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I do not oppose or support these Bills. I list the Bills so my readers are informed about legislation that can affect them and others.

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Legislation:

S. 1094- Senator Marco Rubio-Protection Act of 2017: This bill will grant Secretary Shulkin the authority to swiftly terminate employees who do not deserve to work at the VA. **Titled** the: *Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017.*

AB 806-Kalar Caregivers: Would give a tax credit to eligible family caregivers.

SB 10-Hertzberg-Bail Bonding: Would replace the present system to one that would be based on an assessment of the individual's risk rather than on their bank accounts. It won't eliminate money bail which is protected in the State Constitution but reduces how often it's used.

(Also Assemblyman Rob Bonita has introduced *AB 42*, a similar Bill in the Assembly.)

SB 147-Dodd-Mobile Homes: Would allow mobile home residents 2 guests without additional fees & allow them to have a caretaker without a physician's written order.

SB 202-Dodd-Medi-Cal: Would increase Medi-Cal personal needs allowance to \$80.00 a month.

SB 562-Lara-Single Payer Health Care: Would redirect existing health care spending to cover most of the universal system. The state would need to generate as much as \$100 Billion *in new taxes* & secure approval from Washington to redirect federal health care money.

SB 790-M. Mc Guire-Pharmaceuticals: Would restrict the pharmaceutical Industry giving gifts to companies and incentives to medical professionals. This bill severely restricts pharmaceutical companies from providing flights, travel, speaking fees, consulting payments, entertainment or other economic benefits to health care providers. California has an opportunity to put patient care and drug affordability before corporate profits with SB 790.

AB 1578-J.Sawyer-Marijuana: Would prevents local and state police from cooperating, assisting or collaborating with federal police in the arrest, prosecution and imprisonment of people following California's medical and adult-use marijuana laws.

News Items:

2018 Budget Request for Defense: This plan would extend the government's Thrift Savings Program match for enlisted personnel beyond 26 years of service, boost military construction and enhance military family support programs, such as child care and spouse employment assistance. The budget plan does not institute a TRICARE for Life enrollment, but it would increase TRICARE Prime enrollment fees by 24 percent at both the single and family rates, merges TRICARE Standard and Extra into TRICARE Select, with new enrollment fees of \$450 for singles and \$900 for families. Off-base pharmacy copayments would also increase for generic, brand and non-formulary drugs.

FY 2018 Budget Request for Veterans Affairs: A 6 percent increase to VA's discretionary funding, up to \$82.1 billion, would increase community care, long-term care, mental health and gender-specific care, and expand services to help end veteran homelessness. Concerning is the proposal to end Individual Unemployability benefits for certain severely disabled veterans who are unable to work due to their service-connected disabilities.

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) oversees ride-sharing companies, or "transportation network carriers". Last year the CPUC imposed a *7.6 Million FINE on Uber* for failing to submit required information on the drivers in our state. Today One year later the company's CPUC is considering *another Fine of \$1.13 Million* for failure to promptly suspend & investigate its California drivers who have been accused of drunk driving by passengers.

From AAA: New Child Safety Seat Law: (1) Children ages 2 & under must ride rear-facing in an age & size appropriate child passenger safety seat, unless they weigh 40 pounds or more or are 40 inches tall or more. Drivers who disregards the law can be fined more than \$500 & receive a point On their driving record. (2) Effective from January, 2017 the California Assembly passed a bill raising the maximum fee notaries may charge from \$10 to \$15.00.

"If your ship doesn't come in-then swim to it!" by Broker JoJo Harmon,

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