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## CSCVC LEGISLATIVE REPORT-END OF 2023 LEGISLATIVE YEAR; OCTOBER 17, 2023

The California State Legislature adjourned for the 2023 legislative year on September 14. Legislation that survived the legislative process to that point were sent to the Governor for his signature or veto. The Governor had until October 14 to review all of those bills and sign or veto. Below is a listing of the bills that were signed in to law by the Governor. No bills that were supported by the CSCVC were vetoed.

Since 2023 is the first year of the 2023-24 legislative session, next year will have a combination of “2-year bills” and “Second-year bills”.

- 2-Year Bills: Bills introduced in the first year of the session can be carried over in to the next year, provided they did not fail passage in a committee. Usually, these bills were “parked” in their house of origin because it was found they needed more time for the various parties to the bill to work out the bugs, reach agreements, work on amendments, etc. These bills need to pass out of their house of origin by January 31 of the second year. If a bill made it out of its house of origin in the first year, then was parked, it is not constrained by the January 31 deadline in the second year.
- Second-year bills: New legislation may be introduced in the second year of the session. These bills only have that one year to move through the process. There is no 2-year option for these bills. All legislation that did not advance to the Governor by the end of the legislative year automatically dies.

AB 46-Ramos, the bill that sought to exempt military retirement pay and SBP from the state income tax was held under Submission in the Senate Appropriations Committee on September 1. Normally, this action is a de facto death sentence for a bill. However, in the case of AB 46, the Governor’s Department of Finance (DOF) indicated to the author that the bill idea had merit, but a way needs to be found to reduce the hit to the state’s revenues. Assemblyman Ramos has committed to working next year to find a solution in the budget process or some other way to alleviate DOF’s concerns. AB 46 is not bound by the January 31 deadline since it passed its house of origin and is in the Senate. CSCVC is in support of AB 46.

**To view all legislation text, amendments, analyses, votes, and status from 2000 to the present:**

<https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml>

“Chaptered” means the bill was signed by the Governor and will become state law on January 1, 2024 (unless the bill states otherwise).

### **AB 46** **(Ramos D) Personal income taxes: exclusion: Military Services Retirement and Surviving Spouse Benefit Payment Act.**

**Status:** 9/1/2023-In committee: Held under submission.

**Location:** 8/14/2023-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Summary:** Would, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, and before January 1, 2034, exclude from gross income retirement pay received by a taxpayer from the federal government for service performed in the uniformed services, as defined, during the taxable year. The bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, and before January 1, 2034, would also exclude from gross income annuity payments received by a qualified taxpayer, as defined, pursuant to a United States Department of Defense Survivor Benefit Plan during the taxable year. The bill would make related findings and declarations.

Position  
Support

[AB 293](#) **(Alanis R) Lifetime hunting and sport fishing licenses: Gold Star Family members.**

**Status:** 5/19/2023-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 3/29/2023)(May be acted upon Jan 2024)

**Location:** 5/19/2023-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would require, upon application to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, lifetime hunting licenses and lifetime sport fishing licenses to be issued at no cost to Gold Star Family members who meet certain eligibility requirements.

Position  
Support

[AB 298](#) **(Mathis R) Honoring Our Blind Veterans Act.**

**Status:** 10/4/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 299, Statutes of 2023.

**Location:** 10/4/2023-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Current law would authorize a nonprofit organization that represents blind veterans, in consultation with the Department of General Services, to plan, construct, and maintain a braille American flag to serve as a monument to the blind veterans of California and the United States in the State Capitol Building. The bill would specify duties for the Department of General Services in connection with the planning, construction, and maintenance of the monument. The bill would prohibit the construction of the monument until the Joint Rules Committee of the California Legislature approves and adopts a plan for the monument and the committee and the Department of Finance determine that sufficient private funding is available to construct and maintain the monument.

Position  
Support

[AB 308](#) **(Alanis R) State parks: free day use pass: Gold Star Family members.**

**Status:** 5/19/2023-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 4/19/2023)(May be acted upon Jan 2024)

**Location:** 5/19/2023-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would require a pass for free day use of any unit of the state park system that is operated by the state to be issued to Gold Star Family members, as provided.

Position  
Support

[AB 322](#) **(Mathis R) Veteran and California National Guard Supplemental Orientation Act of 2023.**

**Status:** 10/13/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 801, Statutes of 2023.

**Location:** 10/13/2023-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Would, commencing no later than the 2025-26 academic year, would require each campus of the California State University and the California Community Colleges, and would request each campus of the University of California, to include within first-year student and transfer student orientations the location and contact information of the campus point of contact for students who are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States and members of the California State Guard and the California National Guard, and their dependents, make available in hard copy form at the location of the campus point of contact a document that includes information on policies, resources, and services for these students and their dependents, as specified, and post the document, along with other information available to these students and their dependents, on the campus's internet website.

Position  
Support

[AB 531](#) **(Irwin D) The Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2023.**

**Status:** 10/12/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 789, Statutes of 2023.

**Location:** 10/12/2023-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Would provide that projects funded by the Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2024 that provide housing for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness and who are inherently impacted by or at increased risk for medical diseases or conditions due to the COVID-19 pandemic or other communicable diseases and are disbursed in accordance with the Multifamily Housing Program, or projects that are disbursed in accordance with the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program, are a use by right and subject to the streamlined, ministerial review process. The bill would define use by right for these purposes to mean that the local government's review of the project does not require a conditional use permit, planned unit development permit, or other discretionary local government review or approval that would constitute a project subject to the approval process in CEQA.

Position  
Support

[AB 569](#) **(Garcia D) California State University: Cybersecurity Regional Alliances and Multistakeholder Partnerships Pilot Program.**

**Status:** 7/27/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 117, Statutes of 2023.

**Location:** 7/27/2023-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Current law requires the office of the Chancellor of the California State University to select any number of California State University campuses, with preference given to campuses that have or are developing regional pipeline programs in cybersecurity with the California Community Colleges, to participate in the pilot program through an application and selection process. Current law requires each selected campus to create a pilot program with goals and metrics, measure the impact and results of its pilot program, and annually share the impact and results with the chancellor's office. Current law requires the chancellor's office to annually report the impact and results from each selected campus's pilot program to the Legislature. This bill would require the chancellor's office, on or before July 1, 2028, to submit a report to the Legislature on the pilot program, as provided.

Position  
Support

[AB 684](#) **(Ta R) County veterans service officers: additional resources.**

**Status:** 5/19/2023-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/3/2023)(May be acted upon Jan 2024)

**Location:** 5/19/2023-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Current law requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to disburse funds, appropriated to the department for the purpose of supporting county veterans service officers pursuant to the annual Budget Act, on a pro rata basis, to counties that comply with certain conditions This bill would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, provide a stipend to counties that host an active United States military base for the purposes of maintaining a county veterans service officer, at least part time, at each active United States military base in the county, subject to base approval.

Position  
Support

[AB 718](#) **(Ta R) Veterans: mental health.**

**Status:** 9/14/2023-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 9/11/2023)(May be acted upon Jan 2024)

**Location:** 9/14/2023-S. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to establish a program to fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, an academic study of mental health among women veterans in California, as specified. The bill would require the department to submit a report summarizing the findings and recommendations of the study to the Legislature no later than July 31, 2025.

Position  
Support

[AB 883](#) **(Mathis R) Business licenses: United States Department of Defense SkillBridge program.**

**Status:** 10/7/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 348, Statutes of 2023.

**Location:** 10/7/2023-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Existing law establishes the Department of Consumer Affairs under the direction of the Director of Consumer Affairs and sets forth its powers and duties relating to the administration of the various boards under its jurisdiction that license and regulate various professions and vocations. This bill would additionally require, on and after July 1, 2024, a board to expedite, and authorize a board to assist, in the initial licensure process for an applicant who supplies satisfactory evidence to the board that the applicant is an active duty member of a regular component of the Armed Forces of the United States enrolled in the United States Department of Defense SkillBridge program, as specified, and would provide that regulations to administer those provisions be adopted in accordance with the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act. This bill contains other existing laws.

Position  
Support

[AB 988](#) **(Mathis R) Miles Hall Lifeline and Suicide Prevention Act: veteran and military data reporting.**

**Status:** 10/8/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 460, Statutes of 2023.

**Location:** 10/8/2023-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Current federal law, the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020, designates the 3-digit telephone number "988" as the universal number within the United States for the purpose of the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system operating through the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, maintained by the Assistant Secretary for

Mental Health and Substance Use, and the Veterans Crisis Line, which is maintained by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Current law creates a separate surcharge, beginning January 1, 2023, on each access line for each month, or part thereof, for which a service user subscribes with a service supplier. Existing law sets the 988 surcharge for the 2023 and 2024 calendar years at \$0.08 per access line per month and beginning January 1, 2025, at an amount based on a specified formula not to exceed \$0.30 per access line per month. Current law authorizes the 911 and 988 surcharges to be combined into a single-line item, as described. Existing law provides for specified costs to be paid by the fees prior to distribution to the Office of Emergency Services. The Miles Hall Lifeline and Suicide Prevention Act creates the 988 State Suicide and Behavioral Health Crisis Services Fund and requires the fees to be deposited along with other specified moneys into the fund. This bill would require an entity seeking moneys from the fund to also include the number of individuals who used the service and self-identified as veterans or active military personnel in its annual expenditure and outcomes report.

Position  
Support

**AB 1328 (Gipson D) Cosmetology Licensure Compact.**

**Status:** 7/14/2023-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). (Last location was B., P. & E.D. on 5/31/2023)(May be acted upon Jan 2024)

**Location:** 7/14/2023-S. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would enact the Cosmetology Licensure Compact, the purpose of which is to facilitate the interstate practice and regulation of cosmetology. The compact would require the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology to grant a multistate license to practice cosmetology to an applicant who meets specified eligibility requirements, including holding an active and unencumbered license to practice cosmetology issued by the board in this state. The compact would require the state to recognize a multistate license issued by each member state as authorizing the licensee to practice cosmetology in this state. The compact would require the board to select a delegate to serve on the Cosmetology Licensure Compact Commission, a joint governmental agency consisting of all member states that have enacted the compact, and would enact specified provisions relating to the establishment, operation, powers, and duties of the commission. The compact would specify procedures for the adoption of rules by the commission for purposes of implementing and administering the compact and would state that the rules of the commission shall have the force of law, except as specified. The compact would require the board to take specified actions relating to the administration and enforcement of the compact, including receiving complaints about individuals practicing cosmetology and communicating investigative information about any adverse action to the other member states through a data system, as specified. The compact would authorize the board to charge a fee to grant a multistate license or for the renewal of a multistate license. The bill would authorize the commission to levy and collect an annual assessment from the state and impose fees on licensees of member states to whom it grants a multistate license to cover the cost of operations and activities of the commission.

Position  
Support

**AB 1350 (Soria D) Veterans: memorials.**

**Status:** 10/10/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 684, Statutes of 2023.

**Location:** 10/10/2023-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Would create the Capitol Park Veterans Memorial Fund. The bill would continuously appropriate the fund to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing memorials in the State Capitol. The bill would make the department responsible for administering the fund. The bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to, in consultation with the California Veterans Board, prioritize memorials that do not have formal support from another body for their maintenance, including, but not limited to, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of General Services to collaborate pursuant to a memorandum of agreement to carry out these provisions.

Position  
Support

**AB 1361 (Hoover R) Property taxation: veteran's exemption: preliminary application.**

**Status:** 10/8/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 473, Statutes of 2023.

**Location:** 10/8/2023-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Current property law, pursuant to the authorization of the California Constitution, provides a disabled veteran's tax exemption on specified property, as described. Current law sets forth procedures to claim property tax exemptions. This bill would authorize a county assessor to provide written or electronic determination of preliminary eligibility for the disabled veteran's tax exemption. The bill would make related findings and declarations. This bill would incorporate additional changes to Section 205.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code proposed by SB 82 to be operative only if this bill and SB 82 are enacted and this bill is enacted last.

Position  
Support

**AB 1452 (Mathis R) State Capitol: Iraq Afghanistan Kuwait Veterans Memorial monument.**

**Status:** 10/7/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 371, Statutes of 2023.

**Location:** 10/7/2023-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Existing law provides for various memorials and monuments on the grounds of the State Capitol. Existing law requires the Department of General Services to maintain state buildings and grounds. This bill would authorize a nonprofit organization representing veterans of the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait in consultation with the Department of General Services, to plan, construct, and maintain a monument to the veterans of the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait on the grounds of the State Capitol. The bill would require the nonprofit organization to submit a plan for the monument to the Joint Rules Committee for its review and approval. The bill would require the monument to be funded exclusively from private sources. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position  
Support

**AB 1462 (Patterson, Jim R) Veteran overdose deaths.**

**Status:** 10/13/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 844, Statutes of 2023.

**Location:** 10/13/2023-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Would require the State Department of Public Health to access data within the electronic death registration system to compile a report on veteran drug overdose deaths in California and require the department to annually provide that report to the Legislature and the Department of Veteran Affairs on or before March 15 each year. The bill would require the report to include a cross-tabulation of the specified data and compare it to the data from the previous year. The bill would also require the California Overdose Surveillance Dashboard to reflect overdose deaths by veterans.

Position  
Support

**AB 1605 (Gallagher R) High schools: military services: United States Space Force.**

**Status:** 9/1/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 142, Statutes of 2023.

**Location:** 8/29/2023-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Current law prohibits each school district offering instruction in any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, that provides on-campus access to employers, from prohibiting access to the military services. Existing law defines "military services" for these purposes to include the United States Army, the United States Navy, the United States Air Force, the United States Marine Corps, the United States Coast Guard, or any reserve component of those federal forces, the National Guard, the State Guard, and the active militia. This bill would additionally prohibit each county office of education and charter school offering instruction in any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, that provides on-campus access to employers, from prohibiting access to the military services. The bill would expressly include the United States Space Force in that definition.

Position  
Support

**AB 1745 (Soria D) Public postsecondary education: veterans: waiver of mandatory systemwide tuition and fees.**

**Status:** 10/10/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 695, Statutes of 2023.

**Location:** 10/10/2023-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** The Donahoe Higher Education Act prohibits campuses of the segments of the public postsecondary education system in the state from charging mandatory systemwide tuition or fees to specified students who apply for a waiver, including a child of any veteran of the United States military who has a service-connected disability, has been killed in service, or has died of a service-connected disability, where the annual income of the child, including the value of any support received from a parent, does not exceed the national poverty level. This bill would instead require that the annual income of the child not exceed the state poverty level, as defined. The bill would also make nonsubstantive changes to provisions relating to this waiver of mandatory systemwide tuition and fees. To the extent these provisions would add additional duties on community college districts, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Position  
Support

**SB 73 (Sevarto R) Employment policy: voluntary veterans' preference.**

**Status:** 7/14/2023-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). (Last location was JUD. on 6/21/2023)(May be acted upon Jan 2024)

**Location:** 7/14/2023-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would enact the Voluntary Veterans' Preference Employment Policy Act to authorize a private employer to establish and maintain a written veterans' preference employment policy, to be applied uniformly to hiring decisions, to give a voluntary preference for hiring a veteran over another qualified applicant. The bill would require a private employer with a

veterans' preference employment policy to annually report to the Civil Rights Department the number of veterans hired under the preference policy and any demographic information about those veterans that the employer obtained in response to the department's reporting requirements. Under the bill, failure to submit that report would render any preference granted by the employer ineligible for the protections provided by this bill. The bill would require the department to report that information, in addition to the number of discrimination claims received based on an employer's veterans' preference employment policy, to specified legislative policy committees by July 1, 2026, and July 1, 2028.

Position  
Support

**SB 82** **(Sevarto R) Property taxation: disabled veterans' exemption: eligibility letters.**

**Status:** 10/11/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 773, Statutes of 2023.

**Location:** 10/11/2023-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Current property tax law provides, pursuant to the authorization of the California Constitution, a disabled veteran's property tax exemption for the principal place of residence of a veteran or a veteran's spouse, including an unmarried surviving spouse, if the veteran, because of an injury incurred in military service, is blind in both eyes, has lost the use of 2 or more limbs, or is totally disabled, as those terms are defined, or if the veteran has, as a result of a service-connected injury or disease, died while on active duty in military service. This bill would require a county assessor to accept an electronically generated letter of service-connected disability, as defined, in lieu of an original letter of service-connected disability, at the discretion of the claimant, for purposes of verifying eligibility for the above-described exemption.

Position  
Support

**SB 228** **(Roth D) Civilian youth opportunities program.**

**Status:** 10/10/2023-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 703, Statutes of 2023.

**Location:** 10/10/2023-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Current law authorizes the Adjutant General to conduct a civilian youth opportunities program, known as the "National Guard Youth Challenge Program," consisting of a residential program and post-residential mentoring to serve at-risk teens in areas of the state, including, but not limited to, the San Joaquin Valley and northern California, as specified. This bill would require the Adjutant General to additionally conduct that program in western Riverside County.

Position  
Support

**SB 289** **(Menjivar D) Identification cards.**

**Status:** 4/28/2023-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was TRANS. on 3/22/2023)(May be acted upon Jan 2024)

**Location:** 4/28/2023-S. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Current law authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue an identification card to an eligible applicant, and requires a fee of \$26 to be paid upon the application to the DMV for the issuance of the identification card, except as specified. Current law prohibits the department from charging a fee for an original or replacement identification card issued to any person who can verify their status as a homeless person or homeless child or youth. This bill would additionally prohibit the department from charging a fee for an original or replacement identification card to an applicant who is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces and can provide the department with a specified veteran verification form.

Position  
Support

**SB 726** **(Archuleta D) Property taxation: exemption: disabled veteran homeowners.**

**Status:** 7/10/2023-July 10 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.

**Location:** 6/21/2023-A. REV. & TAX

**Summary:** The California Constitution provides that all property is taxable, and requires that it be assessed at the same percentage of fair market value, unless otherwise provided by the California Constitution or federal law. The California Constitution and current property tax law provide various exemptions from taxation, including, among others, a disabled veterans' exemption and a veterans' organization exemption. This bill would exempt from taxation, on that part of the full value of the residence that does not exceed \$863,790, as provided, property owned by, and that constitutes the principal place of residence of, a veteran, the veteran's spouse, or the veteran and the veteran's spouse jointly, if the veteran is 100% disabled. The bill would provide an unmarried surviving spouse a property exemption in the same amount that they would have been entitled to if the veteran was alive and if certain conditions are met.

Position

Support

**SB 783 (Archuleta D) Veterans: suicide.**

**Status:** 7/14/2023-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). (Last location was M. & V.A. on 6/8/2023)(May be acted upon Jan 2024)

**Location:** 7/14/2023-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would authorize the Counties of Los Angeles and Nevada to create a veteran suicide prevention training pilot program to offer individuals in each county specialized training and certification in suicide prevention with military-connected populations. The bill would require the program to train individuals to identify indicators of elevated suicide risk and provide emergency crisis intervention and referrals for veterans, as specified.

Position  
Support

**SB 811 (Jones R) Teacher credentialing: Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact.**

**Status:** 7/14/2023-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). (Last location was ED. on 6/15/2023)(May be acted upon Jan 2024)

**Location:** 7/14/2023-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Current law requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to, among other duties, establish standards for the issuance and renewal of credentials, certificates, and permits. Under existing law, California is a party to The Interstate Agreement on Qualification of Educational Personnel, a compact designed to support the movement of teachers and other professional educational personnel among the states party to it, and to authorize specific interstate educational personnel contracts to achieve that end. This bill would ratify the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact, the purpose of which is to facilitate the mobility of teachers across the member states, with the goal of supporting teachers through a new pathway to licensure. The compact would, among other things, require member states, in their sole discretion, to make certain determinations about teacher licensure for teachers from other member states, as provided, and create and establish a joint public agency known as the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact Commission. This compact would only become effective if the compact statute is enacted into law in ten member states, as provided.

Position  
Support

**SB 871 (Archuleta D) Property taxation: homeowners', veterans', and disabled veterans' exemptions.**

**Status:** 9/13/2023-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

**Location:** 9/12/2023-A. DESK

**Summary:** The California Constitution declares that all property is taxable and establishes or authorizes various exemptions from tax for real property, including a homeowners' exemption in the amount of \$7,000 of the full value of a dwelling that may be applied unless the dwelling receives another real property exemption. The California Constitution and existing property tax law establish a veterans' exemption in the amount of \$4,000, as specified, for a veteran who meets certain military service requirements, and generally exempts from property taxation the same value of property of a deceased veteran's unmarried spouse and parents. The California Constitution and existing property tax law establish a disabled veterans' exemption in the amount of \$100,000 or \$150,000 for the principal place of residence of a veteran or a veteran's spouse, as specified. This bill would provide that if Senate Constitutional Amendment 6 is approved by the voters at the statewide general election scheduled for November 5, 2024, then commencing January 1, 2025, notwithstanding that prohibition, the homeowners' exemption also applies to property on which an owner receives the veterans' exemption or the disabled veterans' exemption.

Position  
Support

**SB 873 (Bradford D) Prescription drugs: cost sharing.**

**Status:** 9/1/2023-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/23/2023)(May be acted upon Jan 2024)

**Location:** 9/1/2023-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** This bill, commencing no later than January 1, 2025, would require an enrollee's or insured's defined cost sharing for each prescription drug to be calculated at the point of sale based on a price that is reduced by an amount equal to 90% of all rebates received, or to be received, in connection with the dispensing or administration of the drug. The bill would require a health care service plan or health insurer to, among other things, pass through to each enrollee or insured at the point of sale a good faith estimate of the enrollee's or insured's decrease in cost sharing. The bill would require a health care service plan or health insurer to calculate an enrollee's or insured's defined cost sharing and provide that information to the dispensing pharmacy, as specified. The bill would require the department and the commissioner to submit an annual report on the impact of these provisions to the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature, as specified. The bill would make these provisions inoperative on January 1, 2027. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position  
Support

**SCA 6 (Archuleta D) Property taxation: veterans' exemption.**

**Status:** 9/13/2023-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

**Location:** 9/12/2023-A. DESK

**Summary:** The California Constitution declares that all property is taxable and establishes or authorizes various exemptions from tax for real property, including a homeowners' exemption in the amount of \$7,000 of the full value of a dwelling unless the dwelling receives another real property exemption. If the Legislature increases the homeowners' exemption, the California Constitution requires that the Legislature provide a benefit increase to qualified renters comparable to the average increase in benefits to homeowners. This measure would allow a dwelling that receives the veterans' exemption or the disabled veteran's exemption to also receive the homeowners' exemption. The measure would authorize the Legislature to exempt property eligible for the veterans' exemption in an amount up to the full value of the property. If the Legislature increases the homeowners' exemption, the measure would require that the Legislature provide the same increase in the veterans' exemption, except as limited by the full value of the property.

Position  
Support

