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Assembly Bill No. 2719

CHAPTER 202

An act to amend Section 9015 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to aging.

[Approved by Governor August 24, 2018. Filed with Secretary of State August 24, 2018.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2719, Irwin. Aging.

Existing law requires the California Department of Aging to administer the federal Older American's Act in California and the Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act, and imposes various functions and duties on the department with respect to the administration and development of programs for older individuals. Existing law requires the department, in allocating specified state and federal funding to older individuals, to ensure that priority consideration is given to elderly individuals identified as in greatest economic or social need. Existing law defines "greatest social need" for purposes of the act to mean the need caused by noneconomic factors, that include physical and mental disabilities, language barriers, cultural or social isolation, including that caused by racial and ethnic status, that restrict an individual's ability to perform normal daily tasks or that threaten his or her capacity to live independently.

This bill would revise this definition to include cultural or social isolation caused by sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 9015 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

9015. "Greatest social need" means the need caused by noneconomic factors that restrict an individual's ability to perform normal daily tasks or that threaten his or her capacity to live independently. These factors include physical or mental disability, language barriers, and cultural or social isolation caused by, among other things, racial and ethnic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.