



# GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## Welcome to the Legislative Update for February 9, 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 33** of the session, **1,164 bills posted; 2 passed; 115 Memorials or Resolutions posted; 3 passed.**

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**Deadlines: 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](#)

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

**HB2471: electronic wills and trusts** - Statutes regulating wills are applied to “electronic wills”. *Hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, Wednesday, 2/14 at 2:00 pm, House Rm. 4*

**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. House Summary 2/2 [HERE](#) *Latest action: 2/5 from House Health Committee amended. [Amendment](#)*

**SB1049 TPT exemption; hearing aid batteries** – list of exemptions from the retail classification of transaction privilege and use taxes is expanded to include batteries used in hearing aids including cochlear implants. *Hearing in Senate Finance Committee on 2/24 at*

8:00 a.m., Senate Rm. 1

**SB1162: silver alert notification; developmental disability** – allows a Silver Alert to be issued for a missing person with a developmental disability. *Latest action: passed Senate 30-0; ready for the House*

**SB1204: trusts and estates** – makes changes to procedures governing trusts and probate. 1/30/2018 Senate Fact Sheet [HERE](#) *Latest action: passed Senate 30-0; ready for the House*

**SB1296: government communications; emergency response interpreters** – requires state, counties and municipalities to ensure that its communications with persons with disabilities, including online communications and emergency communications, are equally as effective as its communications with persons without disabilities. *Hearing in Senate Government Committee on 2/14 at 2:00 pm, Senate Rm. 109*

**SB1377: dental therapy; licensure; regulation** – establishes dental therapy and outlines requirements and permissions for dental therapists. 2/5/2018 Senate Fact Sheet [HERE](#) *Latest action: from Senate Health and Human Services Committee with amendment. [Amendment](#)*

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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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## **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](#)

1/30/2018 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 403

**NOTE:** A vote is planned in the House next week.

### **Newly introduced**

**H.Res.714 Providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 695) to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a national criminal history background check system and criminal history review program for certain individuals who, related to their employment, have access to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes.**

Introduced on 1/29/2018 by Representative Liz Cheney (WY)

Sets forth the rule for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill ( [H.R. 695](#) ) to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a national criminal history background check system and criminal history review program for certain individuals who, related to their employment, have access to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities.

1/30/2018 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection

**H.R.4957 To provide better care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias and their caregivers while accelerating progress toward prevention strategies, disease modifying treatments, and , ultimately, a cure**

Introduced on 2/7/2018 by Representative Linda T. Sanchez (CA-38)

2/7/2018 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and Committee on Ways and Means

**H.R.4952 To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study and submit a report on the effects of the inclusion of quality increases in the determination of blended benchmark amounts under part C of the Medicare program.**

Introduced on 2/6/2018 by Representative Mike Kelly (PA-3)

2/6/2018 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and Committee on Energy and Commerce

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### **Continuing Resolution keeps government funded**

Congress reached an agreement on funding; [H.R.1892](#) passed both chambers this morning and was signed by the President.

See the update included in today’s **NASUAD Friday Updates**

### **Federal Appropriations Update**

On February 7, Republican and Democratic leaders announced an agreement that would raise topline spending levels by approximately \$300 billion over the next two years, with \$128 billion of that being provided to domestic discretionary programs (which is a category that includes the Older Americans Act and many other health and human services programs other than Medicaid/Medicare). While this agreement does not establish funding levels for specific

programs, it does finally resolve the debates around the overall amount of funding and raises the limits placed on funding in the Budget Control Act. This will enable Congress to begin crafting final appropriations bills for the remainder of the fiscal year.

On Friday, February 9, Congress passed another Continuing Resolution (CR) that will fund the federal government through March 23. A final appropriations package that funds the government through the end of the fiscal year (i.e. September 30) will be developed in the interim period and will hopefully be passed before the March deadline.

The CR legislation includes a number of other policy and funding issues beyond an extension of Federal funding, such as disaster relief funding and a permanent authorization of Medicare Special Needs Plans (SNPs). Some of these policies include the "Medicare extenders" which are a group of time-limited policies that Congress extends every several years. Part of these extenders is supplemental funding, originally authorized through the Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) for outreach and enrollment, that is allocated to the National Center for Benefits Enrollment (\$12 million), as well as to SHIPs (\$13 million), ADRCs (\$5 million), and AAAs (\$7.5 million). Assuming that the CR passes, these MIPPA funds will be extended for an additional two years. The CR also contains a requirement for ACL to collect and post information on its website regarding the amount of SHIP funding provided to each state. ACL is also directed to develop additional reporting criteria for states to submit that will also be posted online.

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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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**News & Information**

**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.

**Agging 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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**Federal Trade Commission warns older adults about romance scammers.** More information [HERE](#)

**Infographic** to share [HERE](#)

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**Center on Aging & Work at Boston College**

aging&work: AGenda

***BUFFERS OR BOOSTERS? Human resource management practices shape the way older workers see themselves in the workplace:*** <http://agingandwork.bc.edu/blog/>

2/8/2018 Eduardo Oliveira

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**Governing**

The States and Localities

***Geeks Come to the Government's Rescue*** [HERE](#)

Todd Newcombe / February 2018

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**National Council on Aging/NCOA**

NCOA Expands Network Dedicated to Connecting Seniors to Benefits [HERE](#)

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**INFORMATION& RESOURCES**

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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**Memory Café,**

**February 12, 2018 from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm**

**Tempe Public Library**

3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe 85282

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**Virtual Dementia Tour**

**2/16/2018 1:00 – 4:00 pm**

Offered by HomeWatch Caregivers at the **Pyle Adult Recreation Center**, 655 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe AZ 85282

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

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**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](#)

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### **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>

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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 and register [HERE](#)

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### **From Health Current**

AHCCCS Targeted Investment Program Increases Health Current Participation [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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### **Arizona Transit Association 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Transit Conference**

Registration information [HERE](#)

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### **In case you missed it last time**

**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](#)

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### **National Council on Aging/NCOA**

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

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### **Ongoing Resources**

From the **Governor's Office**

See the latest news at: Newsroom: <http://azgovernor.gov/newsroom>  
#AZAWESOME Shareables: <http://azgovernor.gov/governor/shareables>  
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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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Past issues of the *Legislative Updates* are linked on the Council website at:  
<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/LegUpdates.asp>  
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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



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](mailto:gaca@az.gov) and ask to be unsubscribed or subscribed to the **Legislative Update**.

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