

Sponsored Bills

None

Priority Bills

Senate Bill 547 (Liu, D-La Canada Flintridge) – Aging and Long-Term Care Services and Supports

Creates the Statewide Aging and Long-Term Care Services Coordinating Council whose duties include the development of a State aging and long-term care services strategic plan to address how the State will meet its needs of the aging population in specified future years. Requires the plan to be submitted to the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly and the chairs of specified policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature.

Status: This is a two-year bill; SB 547 passed the Senate with a 35-4 vote and is now in the Assembly.

Senate Bill 938 (Jackson, D-Santa Barbara) – Protective Proceedings: Conservator Authorizations

Replaces references to the term dementia with major neurocognitive disorders in provisions of existing law. Prohibits the placement of a conservatee in an acute psychiatric hospital and psychiatric health facility. Requires petitions requesting the authority to administer certain prescribed medications to be supported by a declaration of a licensed physician, psychiatrist, or psychologist that includes specified information on the medication and the conservatee's overall mental health and treatment plan.

Status: In Senate Judiciary committee.

Senate Bill 1091 (Liu, D-La Canada Flintridge) – Long Term Care Insurance

Provides that long-term care insurance includes disability income coverage that provides benefits that may commence after the insured has reached Social Security's normal retirement age and family expense disability insurance policies, riders, endorsements, or amendments that provide coverage for disabled persons during periods of instructional care. Excludes benefits triggered by activities of daily living.

Status: In Senate committee on Insurance.

Senate Bill 1377 (Nguyen, R-Garden Grove) – Cognitively Impaired Adults: Caregiver Center

Appropriates for each fiscal year, commencing with the 2016-17 fiscal year, an unspecified sum of money from the General Fund to the State Department of Health Care Services for allocation to nonprofit caregiver resource centers for the purpose of providing respite care services.

Status: Introduced.

Monitor

Assembly Bill 348 (Brown, D-San Bernardino) – Long-Term Care Facilities: Complaints: Investigations

Requires the application of existing time periods for the investigation, inspection, and issuance of a citation to a long-term health care facility to a report from the facility of an alleged violation of applicable requirements of State and federal law or any alleged facts that might constitute a violation thereof. Requires an analysis of compliance with the time periods for investigations on a specified time basis and the posting of those findings on a specified Internet Web site.

Status: This is a two-year bill; AB 348 is currently held in Senate Appropriations.

Assembly Bill 1235 (Gipson, D-Carson) – Medi-Cal: Beneficiary Needs: Home Upkeep/Personal Needs

Establishes eligibility and other requirements for providing the home upkeep allowance or transitional personal needs fund to Medi-Cal patients residing in a long-term care facility. Prescribes general requirements as well as specified requirements both for facility residents who intend to leave the facility and return to an existing home, who receive the home upkeep allowance, and residents who intend to leave the facility and establish a new home, who would establish a transitional personal needs fund.

Status: This is a two-year bill; AB 1235 is currently held in Senate Appropriations.

Assembly Bill 1667 (Dodd, D-Napa) – Home Care Services Consumer Protection Act

Makes provisions of the Home Care Services Consumer Protection Act applicable to home care aide domestic referral agencies, including licensure, fees, enforcement and fines, and regulation of registered home care aides having agreements with those agencies. Requires such agencies to provide information to a person to whom the aide is referred. Requires holders of immigration cards to initiate background checks to be an aide or become licensed as an agency. Allows certain persons to transfer their clearance.

Status: In Assembly Human Services committee.

Assembly Bill 1718 (Kim, R-Fullerton) – Elder Abuse

Amends existing law that makes it a crime for a person who is not a caretaker to violate specified laws proscribing theft, embezzlement, fraud, or identity theft with respect to the property or identifying information of an elder or dependent adult. Makes a violation of that provision punishable as a misdemeanor in county jail or as a felony in state prison.

Status: In Assembly committee on Public Safety.

Assembly Bill 1754 (Waldron, R-Escondido) – Crime Victim Compensation: Elder or Dependent Abuse

Creates the San Diego County Elder or Dependent Adult Financial Abuse Crime Victim Compensation Pilot Program. Provides victims of elder or dependent adult financial abuse compensation to reimburse costs for financial counseling, mental health counseling, or

supportive services, as specified, if the crime occurred in the County of San Diego. Limits compensation as specified.

Status: Referred to Assembly Public Safety committee and Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care committee.

Assembly Bill 1805 (Melendez, R-Lake Elsinore) – Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse
States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to elder abuse.

Status: Introduced

Assembly Bill 2158 (Wagner, R-Irvine) - Home Care Services: In-Home Supportive Services

Requires an independent In-home Supportive Services provider to be listed on the home care aide registry prior to providing home care services to a client. Requires an independent provider to complete the specified training required for an affiliated home care aide.

Status: In Assembly Human Services committee.

Senate Bill 323 (Hernandez, D-Azusa) – Nurse Practitioners: Scope of Practice

Authorizes a specifically certified nurse practitioner to practice without the supervision of a physician and surgeon, if the nurse meets existing requirements in any of specified settings. Prohibits entities in those settings from interfering with, controlling, or otherwise directing the professional judgment of such a nurse. Authorizes such nurse to perform specified acts. Provides the situation or condition for referral to a physician or surgeon by such nurse. Requires professional liability insurance.

Status: This is a two-year bill; SB 323 is currently in the Assembly committee on Business and Professions.

Senate Bill 648 (Mendoza, D-Artesia) – Health and Care Facilities: Referral Agencies

Requires a health care referral agency to obtain a license in order to refer a person to a residential care facility for the elderly. Prohibits paying a fee to an unlicensed agency or holding any power of attorney or other property of a person receiving referral services, or disclosing information of that person. Requires the provision of a disclosure statement to a person receiving its services, and retaining acknowledgments. Provides a civil penalty for violations. Requires liability insurance.

Status: This is a two-year bill; SB 648 is now in the Assembly.

Senate Bill 929 (Vidak, R-Hanford) – Compensation of Guardians and Conservators

Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law that provides for the appointment of a guardian or a conservator of a person or an estate in specified circumstances.

Status: In Senate Rules committee.

Senate Bill 1002 (Monning, D-Carmel) – End of Life Option Act: Telephone Number

Requires the State Department of Public Health to establish and maintain a toll-free telephone number for the purpose of receiving and responding to inquiries regarding the End of Life Option Act, and post the telephone number on the department's Internet Web site.

Status: In Senate committee on Health.

Senate Bill 1015 (Leyva, D-Chino) - Domestic Work Employees: Labor Standards

Deletes the repeal date of the Domestic Worker Bill of Rights, which regulates the hours of work of domestic work employees who are personal attendants and provides an overtime compensation rate for those employees.

Status: In Senate committee on Labor and Industrial Relations

Senate Bill 1344 (Stone, R-Temecula) – Domestic Work Employees

Relates the Domestic Worker Bill of Rights. Authorizes a domestic work employee who is a live-in employee or who is required to be on a duty for 24 or more consecutive hours to enter into a written agreement with the domestic work employer to exclude from hours worked a bona fide regularly scheduled sleeping period.

Status: In Senate committee on Labor and Industrial Relations.

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Questions:

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