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SP 9: HEALTH CARE SERVICE PLANS.

EXISTING LAW PROVIDES FOR THE MEDI-CAL PROGRAM, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES, PURSUANT TO WHICH MEDICAL BENEFITS ARE PROVIDED TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS AND CERTAIN OTHER LOW-INCOME PERSONS. EXISTING LAW ESTABLISHES, AS PART OF THE MEDI-CAL PROGRAM, THE DENTI-CAL PROGRAM, WHICH PROVIDES DENTAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES.

THIS MEASURE WOULD MEMORIALIZE THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ADEQUATELY FUND THE DENTI-CAL PROGRAM.

VOTE MAJORITY.

SP 9: RELATING TO DENTI-CAL

WHEREAS, LOW-INCOME SENIORS WHO RECEIVE DENTI-CAL BENEFITS ARE LOSING TEETH, SUFFERING INFECTIONS, AND ACCRUING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OF DEBT TO PAY FOR AN ARRAY OF TREATMENTS NOT COVERED BY DENTI-CAL; AND

WHEREAS, DENTAL BENEFITS FOR MANY ADULTS ON MEDI-CAL, WHICH PROVIDES HEALTH COVERAGE FOR LOW-INCOME CALIFORNIANS, DISAPPEARED COMPLETELY FOR FIVE YEARS, BETWEEN 2009 AND 2014; AND

WHEREAS, MEDICARE DOES NOT COVER DENTAL CARE; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, BY THE SENIOR SENATE AND THE SENIOR ASSEMBLY, JOINTLY, THAT THE SENIOR LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AT ITS 2017 REGULAR SESSION, A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS VOTING THEREFOR, HEREBY PROPOSES THAT THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF ADEQUATELY FUNDING THE DENTI-CAL PROGRAM; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE SENIOR LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RESPECTFULLY MEMORIALIZES THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ENACT APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ADDRESS THE CONCERNS SET FORTH IN THIS MEASURE; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS MEASURE BE TRANSMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.