

## California

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**AB 998/AB 2352: Medi-Cal: organ transplants: anti-rejection medication**

This bill would provide that Medi-Cal beneficiaries shall remain eligible to receive Medi-Cal coverage for anti-rejection medication for up to 3 years following an organ transplant, unless during that period the beneficiary becomes eligible for Medicare or private health insurance that would cover the medication.

STATUS: Passed House, in Senate Committee

**AB 2751: An act relating to schools**

This bill would require school districts that offer health classes to grade 9 or 10 pupils to provide at least 15 minutes of instruction on organ procurement and tissue donation that would be designed to develop a knowledge of the potentially lifesaving achievement involved in organ and tissue transplantation.

STATUS: In Committee

**SB 1304: Employment: Leave and Benefits**

This bill would eliminate the requirement that a state employee exhaust all available sick leave prior to being entitled to the above-recited paid leaves of absence. This bill would also require private employers to permit employees to take similar paid leaves of absence for organ and bone marrow donation and require private employers to restore the employee to the same position they had before their leave of absence.

STATUS: Passed Senate, in House Committee

**SB 1395: Relating to organ donation**

Creates a not-for-profit Altruistic Living Donor Registry to allow state residents to identify themselves as potential kidney donors; Changes the language on new/renewal driver's license applications to include language asking the applicant if he or she wants to enroll with the Donate Life California Organ and Tissue Donor Registry and giving the applicant information about the registry, including disenrollment information; Requires the DMV to issue an annual report and quarterly updates on funds collected for the Organ Donor Registry.

STATUS: Passed Senate, in House Committee

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## **HR 31: Relative to the Legislative Task Force on Chronic Kidney Disease**

Resolution requesting the formation of a task force to develop a plan to educate health professionals about advantages and methods of early screening, diagnosis, and treatment of CKD; make recommendations on the implementation of a cost-effective plan for early screening/treatment/diagnosis; study factors contributing to an increasing rate of CKD.

STATUS: In committee

## **SJR 13: Relative to new dialysis clinic licensure and certification.**

Resolution urging the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to adopt regulations, and the Congress and the President of the United States to enact legislation, to improve the system and speed up the process for timely licensure and certification surveys of new dialysis clinics.

STATUS: Adopted

## **SCR 111: California Chronic Kidney Disease Education Week**

This measure would proclaim November 7 through November 13, 2010, as California Chronic Kidney Disease Education Week, and would urge all Californians to familiarize themselves with the causes of chronic kidney disease and the importance of intervention to promote sustained health and a better quality of life.

STATUS: Passed Senate, in House

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