

Legislative Update
March 21, 2003
CSL TOP PRIORITIES

AB 1 **Berg** **Area agencies on aging: funding.**

Existing law designates area agencies on aging as local units on aging in California, which are financially supported by a variety of sources, including federal funding, state and local government assistance, the private sector, and individual contributions. This bill would continuously appropriate from the Federal Trust Fund to the California 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. This bill contains other related provisions.

STATUS: 03/19/2003-From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred.

CSL Position: Sponsor CSL Proposal # SP 21 CSL Author: Faustman
NARFE - Support
CCOA - Support

AB 41 **Daucher** **Area agencies on aging: funding.**

Existing law designates area agencies on aging as local units on aging in California, which are financially supported by a variety of sources, including federal funding, state and local government assistance, the private sector, and individual contributions. This bill would create in the State Treasury the Senior Citizens Services Interim Payment Fund, which would be continuously appropriated to the California Department of Aging, into which a sum not to exceed \$22,000,000 would be transferred from the Federal Trust Fund during any year in which a budget is not enacted by June 30 of the year preceding the fiscal year to which the budget would apply. Moneys in this interim fund would be used to make payments to area agencies on aging and providers of specified services to the elderly, for services provided on or after July 1 of the fiscal year for which no budget has been enacted and before September 1 of that year. This bill contains other related provisions.

STATUS: 03/19/2003-From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred.

CSL Position: Sponsor CSL Proposal # SP 21 CSL Author: Faustman

CCS Support
CSC Support
NARFE Support
CCOA Support

Legislative Update
March 21, 2003
CSL TOP PRIORITIES

AB 82 **Dutton** **Taxation: homeowners' property exemption: renter's credit.**

Existing property tax law provides, pursuant to the authority of a specified provision of the California Constitution, for a homeowners' exemption in the amount of \$7,000 of the full value of a "dwelling," as defined. This bill would, pursuant to the Legislature's authority under the California Constitution, increase the amount of this exemption from \$7,000 to \$32,000 and would, beginning with the January 1, 2004, property tax lien date, annually increase that amount by an inflation factor, as provided. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

STATUS: 03/03/2003-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

CSL Position: Sponsor CSL Proposal # SP 10 CSL Author: Griswold

AB 137 **Correa** **Income taxes: designated contributions: senior citizens.**

Under the Personal Income Tax Law, taxpayers are allowed, until January 1, 2005, to contribute amounts in excess of their tax liability for the support of the California Fund for Senior Citizens. This bill would , under this latter limit, extend the operation of those contribution provisions until January 1, 2010 . This bill contains other existing laws.

STATUS: 03/06/2003-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

CSL Position: Sponsor CSL Proposal # SP 26 CSL Author: Tonello

Legislative Update
March 21, 2003
CSL TOP PRIORITIES

AB 211 **Maze** **Taxation: homeowners' property tax exemption: senior citizens.**

Existing property tax law provides, pursuant to a specified provision of the California Constitution, for a homeowners' exemption in the amount of \$7,000 of the full value of a "dwelling," as defined. The California Constitution authorizes the Legislature to increase the amount of the exemption. Existing property tax law reduces the amount of this exemption to the lesser of \$5,600 or 80% of the full value of the dwelling, if a claimant for the exemption does not claim the exemption before a specified date. This bill would, for assessment years beginning on or after January 1, 2004, pursuant to the Legislature's authority under the California Constitution, increase the amount of this exemption to \$17,000 for assessees that are aged 62 years or older. This bill also would, for assessees aged 62 years or older who do not claim the exemption before a specified date, allow an exemption of the lesser of \$13,600 or 80% of the full value of the dwelling. By requiring local tax officials to implement new exemption amounts and new exemption criteria, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

STATUS: 03/17/2003-In committee: Set, first hearing. Held under submission.

CSL Position: Sponsor CSL Proposal # SP 10 CSL Author: Griswold

AB 521 **Diaz** **Prescription drug warnings.**

Existing law, the Pharmacy Law, requires a pharmacist to inform a patient, orally or in writing, of certain information about the harmful effects of a prescription drug taken in combination with alcohol. Existing law makes the violation of the Pharmacy Law a crime. This bill would additionally require a pharmacist to include a large-print informational insert with each drug dispensed by prescription informing the patient when the drug poses a substantial risk of harm if taken in combination with alcohol or other medication. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

STATUS: 02/27/2003-Referred to Com. on HEALTH.

CSL Position: Sponsor CSL Proposal # SP 9 CSL Author: Mack

**Legislative Update
March 21, 2003
CSL TOP PRIORITIES**

AB 528

Mullin

Alzheimer's disease: diagnostic and treatment center.

Existing law permits the State Department of Health Services to award grants to postsecondary higher education institutions with a medical center for the establishment of diagnostic and treatment centers for Alzheimer's disease. This bill would add to these purposes that of designing activities and programs adapted for the unique needs of Alzheimer's patients, including programs designed to decrease the effects of sundown syndrome, as prescribed. This bill contains other existing laws.

STATUS: 02/27/2003-Referred to Com. on HEALTH.

CSL Position: Sponsor

CSL Proposal # SP 12

CSL Author: Mannia

AB 1369

Pavley

Health facilities.

Existing law authorizes the Emergency Medical Services Authority to establish minimum standards for the training and use of automatic external defibrillators by individuals not otherwise licensed or certified for the use of the device. This bill would, commencing January 1, 2005, require every skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, and residential care facility for the elderly, where the facility's licensed bed capacity exceeds 60 persons, and every senior center, to purchase and train personnel in the use of automatic external defibrillators, except that a state-operated skilled nursing or intermediate care facility would not be required to comply with the bill until January 1, 2008. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

STATUS: 03/17/2003-Referred to Com. on HEALTH.

CSL Position: Sponsor

CSL Proposal # AP 11

CSL Author: Tucker

Legislative Update
March 21, 2003
CSL TOP PRIORITIES

AB 1373 **Daucher** **California Senior Legislature.**

Existing law establishes the California Senior Legislature, with specified functions, to address the needs of senior citizens for a variety of public programs. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the provisions relating to the California Senior Legislature.

STATUS: 02/24/2003-From printer. May be heard in committee March 26. Read first time.

AB 70 **Wyland** **Identity theft.**

Existing law provides that any computer, computer system, computer network, or any software or data, owned by the defendant that is used during the commission of specified offenses shall be subject to forfeiture. This bill would add to the list of offenses for which a computer; computer system, computer network, or any software or data used in the commission of the offense would be subject to forfeiture. This bill contains other provisions and related law.

STATUS: 03/06/2003-To Com. On Pub. S..

Position: CSL Support

SB 2 **Burton & Speier** **Health care coverage.**

Existing law does not provide a system of health care coverage for all California residents and does not require employers to provide health care coverage for employees and dependents, other than coverage provided as part of the worker's compensation system for work-related employee injuries. This bill would require employers to provide health care coverage for eligible employees and dependents that is equivalent to coverage required to be provided by health care service plans, but that includes coverage for basic prescription drugs. This bill would create the State Health Purchasing Program, which would be administered by the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board. The bill would require the board to arrange health care coverage through a purchasing pool for employers who have paid a fee for employee health coverage rather than arranging their own coverage. This bill contains other provisions and other related law.

STATUS: 02/24/2003-From printer. May be heard in committee March 26. Read first time.

Position: CSL Support

Legislative Update
March 21, 2003
CSL TOP PRIORITIES

AB 1396 **Simitian** **Long-term care ombudsman: funding.**

Existing law establishes the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman in the California Department of Aging. Under existing law, the office is responsible for, among other things, investigating and resolving complaints and concerns communicated by or on behalf of patients, residents, or clients of long-term care facilities, as defined. Existing law authorizes the department to allocate all federal and state funds for local ombudsman programs according to a specified distribution schedule. This bill would require the department to impose a \$3 per bed annual fee on long-term care facilities for the support of local ombudsman programs.

STATUS: 03/06/2003-Referred to Com. on AGING & L.T.C.

Position:

AJR 8 **Mountjoy** **Federal income tax deductions: long-term care insurance premiums.**

Existing federal income tax law limits the deduction of qualified long-term care insurance premiums on the basis of, among other things, the income of the taxpayer, the total annual amount paid for medical expenses by the taxpayer, and the age of the individual covered by the qualified long-term care insurance policy or contract. This measure would memorialize the Congress and the President to enact legislation that would mandate the total deductibility of all long-term care insurance premiums paid by a taxpayer regardless of either the income of the taxpayer, the total amount paid by the taxpayer for medical expenses, or the age of the individual covered by the qualified long-term care insurance policy or contract.

STATUS: 03/03/2003-Referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.

Position:

SB 121 **Margett** **Personal income taxes: long-term care.**

The Personal Income Tax Law authorizes various credits against the taxes imposed by that law. This bill would allow a credit for 30% of the amount paid or incurred by the taxpayer for long-term care or long-term care insurance for the taxpayer or any parent of the taxpayer, up to \$300 per taxpayer. This bill contains other related provisions.

STATUS: 03/17/2003-Set for hearing April 23.

Position: