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CSL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE  
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AB1771 Strickland Medi-Cal: income eligibility mobilehomes.

This bill would have created an income exemption for the cost of space rental for a mobilehome that is the principal residence of a Medi-Cal applicant. This bill would specify that this provision would not be implemented until the department obtains federal approval. Failed Passage

AB1829 Pacheco, Robert Local planning: housing elements.

This bill would have require the Department of Housing and Community Development, when evaluating whether a housing element is consistent with state law, to count congregate housing for seniors that is identified within the housing element of a city or county for purposes of determining whether the city or county meets its share of the regional housing needs. Failed Passage

AB1837 Strickland In-home caregiver training

This bill, until January 1, 2006, would have established the In-Home Caregiver Training Pilot Program, administered by the Department of Aging, whereby grants would be awarded to 3 counties applying to participate by meeting certain requirements for purposes of establishing in that county a caregiver training program and an employment referral registry for those persons who have completed the training program. Failed Passage

AB1844 Mountjoy Property Taxation

This bill would have excluded from classification as a change in ownership those transfers of a qualified mobilehome park, as defined, made on or after January 1, 1999. This bill would have, for assessment years beginning on or after January 1, 2003, pursuant to the Legislature's authority under the California Constitution, increase the amount of this exemption to \$ 17,000 for assessees that are either aged 62 years or older, blind, or disabled. Failed Passage

AB 2202 Alquist Gerontology: service delivery personnel: training

It is the intent of the Legislature that California State University (CSU) curriculum be designed to instill the attitudes, knowledge, and skills students will need to provide competent and compassionate care for older persons. It is the intent of the Legislature that the CSU system shall be responsible for developing, implementing, maintaining and evaluating the necessary content in the curriculum. **Chapter 551, of the Statutes of 2002**

AB 2459 Diaz Physicians and surgeons: prostate cancer

This bill requires a standardized written summary in layman's language and in a language understood by the patients shall be developed by DHS on the recommendation of the Cancer Advisory Council and printed and made available by the Medical Board of California to physicians and surgeons, concerning the advantages, disadvantages, risks, and descriptions, of procedures with regard to medically viable and efficacious alternative methods of treatment of prostate cancer. Physicians and surgeons are urged to make this summary available to patients when appropriate. The bill requires both the department and the board to update their Web sites every time the summary is modified. **Chapter 531, of the Statutes of 2002**

AB 2552 Daucher Area agencies on aging: funding

This bill would have continuously appropriated from the Federal Trust Fund to the Department of Aging, in the absence of enactment of the annual Budget Act by July 1 of a fiscal year, the amount of federal funds contained in the Federal Trust Fund that is necessary for the administration of programs under the jurisdiction of the area agencies on aging, pending enactment of the Budget Act. Failed Passage

AB 2621 Wyland Flu vaccines: funding

This bill would have required the level of state funding for the provision of flu vaccines during the 2003-04 flu season to be increased to meet at least the same level of service that was provided in 2002. Failed Passage

AB 2663 Wyman Gas and electricity: baseline quantities and rates

This bill would have required the Public Utilities Commission to designate a baseline quantity of gas and electricity for average senior residential customers. In estimating those quantities, the commission would be required to take into account differentials in energy needs resulting from seniors spending a disproportionate amount of time in their residences and their increased heating and cooling needs as a result of health problems. Failed Passage

AB 2953 Wiggins Veterans' Home: Renovation

This bill would continuously appropriate, without regard to fiscal years, an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 from the Veteran's Home Fund to the department for the renovation of the Veterans' Home of California, Yountville. This bill would provide that it would become operative only if AB 2559, SB 1234, and SB 1773 are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2003. The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute. **Chapter 218, of the Statutes of 2002**

SB 1278      Speier      Pharmacies: prescription benefits: Medicare beneficiaries

Existing law requires until January 1, 2003, as a condition of Medi-Cal eligibility, that pharmacies charge Medicare beneficiaries a price not to exceed the Medi-Cal reimbursement rate for prescription medicines, and an amount to cover electronic transmission charges by Medicare beneficiaries, upon showing their Medicare card and prescription. This bill will indefinitely extend these provisions. **Chapter 542, of the Statutes of 2002**

SB1773      Chesbro      Veterans' Home of California

The Veterans' Home Bond Act of 2000 requires the proceeds from the sale of the bonds issued under that act to be deposited in a newly established Veterans' Home Fund. That act provides that, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the moneys in that fund are to be used by the Department of Veterans Affairs to fund first the state's homes specified in a particular statute. This bill clarifies that the renovation referred to the existing veterans' home at Yountville. This bill also makes a declaration of legislative intent to appropriate in another act not more than \$ 15,000,000 for the renovation of the Veterans' Home of California, Yountville, pursuant to that act. Urgency clause adopted. **Chapter 219, of the Statutes of 2002**

<b>OTHER LEGISLATION SUPPORTED BY CSL</b>
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AB1106      Pescetti      Notaries public: escrow instruments

This bill would have specified that any escrow instrument (document) purporting to obligate a third party, in an amount over \$ 10,000, on behalf of a party to a real estate transaction, shall be "acknowledged" before a notary public. Failed Passage

AB2208      Wyland      Electronic transfer of funds to the Area Agencies on Aging

This bill would have required the Controller to develop and implement a procedure for the electronic transfer of funds from the Department to the AAAs for the programs and services administered by the AAAs. Vetoed on 9/16/02

SB 953      Vasconellos      Aging

This bill would require the California Health and Human Services Agency to contract for, and oversee, the development of a system of elder care navigators, to be made available in all counties, to provide information, advice, and basic planning to older adults on their care options and utilize a consistent Internet-based interface for the retrieval of general care options and local service and resources information. This bill contains other provisions and law. **Chapter 541, of the Statutes of 2002**

ACR202          Corbett          Seniors: bill of rights

This bill declares that it is the goal of the Legislature that every senior in California receives the best possible health care and that, in order to achieve this goal, the Legislature finds and declares that seniors ought to have specified rights. **Resolution Chapter 119, of the Statutes of 2002**

<b>Status Report on CSL Two-year Bills</b>
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AB 109	Alquist	Elder & Dependent Adult Abuse	Failed Passage
SB 831	Poochigian & Johnson	Income Tax Forms	Failed Passage
SB 1082	Vasconcellos	Income Taxes: Designations: Senior CitizensTaxation	Failed Passage

California Senior Legislature web site: [www.4csl.org](http://www.4csl.org).

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