



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Welcome to an abbreviated issue of the Legislative Update for February 3, 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!

53rd Legislature – 2nd Regular Session

As of **Day 27** of the session, **1,059 bills posted** and **100 Memorials or Resolutions posted; two passed**. See the link to the tracked bills for information on hearings this week and latest actions.

Deadlines: February 5 is the last day for introduction of bills in the House. **February 16** is the last day to hear Senate Bills in the Senate and last day to hear House Bills in the House.

Senate 2018 Timeline [HERE](#)

House 2018 Deadlines [HERE](#)

Special Session Ended January 25, 2018

The Governor signed legislation combating opioid epidemic. News release [HERE](#)

Bill Signing [HERE](#) Full Plan [HERE](#)

Resources to use

Arizona State Legislature website: 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](#)

In case you missed it last time

The Governor released the **FY 2019 Executive Budget** on Friday, January 12; a link to the Executive Budget Summary is provided [HERE](#) and more information can be found at: <https://azgovernor.gov/budget>.

Arizona State Legislature is first in nation with captioning service for the deaf or hard of hearing? See accessibility page at: <https://www.azleg.gov/access-accessibility/> and House press release [HERE](#) for more information.

Updates on a couple of bills being tracked by the Council

HB2324: community health workers; voluntary certification – DHS is required to adopt rules relating to the establishment and administration of a voluntary process for the certification of “community health workers” that includes a list of criteria. Establishes disciplinary action for certificate holders and other penalties for violations. Establishes a nine-member Community Health Workers Advisory Board within the Department to make recommendations to the Department regarding the community health worker requirements, competencies and standards.

Latest action: 2/1 House Health Committee amended. [Amendment](#)

SB1162: silver alert notification; developmental disability Fact Sheet [HERE](#)

Hearing in **Senate Rules on 2/5 at 1:00 pm, Caucus Rm. 1**

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*.

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
- **Legislators** from your area. You can locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature** website and looking for: [Legislative Maps](#)

FEDERAL OVERVIEW

S.2227 EMPOWER Care Act

Ensuring Medicaid Provides Opportunities for Widespread Equity, Resources, and Care Act

Introduced on 12/13/2017 by Senator Rob Portman (R-OH) Cosponsor Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA)

Reauthorizes the Money Follows the Person Demonstration Program – State strategies for transitioning beneficiaries from institutional to qualified community settings. Beneficiaries are aged, physically disabled, intellectually or developmentally disabled or individuals with serious mental illnesses and other targeted waiver beneficiary populations.

Text [HERE](#)

12/13/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

Updates

From the [Elder Justice Coalition](#)

On Monday, January 29, H.R. 3758, the Senior Safe Act of 2017 passed the House of

Representatives. Sponsored by Reps. Kyrsten Sinema and Bruce Poliquin, the bill:

- encourages individuals and financial institutions to report suspected instances of elder fraud, exploitation and financial abuse
- incentivizes firms to train their employees to spot and stop financial fraud
- enables financial services providers (including banks, credit unions, investment advisors, and brokers) to better communicate with law enforcement agencies when they suspect financial fraud and/or exploitation
- grants immunity to those who report suspected abuse to regulators and law enforcement authorities

Sen. Susan Collins has sponsored the SeniorSafe Act in the Senate which has **been** rolled into [other legislation](#). This new bill has passed the Banking Committee and is now awaiting a vote in the full Senate.

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

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>

News & Information

National Institute on Aging

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

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

(be sure to scroll down the page)

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

NASUAD Friday Updates 2/2/2018

National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center Webinar

Tuesday, 3/13 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM EDT

The Memory Ensemble: Using Improvisation to Improve Quality of Life for Persons Living with Dementia [HERE](#)

National Council on Aging/NCOA

Why National Senior Center Accreditation Pays Off [HERE](#)

Kaiser Health News

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

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

Maricopa Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance/MEAPA

Meeting on 2/9 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., Arizona Dept. of Health Services, 150 N. 18th Avenue, 5th floor, Conference Room 540A

Guest Speaker: Adult Protective Services

RSVP to Cyndi.patterson@aaaphx.org

Virtual Dementia Tour

2/16/2018 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe AZ 85282

Program is FREE but registration is required. **Call 480-887-0322** to register.

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

Maricopa County Ed Robson Library, Thursday, February 15 at 1:00 PM, 9330 East Riggs Road, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248 .The library can be reached at [\(602\) 652-3000](tel:6026523000). Seating limited to 100, library allows registration beginning 15 minutes prior to event.

Maricopa County Sun City Library, Tuesday, February 20 at 3:00 PM, 16828 N 99th Ave Sun City, AZ 85351 .The library can be reached at [\(602\) 652-3000](tel:6026523000) . [Register here beginning Jan. 21 at 9am](#)

Oro Valley Library, Wednesday, February 21 at 5:00 PM, 1305 W Naranja Drive Oro Valley AZ 85737 .The library can be reached at [\(520\) 594-5580](tel:5205945580) . [Event details \(registration not required\)](#)

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](#)

Banner Sun Health Research Institute

Dementia Dialogue Webinar

Advocacy & Medical Providers

February 21 from 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Online program, register at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/602501972497017347>

Arizona Transit Association 31st Annual Transit Conference

Registration is Open; More information [HERE](#)

In case you missed it last time

AARP on the signing of the Recognize, Assist, Include, Support and Engage – RAISE Family Caregiver Act [HERE](#)

On January 24, the **U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging** held a hearing: *Turning 65: Navigating Critical Decisions to Age Well* . View the transcripts [HERE](#).

Health Affairs Blog - January 11, 2018

A Study of Family Caregivers Burden And The Imperative Of Practice Change To Address Family Caregivers’ Unmet Needs [HERE](#)

Jill Slaboda, Robin Fail, Gregory Norman, Diane E Meier

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services/CMS

New Medicare cards are coming [HERE](#)

Ongoing Resources

From the **Governor’s Office**

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

#AZAWESOME Shareables: <http://azgovernor.gov/governor/shareables>

AHCCS News & Updates:

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

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

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

Arizona Department of Health Services

Latest News [HERE](#)

Public Health Licensing [HERE](#)

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

Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging/AZ4A

Map of Regions [HERE](#)

Past issues of the *Legislative Updates* are linked on the Council website at:

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/LegUpdates.asp>

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 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.

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.

Enjoy the rest of your weekend!

~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging



If you wish to be REMOVED from or know someone who would like to be ADDED to the Update, please send an email to: gaca@az.gov and ask to be unsubscribed or subscribed to the **Legislative Update**.

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