. AB 966.** Proposal requires the DMV to notify seniors who choose not to renew driver's licenses that a senior -citizen ID card is available free of charge **GOVERNOR VETOED**

**SP-4-Sr. Senator Griswold – Property Tax Exemptions.** Proposal increases the homeowner's property tax exemption from \$7,000 to \$27,000 for seniors. **Senator Symth- AB 351 ASSEMBLY – ASSEMBLY REVENUE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE . --DEAD**

**AB1276 ASY.MEMBER KARNETTE-Previous year Sr. Asy.member Gould- Pharmacies: Prescription Containers: Labels REREFERRED TO ASSEMBLY .BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE** **DEAD.**

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