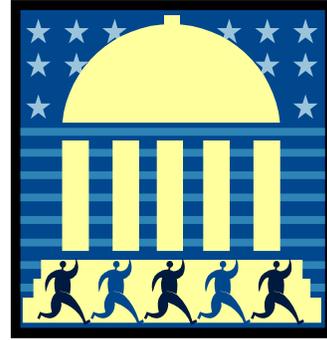


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*I do not oppose or support these Proposals. I list the Proposals so my readers are informed about legislation that can affect them and others.*

## **February, 2017**

Today's lists of Proposals are from the State's California Senior Legislature; (CSL) formed in 1980 to present concerns of seniors to the State Legislators, and the CSL is a duplicate of the State Legislature.

There are **NO Funds** from the State. Our funding is dependent on the State's Income Tax Check-in form. This starts the process of testifying & lobbying to have these Top 10 State & Top 4 Federal Proposals turned into Bills. Members will advocate diligently during the 2017 legislative session to have state lawmakers carry and support these priorities. The California Senior Legislature (CSL) adjourned its 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Session on Thursday, October 27, 2016 in Sacramento.

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For more information contact Senior Assembly Member John Pointer, Joint Rules Committee Chair at the Sacramento Office at (916) 552-8056.

**SP** is Senior Senate Proposal, **AP** [s Senior Assembly Proposal, **SFP** is Senior FEDERAL Proposals.

## **State 2017 Proposals: The California Senior Legislature Announces Top Legislative Priorities.**

**AP5: Labeling of Prescription Drugs:** This measure would require physicians and surgeons to include the purpose of the medication on the prescription label.

**SP4: Financial Support of CSL:** This measure would require Department of Motor Vehicles to issue special license plates to provide funding of the California Senior Legislature (CSL).

**AP18: Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Centers:** This measure is to fund Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Center Programs.

**SP1: Alzheimer Research Funding:** This measure will allocate \$10 million per year for next three years to fund non-pharmacological Alzheimer research.

**AP1: Tenancy: Extended Notice Period.:** This measure would allow seniors and individuals with disabilities the option to extend the vacate notice period up to 6 months in order to relocate.

**AP19: Medi-Cal Long-Term Care Personal Needs Allowance:** This measure would increase personal needs allowance from \$35 to \$80 per month and annually adjust personal needs allowance by some percentage of the Customer Price Index.

**AP16: Mobile Home Residency Rights:** This measure would authorize any homeowner to share the mobile or manufactured home with up to two guests and would delete the requirement of a written treatment plan by a physician.

**AP7: Identity Theft:** This measure would create a 2-year sentence enhancement for conviction of a crime against a person 65 years or older and results in a financial loss of \$25,000.

**AP20: Personal Income Tax Credit: Caregivers:** This measure will allow an eligible caregiver a credit against personal income taxes proposed for a taxable year equal to 30% of qualified expenses.

**AP2: Unit Pricing:** This measure will require the Department of Food and Agriculture to create a standardized format for product pricing available to consumers.

**AFP1: Labeling of Prescription Drugs:** This measure requires medication so prescribed to include the purpose for which prescribed on the label.

**SFP3: Social Security Burial Benefits:** This measure would raise Social Security Burial amount to \$495.

**SFP2: Veterans Pension Benefits:** This measure would require the US Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure each Veteran receives full pension benefits and upon death become the property of the estate.

**AFP2: Durable Medical Equipment Grab Bars:** This measure would request the Federal Government to adopt appropriate regulations to add grab bars to list of durable medical equipment.

### **News Items:**

Nursing is the leading profession when it comes to ethics and honesty, according to a well-known poll. Among professions surveyed by the annual [Gallup honesty/ethics poll](#), nurses have been at the top of the list since 2001, and remain there after the latest survey conducted in December 2016. In that survey, 84% of respondents rated nurses as being very high or high as professionals who are honest and ethical. Nurses ranked at the top among 22 professions listed in the most recent survey. For the 15th consecutive year nursing again has received the amazing honor of being ranked the most trusted profession in the country by the American public," said Eileen Williamson, MSN, RN, senior vice president and chief nurse executive at *Nurse.com*. "Few designations could be more of a professional badge of honor than being *named first among the 22 professions* surveyed in the Gallup poll for honesty and ethical standards". As nurses, we can't be more proud of what the public thinks of our colleagues and the nursing profession.

"Sometimes even to live is an act of courage" FDR

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