



# GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## Welcome to the Legislative Update for February 23, 2018

This e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep older Arizonans and advocates of aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight federal legislation or activities affecting older Americans. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. The *Legislative Update* is nonpartisan in nature. Be sure to open the links throughout this issue for the latest news.

The Council's **FULL List** of bills is linked [HERE](#). Thank you for your interest!

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## 53<sup>rd</sup> Legislature – 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session

As of **Day 47** of the session, **1,165 bills posted; 2 passed; 2 signed; 116 Memorials or Resolutions posted; 4 passed.**

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**Deadlines: March 23** is the last day for House to consider Senate Bills and Senate to consider House Bills.

**Senate** 2018 Timeline [HERE](#)

**House** 2018 Deadlines [HERE](#)

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**February 28, 2018 is Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the Capitol**

**HCR2031: Alzheimer's awareness day** sponsored by Rep. Heather Carter

<https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/GetDocumentPdf/456774>

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**Updates on some of the bills being tracked by the Council**

**HB2087: family caregiver income tax credit**

*Latest action: 2/20 House Committee of the Whole (COW) approved floor amendment; passed House 45-14; ready for Senate.*

**HB2324: community health workers; voluntary certification** – Amendment [HERE](#)  
*Latest action: 2/21 House approved with Amendment and Floor Amendment; Passed House 56-1; ready for Senate.*

**SB1162: silver alert notification; developmental disability** – allows a Silver Alert to be issued for a missing person with a developmental disability. Senate Engrossed Version of Bill [HERE](#)  
*Hearing in House Government Committee 3/1 at 9:30 A.m. in House Rm. 1*

**SB1204: trusts and estates** – makes changes to procedures governing trusts and probate. 1/30/2018 Senate Fact Sheet [HERE](#) and Senate Engrossed Version of Bill [HERE](#)  
*Latest action: 2/21 referred to House Judiciary and Public Safety*

**SB1377: dental therapy; licensure regulation**  
Senate Engrossed Version of the Bill [HERE](#)  
*Latest action: Senate Committee of the Whole (COW) approved with amendments; passed Senate; ready for House.*

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**TRACKING LIST:** The Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging tracks legislation that has the potential to impact older Arizonans. Those bills are featured in the FULL List. The **FULL List** of bills is linked [HERE](#).

Please be advised that the presence of a bill on a tracking list *does not* represent support or opposition by the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging. It *does* mean that the topic is something that is likely to be of interest or have an impact on older Arizonans. Note: the web report provides you with the current status and upcoming hearing information on all of the bills tracked by the Council and is available and updated on an ongoing basis 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Be sure to click on the bill number for more information. This list will be edited and updated as we have opportunity to get review bills throughout the session. Information about bill status, hearings, etc. is a purchased service provided by *Arizona Capitol Times*.

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If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your Legislators at any time, you may voice your thoughts by contacting the:

- **Governor’s Office of Constituent Services** at 602-542-4331 in Phoenix; 520-628-6580 in Tucson; in-state toll-free at 1-800-253-0883 ( outside Maricopa County only) or email: [engage@az.gov](mailto:engage@az.gov)
- **Legislators** from your area. You can locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature** website and looking for: [Legislative Maps](#)

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**Resources to use**

Arizona State Legislature website: [www.azleg.gov](http://www.azleg.gov)

Need to learn more about the legislative process? See [Arizona Bill](#) or [Bill to Law](#)

Find and review bill information [HERE](#)

Learn about the budget process [HERE](#)

Research the State Constitution [HERE](#)

Learn more at *Frequently Asked Questions* linked [HERE](#)

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**Fiscal News**

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee**

*JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights February 2018* [HERE](#)

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**FEDERAL OVERVIEW**

**Updates**

**H.R.620 ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017**

Introduced on 1/24/2017 by Representative Ted Poe (TX-2) Cosponsors 108

See Summary [HERE](#)

2/15/2018 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

**Newly introduced**

**H.R.5052 To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by establishing safe nurse staffing levels at certain Medicare providers, and for other purposes.**

Introduced on 2/15 2018 by Representative David P. Joyce (OH-14)

2/15/2018 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and Committee on ways and Means

Senate bill: S.2446

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**H.R.1892 Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 – Bill text [HERE](#)**

NCOA - Straight Talk for Seniors®: What the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 Means for Seniors

[HERE](#) and FY19 Aging Program Funding [HERE](#)

**Justice in Aging** summary of major health provisions [HERE](#)

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**Office of Management and Budget - President’s Budget page [HERE](#)**

**National Council on Aging/NCOA**

*Straight Talk for Seniors®: What the Administration’s FY19 Budget Request Means for Seniors*

[HERE](#)

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Check active federal legislation any time [HERE](#)

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**Share your opinions with members of Congress!**

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your Representative or Senators by visiting: <https://www.house.gov/> for the **House** or <https://www.senate.gov/> for the **Senate**.

*Links to the membership lists are provided below.*

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

Contact the **White House**: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact>

ALSO: USA.gov provides information at: <https://www.usa.gov/agencies>

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**IMPORTANT UPDATES**

**From the U.S. Department of Justice**

Justice Department Coordinates Nationwide Elder Fraud Sweep of More than 250 Defendants [HERE](#)

**IRS Scam Alert** – *IRS Urges Taxpayers to Watch Out for Erroneous Refunds; Beware of Fake Calls to Return Money to a Collection Agency* [HERE](#)

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**News & Information**

**Kaiser Health News**

Aging related articles at: <http://khn.org/topics/aging/>

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**National Institute on Aging**

Frequently Asked Questions About Alzheimer’s Disease [HERE](#)

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From the **National Alzheimer’s Project Act** – **What’s New:** [HERE](#)

(be sure to scroll down the page)

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**2017 Alzheimer’s Disease Facts and Figures:** <http://alz.org/facts/>

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**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid**  
New Medicare Card Mailing Strategy information [HERE](#)

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**National Institute on Aging**  
Heart Health [HERE](#)

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**INFORMATION& RESOURCES**  
**Banner Alzheimer’s Institute Caregiver Education Programs: Activities**  
**3/1/2018 from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM**  
**Location: Granite Reef Senior Center**  
1700 N. Granite Reef Rd, Scottsdale AZ  
Classes are free but registration is required. Call 602-839-6850 or email  
[BAIFCS@bannerhealth.com](mailto:BAIFCS@bannerhealth.com)

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**Social Security Retirement planning workshop** free and open to the general public:

**\*Maricopa County White Tank Library, Tuesday, February 27 at 2:30 PM**, 20304 W White Tank Mountain Rd, Waddell, AZ 85355 .The library can be reached at [\(602\) 652-3000](tel:6026523000) . [Register here beginning Jan. 28](#)

**\*Phoenix Agave Library, Tuesday, March 06 at 5:30 PM**, 23550 N 36th Ave, Glendale, AZ 85310 .The library can be reached at [\(602\) 262-4636](tel:6022624636) . [Register here](#)

**\*City of Peoria, Tuesday, March 13 at 5:00 PM**, Public Safety Administration Building 8351 W Cinnabar Peoria, AZ 85345 .The city Planning and Community Development Department can be reached at [623-773-7070](tel:6237737070). Register at [peoriasupport@peoriaaz.gov](mailto:peoriasupport@peoriaaz.gov)

**\*Phoenix Juniper Library, Thursday, March 15 at 5:30 PM**, 1825 W Union Hills Dr, Phoenix, AZ 85027 .The library can be reached at [\(602\) 262-4636](tel:6022624636) . [Register here](#)

**\*Phoenix Desert Broom Library, Tuesday, March 20 at 5:00 PM**, 29710 N Cave Creek Rd, Cave Creek, AZ 85331 .The library can be reached at [\(602\) 262-4636](tel:6022624636) . [Register here](#)

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**Age-Friendly Arizona Presents: Feed Your Mind Webinar Series**  
**March 2, 2018 12:00 – 1:00 pm**  
Learn the Healing Powers of Tai Chi for All Ages

Speaker: Laura Falender, WACOG Area Agency on Aging  
Registration [HERE](#)

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**Social Determinants of Health Conference – Vitalyst Health Foundation**

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**March 27, 2018 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm**  
Desert Willow Conference Center, 4340 E. Cotton Center Blvd., Phoenix AZ  
More information [HERE](#)

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**Arizona Geriatrics Society 2018 Spring Mental Health & Aging Conference**  
*The Impact of Mental Health Aging*, Friday April 6, 2018 at the Viscount Suite Hotel, 4855  
East Broadway Boulevard, Tucson AZ 85711  
More information, agenda and registration: [HERE](#)

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**Arizona Transit Association 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Transit Conference**  
**April 8 – 10, 2018**  
Registration information [HERE](#)

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**In case you missed it last time**

**Kaiser Health News**  
*Changing The Way We Look At Dementia* [HERE](#)  
(Graham, February 8, 2018)  
*Skip The Rocking Chairs For These Rock Stars of Aging* [HERE](#)  
(Horovitz, 2/5/2018)

NOTE: See information on Dementia Friends Arizona and the Alzheimer’s State Plan in this issue.

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**National Council on Aging/NCOA**  
NCOA Expands Network Dedicated to Connecting Seniors to Benefits [HERE](#)

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**Federal Trade Commission warns older adults about romance scammers.** More information

[HERE](#)

Infographic to share [HERE](#)

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Learn more about **Dementia Friends Arizona** efforts [HERE](#)  
**Alzheimer’s State Plan** [HERE](#) & **Calls to Action** posted [HERE](#)  
**Governor Ducey’s Proclamation** regarding **Arizona Alzheimer’s Awareness** [HERE](#)

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**ADOT** brought back the **HURF Exchange Program** that enables Arizona cities, towns, counties to design and build transportation projects using state funding. More information [HERE](#). Did you know **ADOT** offers **Alerts App** and **Daily Digest Bulletin** with latest alerts and news? Learn more at: <http://www.azdot.gov/>.

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**Ongoing Resources**

From the **Governor’s Office**

See the latest news at: **Newsroom:** <http://azgovernor.gov/newsroom>

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**AHCCS News & Updates:**

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/news.html>

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**Arizona Department of Economic Security** Feature Stories [HERE](#)

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**Arizona Attorney General’s Latest News** [HERE](#) and **Senior Resources** [HERE](#)

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**Arizona Department of Health Services**

**Latest News** [HERE](#)

**Public Health Licensing** [HERE](#)

**Arizona Healthy Aging (A- HA)** [HERE](#)

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**Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging/AZ4A**

Map of Regions [HERE](#)

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You can help circulate resource information. If you would like to submit an **educational** or **public service event** for consideration, be sure to send an email with the description and a link or pdf document to: [gaca@az.gov](mailto:gaca@az.gov) Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates and refrain from including marketing or fundraising materials.

If you would like on-going education and public service event information, send a request to be added to the **Aging in Community Committee** of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging at [gaca@az.gov](mailto:gaca@az.gov).

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It is our intent to offer the *Legislative Update* monthly between sessions and every other week during the session. We appreciate your patience with our dated program and formatting issues.

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**Have a good weekend!**  
~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging



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