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The California Senior Legislature Announces Top Legislative Priorities for 2019

(Sacramento, CA. November 16, 2018) The California Senior Legislature (CSL) adjourned its 38th Annual Legislative Session and announced the Top Ten State Legislative Proposals and Top Federal proposals earlier this week. Members will advocate diligently during the 2019 legislative session to have state lawmakers carry and support these priorities.

The following were listed as the top ten State Legislative proposals:

1. AP-18: Labeling of Prescription Drugs

This measure would require physicians and surgeons to include the purpose for which the medication is prescribed on all prescriptions, so that the information would be included on the prescription label, unless the patient requests that this information be omitted.

2. AP-2 Transportation: Seniors' & Disabled Individuals' Access to Transportation to Medical Services

This measure would authorize the use of moneys in the electric program investment charge to fund grant programs in counties to provide transportation to nonemergency medical services for the senior and disabled populations located in rural, desert, and mountain areas through the use of energy renewable vehicles.

3. SP-10 Financial Elder Abuse: Mandated Reporting

This measure would amend the definition of "Mandated Reporters of Suspected Financial Abuse of an Elder or Dependent Adult" to include the officers and employees of businesses licensed under the Money Transmission Act for making wire or money transfers and that would increase penalties, including providing for full reimbursement of losses, for officers or employees of these businesses who fail to report as required.

4. SP-7 Veterans Housing: Affordable Rental Housing

This measure would establish a rental housing assistance program and would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to coordinate access to affordable housing with existing State and Federal Veterans services and provide detailed information about the assistance in a specified resource publication.

5. AP-7 Fall Safe Housing

This measure would amend the Building Homes and Jobs Act to ensure that specific falls prevention structural features designed to prevent falls and facilitate aging in place are built into new housing using funds generated by the Act.

6. AP-8 Affordable Housing for the Elderly

This measure would, for the purpose of meeting housing element goals under the Planning and Zoning Law, classify housing units participating in a home-sharing arrangement in which at least one of the occupants is an elderly person who qualifies as a person of low or moderate income, as defined, as very low income households. This would also incentivize local authorities to meet affordable housing goals and that would hold local authorities accountable when they fail to do so.

7. SP-4 Dental Insurance

This measure would memorialize the Legislature and the Governor to enact legislation that would require the Department of Insurance to commission a study to determine whether requiring Medi-Cal and private dental insurance plans to provide increased dental coverage at low cost for seniors would result in lower overall costs to the state for emergency room visits and inpatient hospital treatment.

8. AP-17 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

This measure would require any facility that provides electric vehicle charging stations for public use or common use to provide at least one van accessible station regardless of when the electric vehicle charging stations were added to the facility.

9. AP-15 Homelessness: Seniors & Persons with Disabilities

This measure would propose that a count of the number of homeless individuals include the number of seniors and individuals with disabilities that are homeless.

10. AP-3 Travel Safety

This measure would require all hotels, motels, inns, and bed and breakfasts to install grab bars in the tub and shower areas and nonskid surfaces on the tub and shower floors in all rooms available for public accommodation.

The following were identified as the Top Federal Legislative proposals:

1. AFP-2 Medicare Durable Medical Equipment: Grab Bars

This measure would memorialize the Federal Government to adopt appropriate regulations for the Medicare Program, or to enact appropriate legislation, that would add grab bars to the list of covered durable medical equipment under the Medicare Program, upon an evaluation by the Medicare Program to demonstrate that grab bars meet the requirements of durable medical equipment.

2. SFP-2 Medicare: Penalties

This measure would memorialize the Congress and the President to adopt appropriate regulations for the Medicare Program, or to enact appropriate legislation, that would prohibit Medicare late enrollment penalties related to the enrollment for Medicare parts A, B, and D.

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