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AP-2 (L.Young) AB 2139 De La Torre
IHSS Provider Auto Insurance

This bill would prohibit an auto liability policy from containing any provision that expressly or impliedly excludes from coverage under the policy the operation or use of an insured motor vehicle by the named insured in the performance of any in-home supportive services, as described. The bill would prohibit a vehicle covered under an auto liability policy from being classified as a common carrier, livery, or for-hire vehicle solely for the reason that the named insured or applicant is operating or using the insured vehicle to provide transportation incidental to the provision of in-home supportive services.

STATUS: Assembly Rule 77 suspended. (Page 6912.) Senate amendments concurred in. To enrollment.

CSL Position: Sponsor

AP-4 (Krohn) AB 2100 Wolk/Berg/Krekorian
Elder Abuse Reporting

This bill would require the local ombudsperson or the local law enforcement agency to report instances of alleged or suspected physical abuse, which includes sexual abuse, and financial abuse to the local district attorney's office in the county where the abuse occurred.

Because failure to report physical abuse and financial abuse of an elder or dependent adult under the act is a misdemeanor, this bill would change the scope of an existing crime thus constituting a state-mandated local program. By increasing the duties of local district attorneys, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program change the scope of an existing crime thus constituting a state-mandated local program. By increasing the duties of local district attorneys, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

STATUS: In Assembly. To enrollment.

CSL Position: Sponsor

AP-10 (Monck) AB 2516 Mendoza
Prescriptions: electronic transmissions

STATUS: Failed

CSL Position: Sponsor

AP-12/2006 (Loh) AB 1765 Blakeslee
Elder Abuse: Mandated Reporters

STATUS: Failed.

CSL Position: Sponsor

AP-12/2007 (Serrin) AJR 21 Portantino
Housing authorities: federal vouchers and certificates: shared housing.

This bill would require, to the extent authorized under federal law, a public housing agency to (1) establish a policy in its administrative plan to make shared housing available to recipients of specified federal housing certificates and vouchers who have special needs; and (2) reduce to 20% the monthly income share required for a recipient who has special needs and agrees to utilize shared housing.

STATUS: Senate amendments concurred in. To enrollment.

CSL Position: Sponsor

AP-13 (Fingold) SB 1058 Alquist/Florez
Health and Care Facilities: Bacterial Infections

This bill would establish the Medical Facility Infection Control and Prevention Act, which would require each health facility and residential care facility for the elderly to implement certain procedures for the screening, prevention, and reporting of specified health facility and residential care facility for the elderly acquired infections. The bill would also require that each laboratory licensed by the state to perform specified microbiological testing relating to the identification of bacterial species and the antibiotic resistance patterns of those species to also report any information obtained by that laboratory on the incidence of any facility acquired infections within 5 working days after obtaining the information. This bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services and the State Department of Social Services to carry out certain duties in order to implement the bill. Because a violation of the health facility and residential care facility for the elderly provisions would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures

for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

STATUS: Senate concurs in Assembly amendments. To enrollment.

CSL Position: Sponsor

AP-22/SP-8 (Tucker/Fromm) AB 1900 Nava
Penalty assessments: Santa Barbara County Level II Trauma Center

Gut and amended. No longer CSL's.

AP-19 (Trotter) SB 977 Correa
Senior Facility Infrastructure Upgrades

Under existing law, various bond acts have been approved by the voters of the state to provide funds for specified infrastructure and public works projects, programs, and facilities relating to transportation, housing, and disaster relief. This two-year bill would declare 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 in the numbers of elderly persons in the state.

STATUS: Senate concurs in Assembly amendments. To enrollment.

CSL Position: Sponsor
Two-Year Bill

AP-28 (Krohn) AB 2051 Anderson
Elder abuse offender registry

STATUS: Failed.

CSL Position: Sponsor

AFP-2 (Lopes) H.R.3648 Rangel
Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007

Special rule for certain sales of principal residence by surviving spouses. In the case of a sale or exchange of property by an unmarried individual whose spouse is deceased on the date of such sale, paragraph (1) shall be applied by substituting \$500,000 for \$250,000 if such sale occurs not later than two years after the date of death of such spouse and the requirements of paragraph (2) (A) were met immediately before such date of death.

STATUS: Became Public Law No. 110-142 12/20/2007

CSL Position: Sponsor

AFP-1/2004 (Karr) SJR 12 Simitian
Elder Abuse Awareness Stamp

This two-year measure would request the President and the Congress of the United States to enact legislation that would authorize the United States Postmaster General to establish a special rate of postage for first-class mail, and to issue a special postage stamp, to provide funds for elder abuse prevention and awareness programs.

STATUS: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Res. Chapter 5, Statutes of 2008.

CSL Position: Sponsor

AFP-7 (Loh) Jones/Machado
Government Negotiated Drug Prices

This measure would urge the Congress and the President of the United States to amend the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 to require that the federal government negotiate for the lowest available prices for prescription drugs under the Medicare Part D program, eliminate a specified gap in Medicare Part D coverage, and reduce the "lifetime penalty" for late enrollment in the program. This measure would also urge the Congress and the President of the United States to ensure that California is fully reimbursed for the costs of remedying problems with the implementation and operation of the Medicare Part D program, and to also grant California greater regulatory jurisdiction over Medicare Part D plans.

STATUS: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Res. Chapter 96, Statutes of 2008.

CSL Position: Sponsor

(Krohn) AB 2543 Berg
Geriatric and Gerontology Workforce Expansion Act

This bill would establish the Geriatric and Gerontology Workforce Expansion Act, which would be administered by the boards described above, in consultation with the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, to provide loan repayment assistance to dentists, physicians and surgeons, osteopathic physicians and surgeons, nurses, psychologists, and social workers who work in a geriatric care setting, as specified. For those purposes, the bill would raise the licensing and renewal fees of these licensees by \$10 or \$50, as specified, for deposit into the continuously appropriated funds or other funds of those boards, thereby making an appropriation. The bill would require those boards to report to the Legislature by October 1, 2011, on the effectiveness of those programs.

This bill would also establish the California Geriatric and Gerontology Student Loan Assistance Program of 2008, which would be administered by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development for purposes of providing loan assistance to students who intend to become employed as licensed health care professionals or social workers in a geriatric care setting, as specified. Those provisions would only become operative if appropriate funding, as determined by the office, is made available.

STATUS: Senate amendments concurred in. To enrollment.

CSL Position: Sponsor

SP-16 (Wright) AB 2229 Huffman
Medi-Cal: dental examinations

STATUS: Failed.

CSL Position: Sponsor

SP-2/2006 (Fromm) SB 692 Ashburn
In-home supportive services: criminal background checks.

Existing law for this two-year bill provides for the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program, under which qualified aged, blind, and disabled persons receive services enabling them to remain in their own homes. Existing law permits services to be provided under the IHSS program either through the employment of individual providers, a contract between the county and an entity for the provision of services, the creation by the county of a public authority, or a contract between the county and a nonprofit consortium. Under existing law, the functions of a nonprofit consortium contracting with the county to operate the program, or a public authority established for this purpose, include investigating the qualifications and background of potential personnel.

This bill would authorize the investigation by a nonprofit consortium or public authority *of a person who is unlicensed and provides or applies to provide nonmedical domestic or personal care services for an aged or disabled adult who is not otherwise eligible for IHSS program services, for specified reasons, through a criminal background check* conducted by the Department of Justice. The bill would authorize a nonprofit consortium or a public authority costs related to administering these provisions.

STATUS: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter Statutes of 2008.

CSL Position: Sponsor

SP-18 (Mesler) AB 2160 Carter
Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act: disability: definition

This 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.

STATUS: Assembly Rule 77 suspended. Senate amendments concurred in. To enrollment.

CSL Position: Sponsor

SP-22 (Goldman) AB 2460 Davis
Consumer Loans: seniors

STATUS: Failed.

CSL Position: Sponsor

SP-29 (Kim-Selby) ACR 111 Huffman/Berg
Senior Volunteer Month

This measure would recognize the month of May 2008 as Senior Volunteer Month to honor the contributions of California senior volunteers.

STATUS: Chaptered by Secretary of State – Res. Chapter 34, Statutes of 2008.

CSL Position: Sponsor

**ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION OF INTEREST TO OLDER CALIFORNIANS
CSL IS SUPPORTING AND/OR TRACKING**

AB 152 Beall Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

Existing law, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Act, authorizes the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority to acquire and construct transportation facilities necessary or convenient for vehicular and pedestrian transportation, as specified. This bill would also authorize the authority to provide for the repair and maintenance of those facilities.

STATUS: Senate amendments concurred in. To enrollment.

CSL Position: No Position

AB 725 Lieber Housing: universal rental housing application

This bill, on and after November 1, 2009, would require specified rental housing providers to use and make available to prospective tenants, not-for-profit agencies, and others upon request, a universal rental housing application, to be developed by the Department of Housing and Community Development in coordination with specified governmental agencies, as provided. The bill would require the department and specified governmental agencies to notify specified rental housing providers of the requirements of these provisions.

STATUS: Senate amendments concurred in. To enrollment.

CSL Position: Support

AB 1022 Saldaña Continuing Care Home Service

This bill would exempt a care at-home program, as defined, from the licensing provisions applicable to residential care facilities for the elderly, if certain conditions are met. The bill would define a continuing care at-home program as a care at-home program operated by a continuing care provider that meets prescribed requirements provided for in the bill. The bill would increase from \$7,500 to \$10,000 the maximum entrance fee for certain residence agreements exempt from continuing care contract provisions, and would require adjustments for cost-of-living increases every 4 years.

By revising the provisions relating to continuing care providers, this bill would change the definition of an existing crime, thus imposing a state-mandated local program.

STATUS: Senator amendments concurred in. To enrollment.

CSL Position: No Position

AB 1158 Benoit Witnesses: conditional examinations

Existing law authorizes the conditional examination of a witness who may be unavailable at trial for a specific reason. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law *require examination through a contemporaneous, 2-way video conference system if the witness is so sick or infirm as to be unable to attend the examination in person, as specified.*

STATUS: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 14, Statutes of 2008.

CSL Position: Support

AB 1444 Emmerson Physical Therapists: scope of practice

STATUS: Failed.

CSL Position: Support
California Physical Therapy Association – in support
Physical Therapy Board of California – in support
40 individuals – in support

AB 1526 Lieber Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006

This bill would set forth legislative findings and declarations relating to the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006 and the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program.

STATUS: Re-referred to Senate Rules Committee.

CSL Position: Support

AB 1554 Jones Health care coverage: rate approval

This bill would, subject to specified exceptions, require approval by the Department of Managed Health Care or the Department of Insurance of an increase in the amount of the premium, copayment, coinsurance obligation, deductible, and other charges under a health care service plan or disability insurance policy. The bill would require a plan or insurer to submit to the Department of Managed Health Care or the Department of Insurance, respectively, an application for a rate increase that would be effective on or after January 1, 2009, and would require review of the application in accordance with regulations that each department would be required to adopt no later than January 1, 2009.

The bill would subject a rate increase that became effective January 1, 2007, to December 31, 2008, inclusive, to review by the appropriate department. The bill would require each department to notify the public of a rate application and would deem the application approved within 60 days of the date of that notice unless certain conditions exist and the department holds a hearing on the application, as specified. The bill would authorize the initiation of, and intervention in, proceedings relating to rate approvals and the award of advocacy fees and costs in those proceedings in specified circumstances. The bill would require the departments to work together in implementation of these provisions, and to take specified actions in order to ensure coordination and consistency in implementation.

The bill would authorize each department to assess a charge in connection with its costs associated with a rate application. The bill would direct the deposit of these fees into the respective department's Health Rate Approval Fund, which would be created by the bill, and would continuously appropriate the revenue to each department, thereby making an appropriation.

STATUS: In Senate Health. Hearing cancelled at request of author.

CSL Position: Support

AB 1887 Beall Health care coverage; mental health services

This bill would expand this coverage requirement for certain health care service plan contracts and health insurance policies issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2009, to include the diagnosis and treatment of a mental illness of a person of any age and would define mental illness for this purpose as a mental disorder defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual IV. The bill would specify that this requirement does not apply to a health care benefit plan, contract, or health insurance policy with the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System unless the board elects to purchase a plan, contract, or policy that provides mental health coverage.

STATUS: Placed on Senate Appropriations Suspense File.

CSL Position: Support

AB 2038 Lieber Persons with disabilities: victims of crime

This bill would state that information related to deaths of children with disabilities and people with disabilities killed as a result of domestic violence is included in procedures relating to Child Death Review Teams and Domestic Violence Death Review Teams, as specified. This bill would also include within the authority of an Elder Death Review Team, the review of deaths involving dependent adults, as specified.

STATUS: In committee: Placed on Appropriations suspense file.

CSL Position: Support

AB 2101 Wolk/Krekorian Residential Care Facilities

STATUS: Failed.

CSL Position: Support

AB 2105 DeSaulnier Elder and dependent adult abuse

This bill would expand the category of mandated reporters of suspected financial abuse to include both licensees, as that term is defined under the California Finance Lenders Law and the California Residential Mortgage Lending Act, and real estate brokers, as defined under *specified* provisions of existing law known as the Real Estate Law.

STATUS: Senate amendments concurred in. To enrollment.

CSL Position: Support

AB 2137 Saldaña Insurance: rescission of long-term care contracts.

This bill would delete the record-keeping exception for rescissions that are voluntarily initiated by the insured, and require that the information supplied to the commissioner include the reason for rescission, a summary of the documentation used to justify the rescission, the length of time the policy or certificate was in force, and the age and gender of the insured person.

STATUS: Chaptered by Secretary of State – Chapter 227, Statutes of 2008.

CSL Position: Support

AB 2149 Berg Investment Advisors

This bill would prohibit an investment adviser from using a credential or professional designation indicating or implying that he or she has a special certification or training in advising senior investors, as defined, unless that designation is from an accredited organization recognized by the commissioner. The bill would require the commissioner to maintain a list of recognized accredited organizations. The bill would specify that a violation of these provisions is not a crime and nor is a violator subject to specified penalties.

STATUS: Senate amendments concurred in. To enrollment.

CSL Position: Support

AB 2150 Berg Insurance: sales designations

This bill would provide that no insurer or life agent shall use any title, designation, credential, or description, including “certified senior financial advisor,” “certified senior life agent,” “senior life insurance expert,” or any other phrase that implies or could reasonably be interpreted to suggest special expertise or reliability in the sale of life insurance products to persons 65 years of age and older, unless the commissioner has specifically authorized use of the title, designation, credential, or description, as specified.

STATUS: Senate amendments concurred in. To enrollment.

CSL Position: Support

**AB 2157 Horton Skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities:
licensing**

STATUS: Failed.

CSL Position: Support

AB 2319 Horton Identification cards: renewal by mail

This bill would require the director to establish a specified program that permits the renewal of identification cards by mail. The bill would require that this program be consistent with specified federal regulations as adopted by the United States Department of Homeland Security pursuant to the REAL ID Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-13).

STATUS: Senate amendments concurred in. To enrollment.

CSL Position: Support

AB 2370 Bass Residential care facilities for the elderly: rate increases

This bill would require the licensee of a residential care facility for the licensee, on or before January 31 of each year, to disclose to current facility residents its average monthly rate increases over the previous 3 years. The bill would also require the licensee to post this disclosure, and to provide a written copy to new and prospective facility residents, as specified. By changing the definition of an existing crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

STATUS: Assembly Rule 77 suspended. Senate amendments concurred in. To enrollment.

CSL Position: Support

**AB 2439 De La Torre Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan
Repayment Program: fees.**

This bill would make the payment of the \$50 fee mandatory for applicants for issuance or renewal of a physician and surgeon's license. The bill would also provide that at least 15% of the funds collected be dedicated to loan assistance for physicians and surgeons who agree to practice in geriatric care settings or settings that primarily serve adults over the age of 65 years or adults with disabilities. Because the bill would provide for the deposit of additional fees in a continuously appropriated fund, it would make an appropriation.

STATUS: Senate amendments concurred in. To enrollment.

CSL Position: Support

AB 2475 Horton Skilled nursing facilities

STATUS: Failed.

CSL Position: Support

AB 2598 Leno Residential care facilities for the elderly

STATUS: Failed

CSL Position: Support

AB 2796 Nava Civil obligations

This bill would additionally exempt from liability a nonprofit, religious, or private business entity that owns or maintains a building or premises that have been designated as a defense shelter in certain emergency situations.

This bill would also exempt a private business entity or nonprofit or religious organization that is duly enrolled or registered with the Office of Emergency Services or a responsible county or city emergency management entity that voluntarily and without the expectation of, or receipt of, compensation provides services or other specified resources during any state of emergency or formal exercise or training at the express request of the Office of Emergency Services or that responsible county or city emergency management entity from liability for any injury sustained by any person by reason of those services or resources, except for damage or injury proximately caused by a grossly negligent act or omission or willful or wanton misconduct by that entity or organization.

STATUS: Senate amendments concurred in. To enrollment.

CSL Position: Support

AB 2947 **Eng** **Elder and dependent adult abuse: waiver of rights.**

This bill would provide that those provisions shall not apply to any arbitration agreement applicable to a future controversy entered into between a long-term *residential* care facility *for the elderly*, as defined, an elder, as defined, or a dependent adult, as defined, or his or her representative, if the agreement is entered into in violation of a specified law prohibiting elder and dependent adult abuse.

STATUS: Senate amendments concurred in. To enrollment.

CSL Position: Support

AB 2967 **Lieber** **Health care cost and quality transparency**

This bill would create the California Health Care Cost and Quality Transparency Committee in the Health and Human Services Agency, with specified powers and duties, including the development of a health care cost and quality transparency plan, which would include various strategies to improve medical data collection and reporting practices. The bill would require the Secretary of California Health and Human Services and the committee to undertake duties specified in the bill, including implementing various strategies to improve health care quality, and related performance measures. This bill would require the secretary, or the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to adopt regulations as necessary to carry out the bill's requirements.

The bill would provide for the confidentiality of information obtained in the course of the data collection activities implemented under the bill. The bill would establish the Health Care Cost and Quality Transparency Fund, consisting of specified fees authorized under the bill. The fund would be used, upon appropriation, to support implementation of the activities required under the bill.

STATUS: To inactive file on motion of Senator Kuehl.

CSL Position: Support

AB 3000 Wolk Health care decisions: life sustaining treatment.

This bill would redefine a request to forgo resuscitative measures as a “request regarding resuscitative measures,” which would be a written document, signed by an individual, or a legally recognized surrogate health care decisionmaker, and a physician, that addresses the individual’s preferences regarding life-sustaining treatment. The bill would include within this definition a Physician Order for Life Sustaining Treatment form. The bill would require a health care provider treating an individual with a Physician Order for Life Sustaining Treatment, as specified, to follow its orders. The bill would require the health care provider to honor the order even if a physician who executed the order does not have admitting privileges at a hospital or health care facility where the patient is being treated. The bill would also make conforming changes.

Status: Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 266, Statutes of 2008..

CSL Position: Support

SB 491 Alquist State Alzheimer’s Disease Strategic Plan

This bill would require the committee to be responsible for the development of the State Alzheimer’s Disease Strategic Plan for the years 2010 to 2020, inclusive. The bill would require the committee to collaborate with a broad group of stakeholders, and to review current state policies and practices concerning treatment for Alzheimer’s disease, and to develop specified recommendations relating to Alzheimer’s care in the state. The bill would require the committee to submit the plan to the Governor and the Legislature by September 1, 2010. The bill would also require the committee to review the implementation and progress of the strategic plan, and, not less than every 2 years, to make recommendations to the Secretary of California Health and Human Services and the Legislature for updating the plan. The bill would provide that not more than \$50,000 shall be expended from moneys in the General Fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purposes of the bill.

Status: Senate concurs in Assembly amendments. To enrollment.

CSL Position: Support

SB 981 Perata Health care coverage; noncontracting emergency physicians claims

This bill would enact various provisions applicable to noncontracting *emergency* physicians as defined. The bill would require that payment for each coded and charged covered service rendered by a noncontracting emergency physician be made at the lesser of the physician’s full charge or the interim payment standard. The bill would authorize the physician to file a complaint with the department if a health care service plan or its contracting risk-bearing organization underpays or fails to make that payment and would require the department to investigate the complaint, make a determination within a

specified time period, and, if the complaint is substantiated, take appropriate enforcement action and require the plan or its risk-bearing organization to make specified payments. The bill would enact other related provisions.

STATUS: Hearing postponed by Assembly Health Committee.

CSL Position: Support

SB 1140 Steinberg Financial abuse of elder or dependent adults

This bill would, among other things, add to the definition of financial abuse the taking, secreting, appropriating, obtaining, or retaining, or assisting in the taking, secreting, appropriating, obtaining, or retaining, of real or personal property of an elder or dependent adult by undue influence, as defined. It would also make various conforming changes to these provisions.

Status: Senate concurs in Assembly amendments. To enrollment.

CSL Position: Support

SB 1164 Scott Investigators

This bill would add to the list of persons so authorized investigative auditors employed by the Department of Justice whose primary duty is investigating financial crimes and providing support to the Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud, Special Crimes Unit, Division of Law Enforcement, and Asset Forfeiture and False Claims Units.

Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State – Chapter 81, Statutes of 2008.

CSL Position: Support

SB 1216 Scott Insurance: long-term care

This bill would make provisions relating to reporting of denied claims and written notice to policyholders applicable to all long-term care policies in force regardless of their date of issuance. It would require an insurer to reimburse claims immediately but not later than 30 calendar days after receipt. It would reduce from 40 to 30 calendar days the number of days within which a written notice for a denied claim shall be provided to a policyholder and would include contested claims in that provision. It would further require the insurer to provide a copy of the written notice of a denied or contested claim to the named representative of the policyholder.

This bill would require that any uncontested portion of a claim be reimbursed immediately but not later than 30 days. If this reimbursement is not made within this timeframe, then interest shall accrue, as specified.

This bill would also require that any written notice of a denied or contested claim advise the claimant of his or her right to seek review of that decision, and contain specified contact information for the unit with the Department of Insurance that reviews claims decisions.

Status: In Assembly Insurance Committee.

CSL Position: Watch

SB 1259 **Margett** **Witness testimony: support persons: elder abuse**

Status: Failed.

CSL Position: Watch

SB 1343 **Battin** **Crimes against elders and dependent adults**

This bill would add specified crimes against elder or dependent adults to the offenses for which a prosecuting witness may have up to 2 support persons while testifying.

Status: In Assembly Public Safety Committee.

CSL Position: Support

SB 1400 **Simitian** **Sweepstakes**

This bill would prohibit sweepstakes materials, as defined, from representing that a person has been specially selected, as defined, when more than 25% of the persons receiving the materials received the same materials, and would impose various requirements where less than 25 percent of the persons received the same materials. The bill would also prohibit sweepstakes materials from making various other misleading or false representations.

The bill would also require sweepstakes materials to disclose the date the final winner will be determined. The bill would specify that the operator of any sweepstakes sponsor, as defined, may not condition the collection of a prize upon payment of a fee and would prohibit these sponsors from sharing or selling the names and information of its customers or participants without their express consent. The bill would make other conforming changes.

Status: Senate concurs in Assembly amendments. To enrollment.

CSL Position: Support

SB 1406 **Correa** **Optometry**

This bill would require an optometrist who is certified to use therapeutic pharmaceutical agents to consult with an ophthalmologist if the patient's condition worsens 48 hours, rather than 72 hours, after diagnosis.

Status: Senate concurs in Assembly amendments. To enrollment.

CSL Position: Support

SB 1474 Alquist Chronic dialysis clinics.

Status: Failed.

CSL Position: Support

SCR 112 Padilla Services for older adults

This measure would urge the state to more fully provide culturally appropriate services in all areas of service delivery to older adults. The measure would also urge the University of California and the California Health and Human Services Agency to incorporate educational components addressing cultural competency into all educational programs and systems devoted to serving older Californians.

Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 111, Statutes of 2008.

CSL Position: Support

S 2708 Boxer Caring for an Aging America Act of 2008

To amend the Public Health Service Act to attract and retain trained health care professionals and direct care workers dedicated to providing quality care to the growing population of older Americans.

Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

CSL Position: Support