



# Legislative Report

## CSL Sponsored Bills

*April 30, 2021*

Bill #	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	CSL AUTHOR	STATUS
AB 98	Frazier	<b>Health Care: Medical Goods: Reuse Redistribution</b> This bill would require California Department of Aging (CDA) to establish a 3 year pilot program in the Counties of Contra Costa, Napa and Solano to facilitate the reuse and redistribution of durable medical equipment and home health supplies.	Baginski	Assembly Appropriations Committee
AB 383	Salas	<b>Mental Health: Older Adults:</b> This bill would establish within the State Department of Health Care Services an Older Adult Mental Health Services Administrator to oversee mental health services for older adults. The bill would require that position to be funded with administrative funds from the Mental Health Services Fund. The bill would prescribe the functions of the administrator and its responsibilities.	Krohn (2019)	Assembly re-referred to Appropriations Committee
AB 848	L. Calderon	<b>Medi Cal: Long Term Care: Personal Needs Allowance:</b> Increases the personal needs allowance from \$35 to \$80 per month and annually adjusts the allowance by the same percentage as the Consumer Price Index.	Wilder	Referred to Assembly Appropriations. Referred to suspense file.
SB 675	Ochoa Bogh	<b>Property Taxation: Monthly Installment Payments</b> Encourages every board of supervisors to establish payment systems authorizing homeowners to pay their real property taxes in monthly installments with an Automated Clearing House Payment system.	Fortunati	Re-referred to Senate Governance & Finance hearing 5/6/21
TBD	E. Garcia	<b>Senior Malnutrition Awareness Day</b>	Pointer	Ordered to third reading.

## **CSL Support Bills**

Bill #	AUTHOR	SUMMARY	STATUS
AB 14	Aguar-Curry	<b>Internet For All Act of 2021:</b> Prioritizes the deployment of broadband infrastructure in the most vulnerable and unserved rural and urban communities by utilizing the CA Advanced Services Fund (CASF) to provide community grants to bridge the digital divide.	Assembly Appropriations Committee
AB 23	Chen	<b>EDD Cross Check System:</b> By July 1, 2021 EDD would be required to cross-check all claimant information with state and county correctional facility inmate data to determine claimant eligibility.	Assembly Insurance Committee
AB 29	Cooper	<b>State Bodies: Increasing Public Access:</b> Requires all materials and writings associated with an agenda item to be publicly available at least 72 hours prior to any meeting.	Re-referred Assembly Appropriations Committee
AB 323	Kalra	<b>Long Term Care Facilities: Accountability:</b> Updates long-term care facility citation penalties and standards for negligent care to safeguard nursing home and long-term care facility residents.	Assembly Appropriations Committee hearing 5/5/21
AB 570	Santiago	<b>Dependent Parent Health Care Coverage:</b> Requires a group or individual health care service plan contract or health insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2022, that provides dependent coverage to make that coverage available to a qualified dependent parent or stepparent.	Assembly Appropriations Committee
AB 849	Reyes	<b>Skilled nursing facilities: intermediate care facilities: liability:</b> Existing law authorizes a current or former resident or patient of a skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility, as defined, to bring a civil action against the licensee of a facility who violates any of specified rights of the resident or patient or any other right provided for by federal or state law or regulation. Existing law makes the licensee liable for up to \$500. This bill would make the licensee liable for up to \$500 per violation.	In Senate to Rules Committee
AB 1083	Nazarian	<b>Senior Affordable Housing: Nursing Pilot Program:</b> Requires the department to establish and administer the Housing Plus Services Nursing Pilot Program in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, and Sonoma. The program would provide grant funds to qualified nonprofit organizations that specialize in resident services for the purposes of hiring one full-time registered nurse to work at 3 senior citizen housing developments in each county to provide health education, navigation, coaching, and care to residents. The bill would require the department to submit a report to specified legislative committees and state agencies on or before January 1, 2026, and would repeal the program as of January 1, 2027.	Assembly Appropriations Committee. Referred to suspense file.

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SB 8	Skinner	<p><b>Housing Crisis Act of 2019:</b> Clarifies, for various purposes of the act, that “housing development project” includes projects that involve no discretionary approvals, projects that involve both discretionary and nondiscretionary approvals, and projects that include a proposal to construct a single dwelling unit. The bill would specify that this clarification is declaratory of existing law.</p> <p>Existing law specifies that the act does not prohibit a housing development project from being subject to ordinances, policies, and standards adopted after the preliminary application was submitted in certain circumstances, including that the housing development project has not commenced construction within 2.5 years following the date that the project received final approval.</p> <p>This bill would define “commenced construction” for these purposes, to mean that construction pursuant to a building permit has progressed to the point that at least one required inspection has been requested, as specified.</p>	Re-referred to Senate Appropriations Committee
SB 48	Limôn	<p><b>Dementia and Alzheimer’s Disease:</b> All general internists and family physicians would need to complete at least 4 hours of mandatory continuing education on the special care needs of patients with dementia. Upon license renewal at least 10 hours of continuing education would be required. This bill would ensure that individuals living with dementia and Alzheimer’s disease receive a timely diagnosis.</p>	Senate 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading
SB 56	Durazo	<p><b>Health4All Seniors:</b> Ensures that all low income seniors who qualify for publicly funded Medi-Cal have access to quality care regardless of Immigration status.</p>	Senate Appropriations Committee. Placed on suspense
SB 107	Weiner	<p><b>Easing Access to CalFresh:</b> Simplifies the CalFresh application process by requiring the Dept of Social Services to implement all elements of the Federal Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP) under its existing CalFresh program, including a simplified application. Additionally, this requires by 2024, all counties offer the ability to apply for and recertify CalFresh benefits over the phone.</p>	Senate Floor ordered to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading
SB 221	Weiner	<p><b>Timely Mental Health Care:</b> Establishes timely access standards for mental health care follow-up appointments needed by patients in ongoing, medically necessary treatment for mental health and substance use disorders. This addresses current widespread, lengthy delays in follow-up care.</p>	Senate Appropriations 5/3/21 hearing
SB 258	Laird	<p><b>HIV &amp; Aging Act:</b> Updates definition of “greatest social need” to include cultural and social isolation caused by HIV status. This ensures older people with HIV have access to programs and services administered through CDA.</p>	Senate Floor order to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading