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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
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SP-6 (Murphy) SB 38 Alquist
Silver Alert Program

This proposal establishes a missing persons program called Silver Alert to protect persons suffering from Alzheimer's or dementia who roam away from home.

STATUS: Senate Public Safety Committee.

CSL Position: Sponsor

SP-8 (Kim-Selby) SCR Correa
Senior Volunteer Month

This proposal proclaims the month of May to be Senior Volunteer Month to honor volunteers

STATUS:

CSL Position: Sponsor

SP-17 (Steir) AB 535 Ammiano
Elder Death Reviews

This proposal requires long-term care facilities to report deaths and mandated reporters to report all alleged or suspected abuse to the coroner immediately or within 24 hours.

STATUS: May be heard in committee March 28.

CSL Position: Sponsor

SP-18/2008 (Godager) AB 152 Carter
Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act: disability: definition

This 2008 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: Referred to Assembly Aging and Long Term Care Committee. Hearing 3/31/2009.

CSL Position: Sponsor

SP-22 (Eaton) SB 91 Correa and Alquist
CSL Funding Repeal Date

This proposal would extend the repeal date for contributions to the California Fund for Senior Citizens.

STATUS: To Revenue and Tax Committee 1/29/2009.

CSL Position: Sponsor

SP 23 (B.Young) AB 392 Feuer and Jones

Support for the Ombudsman Program and the Senior Legal Hotline.

STATUS: Referred to Assembly Health Committee.

CSL Position: Sponsor

SFP-2 (Murphy) SJR Correa
The Alzheimer Silver Alert Program

This proposal establishes a federally coordinated program known as Silver Alert to locate missing persons with dementia and a federal grant program to fund states' development.

STATUS:

CSL Position: Sponsor

AP-8 (Lucero) AB 1370 Solorio
Pharmaceutical Expiration Date

This proposal requires pharmaceutical manufacturers to include a "best before" date on packaging.

STATUS: Read first time.

CSL Position: Sponsor

AP 16 (L.Young) AB 324 Beall
Elder Economic Security Index

This proposal defines eligibility for means-tested senior benefit programs as a percentage of the county-specific elder economic security index.

STATUS: Referred to Assembly Aging and Long-Term Committee. Hearing 3/31/2009.

CSL Position: Sponsor

AP-21 (D.Sorensen) AB 249 Carter
Convalescent Care Facility Personal Equipment ID

This proposal requires convalescent care facilities to permanently identify patient's personal equipment.

Status: Referred to Assembly Health Committee. Hearing 3/31/2009.

CSL Position: Sponsor

AP-24 (Weintraub) AB 1457 Davis
Corporate-Owned Multiple Nursing Home Accountability

This proposal requires corporations owning more than five nursing homes to identify a single entity that is accountable for care and operation.

STATUS: Read first time.

CSL Position: Sponsor

AFP-3 (Young) AJR 6 Beall
Federal Poverty Guidelines

This proposal requires the re-evaluation and adjustment of the federal poverty guidelines to more accurately reflect senior's basic cost of living.

STATUS: Referred to Assembly Aging and Long Term Care Committee. Hearing on 3/31/2009.

CSL Position: Sponsor

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

**SB 303 (Alquist)
Nursing Facility Resident Informed Consent**

This bill would add to these rights the right of every resident to receive all information that is material to an individual's decision concerning whether to accept or refuse any proposed treatment or procedure. This bill would make the physician responsible for disclosing the material information to the resident and obtaining his or her informed consent.

STATUS: Senate Health Committee with Hearing on 4/1/2009.

CSL Position: Support

**AB 215 (Feuer & Smyth)
Nursing Home Grade Postings**

This bill would require a long-term health care facility to post, in accordance with prescribed requirements, the overall facility rating information determined by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Violation of this requirement would be a class B violation, as defined, with the proceeds from fines collected to be deposited into the State Health Facilities Citation Penalties Account. The bill would require the department to report to the Legislature and Governor on the results of the postings.

STATUS: Referred to Assembly Health Committee. Hearing on 3/31/2009.

CSL Position: Support

**AB 283 (Chesbro)
California Product Stewardship Act**

This bill would create the California Product Stewardship Act of 2010 and would require the board to administer the program. The bill would require the board to adopt regulations by July 1, 2011, in order to implement the program to provide environmentally sound product stewardship protocols that encourage producers to research alternatives during the product design and packaging phases to foster cradle-to-cradle producer responsibility and reduce the end-of-life environmental impacts of the product.

STATUS: Assembly Natural Resources Committee with Hearing on 4/13/2009.

CSL Position: Support

AB 478 (Chesbro)
California Global Warning Solutions Act of 2006

This bill would require the state board to consult with the California Integrated Waste Management Board in developing the regulations to include rules for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from solid waste reduction and recycling.

STATUS: Assembly Natural Resources Committee with Hearing on 4/13/2009.

CSL Position: Support

AB 479 (Chesbro)
California's recycling requirements

This bill would require a city or county to divert 60% of all solid waste through source reduction, recycling, and composting activities on and after January 1, 2015, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program by imposing new duties on local agencies regarding solid waste management. The bill would also require the board to establish policies, programs, and incentives to ensure diversion of solid waste in accordance with a specified schedule.

STATUS: Assembly Natural Resources Committee with Hearing on 4/13/2009.

CSL Position: Support

AB 721 (Pedro Nava)
Physical Therapy Direct Access

This bill would revise the definition of "physical therapy," would authorize a physical therapist to initiate treatment of conditions within the scope of physical therapist practice, and would require a physical therapist to refer his or her patient to another specified healing arts practitioner if the physical therapist has reason to believe the patient has a condition requiring treatment or services beyond that scope of practice.

STATUS: From printer. May be heard in committee 3/30/2009.

CSL Position: Support