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**Summary of State Proposals**

**AP-1 Senior Assembly Member Austin E. Lucero: Hearing Aid Costs.** This proposal requires hearing aid providers to charge actual costs approved by the Department of Health Services.

**AP-4 Senior Assembly Member Marcia Gould: Purpose of Prescriptions.** This proposal requires that all prescriptions contain a notice of the intended purpose of the drug, unless omitted by the patient.

**AP-5 Senior Assembly Member Donald W. Mann: Skilled Nursing Facility Patient Examinations.** This proposal requires each charge nurse in a skilled nursing facility to conduct at each shift change physical evaluations of each patient under their charge.

**AP-6 Senior Assembly Member Dolores Olsen: Disabled Telephone Service Certification.** This proposal authorizes secondary health service providers to certify eligibility for disabled access telecommunications programs.

**AP-7 Senior Assembly Member Dolores G. Wright: Skilled Nursing Facility Dental Screening.** This proposal requires that a dental hygienist examination be included in the formulation of a personalized treatment plan for prospective residents of skilled nursing facilities.

**AP-8 Senior Assembly Member Betty A. Mulholland: ADA Transportation Availability.** This proposal requires ADA transportation systems to educate their employees regarding ADA requirements and to publish the availability of ADA systems in the media.

**AP-11 Senior Assembly Member Donna Ambrogi: Long-Term Care Facility Civil Liability.** This proposal increases the civil liability limits of skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities from \$500 to \$5,000 and applies it to both current and former residents and to an expanded scope of rights.

**AP-12 Senior Assembly Member Donald W. Mann: IHSS Caregiver Background Checks.** This proposal requires IHSS caregivers to submit fingerprints and undergo a background criminal history check to determine suitability.

**AP-14 Senior Assembly Member Helen Karr: Elder Abuse Prevention Month.** This proposal would proclaim the month of May every year as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Prevention Month and call on all Californians to take action to prevent mistreatment.

**AP-17 Senior Assembly Member Colleen McLean: Hearsay Exception in Elder Abuse Cases.** This proposal creates an exception to the hearsay rules in misdemeanor prosecutions involving the unjustifiable physical or mental suffering of an elder or dependent adult.

**SP-3 Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby: Hotel Handicapped Compatibility.** This proposal requires hotels and motels to comply with ADA guidelines and to provide rubber mats and grab bars in tub and shower areas.

**SP-5 Senior Senator George “Bud” Winslow: Mobilehome Park Homeowner’s Rights.** This proposal provides homeowners in mobilehome parks the first right of refusal when parks are sold under specified conditions.

**SP-6 Senior Senator Clifford C. Erven: Disabled Persons License and Identification Card.** This proposal requires the DMV to imprint the “wheelchair symbol” on driver’s licenses and photo ID cards for disabled persons showing proof of disability.

**SP-8 Senior Senator Erwin F. Fromm: Home Assistance Workers Background Checks.** This proposal authorizes AAA’s to obtain criminal record information for current or prospective home caregivers.

**SP-10 Senior Senator Bruce Steir: Long-Term Care Facility Elder Death Reviews.** This proposal requires long-term care facilities to report deaths to the medical examiner or coroner and requires mandated reporters to report abuse to the medical examiner or coroner.

## **Summary of Federal Proposals**

**AFP-1 Senior Assembly Member Lawrence I. Hartmann: Prescription Drug Cost Disclosure.** This proposal requires pharmacies to list on the receipt the cash price for a prescription for a senior citizen in addition to the customer’s co-pay.

**SFP-1 Senior Senator Clifford C. Erven: Telemarketing Credit Card Billing.** This proposal requires credit card issuers to obtain affirmative written consent prior to billing for telemarketing matters.

**SFP-2 Senior Senator Richard Lundin: Social Security Offsets Elimination.** This proposal restores full social security benefits by repealing government pension offset and windfall elimination.

**SFP-4 Senior Senator Richard Lundin: Veterans Medical Benefits Package.** This proposal restores medical benefits package eligibility for veterans in priority group 8.

**SFP-5 Senior Senator Joseph F. Murphy: Safer Older Driver Motor Vehicles.** This proposal directs the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in coordination with others, to promote motor vehicle designs and safety standards that improve the safety of older adults in vehicles.