



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING  
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**Welcome to the Legislative Update for March 12, 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 64** of the session, **1,165** bills posted; **2** passed; **2** signed; **118** Memorials or Resolutions posted; **4** passed.

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**Deadlines:** **Friday, 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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**Updates on some of the bills being tracked by the Council**

**HB2324: community health workers; voluntary certification**

*Latest action: Hearing in Senate Commerce and Public Safety 3/12*

**SB1162: silver alert notification; developmental disability**

*Latest action: From House Rules okay*

**SB1204: trusts and estates** – makes changes to procedures governing trusts and probate.

Senate Engrossed Version of Bill **HERE**

Calendar: 3/14 House consent

**SB1296: government communications; emergency response interpreters**

Calendar: Senate Caucus 3/13; Senate Consent 3/14

**SB1377: dental therapy; licensure regulation**

Senate Engrossed Version of the Bill **HERE**

Hearing House Health Committee on 3/15 at 9:00 a.m. House Rm. 4

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ALSO: From the **Arizona Center for Disability Law** – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):  
Service Animals [HERE](#)

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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 continue to be edited and updated 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.4242 VA Care in the Community Act**

Introduced on 11/3/2017 by Representative David P. Roe (TN-1)

H.Rep.115-585 Committee Report [HERE](#)

***Latest action: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 444***

**S.2193 Caring for our Veterans Act of 2017**

Introduced on 12/5/2017 by Senator Johnny Isakson (GA)

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans, and for other purposes

***Latest action: 3/7/2018 By Senator Isakson from Committee on Veterans’ Affairs filed***

*written Report No. 115-212.*

**Introduced**

**H.R.5191**

**To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish Alzheimer’s Disease research, education and clinical centers**

Introduced on 3/7/2018 by Representative Mike Coffman (CO-6)

3/7/2018 Referred to the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

**H.R.5075 Ashanti Alert Act of 2018**

Introduced on 2/20/2018 by Representative Scott Taylor (VA-2)

To encourage, enhance, and integrate Ashanti Alert plans throughout the United States, and for other purposes

3/8/2018 referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations

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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

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

ALSO: USA.gov provides information at: [https://www.usa.gov/ agencies](https://www.usa.gov/agencies)

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**News & Information**

**United States Government Accountability Office - Report to Congressional Requesters**

January 2018

*MEDICAID ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES Improved Federal Oversight of Beneficiary Health and Welfare Is Needed [HERE](#).*

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From **Justice in Aging**

**Issue Brief**

*Health Saving Accounts Won’t Help Most Older Adults [HERE](#)*

**New Resources**

- [2018 Federal Poverty Standards](#), *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (includes 2018 Medicare Savings Programs eligibility criteria)*
- [How Many Seniors Are Living in Poverty? National and State Estimates Under the Official and Supplemental Poverty Measures in 2016](#), *Kaiser Family Foundation*
- [The Financial Burden of Health Care Spending: Larger for Medicare Households than for Non-Medicare Households](#), *Kaiser Family Foundation*

- [The CHRONIC Care Act of 2018: Advancing Care for Adults with Complex Needs](#), SCAN Foundation
- [HHS Approves Sec. 1115 Waiver in Arkansas: Effects on People with Disabilities](#), National Health Law Program

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**Kaiser Health News**

*Never Too Late To Operate? Surgery Near End Of Life Is Common, Costly* [HERE](#) (Szabo, 2/28)

*Doctors Learn How To Talk To Patients About Dying* [HERE](#) (Bailey, 2/12)

**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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From the **Alzheimer’s Association**

**Dementia Care Practice Recommendations** [HERE](#)

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

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From **The Center on Aging & Work at Boston College – FACT OF THE WEEK** March 6, 2018

**Almost half of workers envision a phased transition into retirement**

Among workers aged 18+ participating in the 2017 Transamerica Retirement Survey, 47% “envision a phased transition into retirement during which they will reduce work hours with more leisure time to enjoy life (30%), or work in a different capacity that is less demanding and/or bring greater personal satisfaction (17%). Only 23% expect to immediately stop working when they retire, and 10% are ‘not sure’ 20% plan to continue working as long as possible until they cannot work any more.” (p.45)

Collinson, C. (2017) Wishful thinking or within reach? 3 generations prepare for retirement. Los Angeles, CA: Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies. Retrieved from [this source](#).

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**KFF Henry J Kaiser Family Foundation – Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services: Results From a 50-State Survey of Enrollment, Spending, and Program Policies** [HERE](#).

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From the **NASUAD Friday Updates March 2, 2018**

The History, Evolution, and Future of Medicaid Accountable Care Organizations brief from the Center of Health Care Strategies [HERE](#).

Improving Oral Health Access and Services for Older Adults from the Association of States and Territorial Dental Directors [HERE](#).

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**LeadingAge LTSS Financing Roadmap Calls for Mix of Public and Private Insurance** [HERE](#). Report proposes a “policy roadmap” for financing long-term services and supports.

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News from the **Elder Justice Coalition (EJC)**  
Elder Justice Coalition Calls on Congress To Fund Programs To Stop Elder Abuse  
Letter to the House [HERE](#)  
Letter to the Senate [HERE](#)  
Attorney General Sessions Remarks at the 2018 Elder Fraud Sweep Press Conference [HERE](#)  
Senate Special Committee on Aging March 7 “Stopping Senior Scams” [HERE](#)  
2018 Fraud Book [HERE](#)

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## **INFORMATION & RESOURCES**

### **Social Security Administration and Pima Council on Aging**

**Saturday, March 17, 2018 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm**

2-hour Social Security / Medicare presentation followed by 1 hour Q & A  
Nanini Library, 7300 N. Shannon Rd., Tucson 85741

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

**\*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](#) . [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](#) . [Register here](#)

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### **Banner Sun Health Research Institute**

**Non-Motor Symptoms of Parkinson’s disease, March 20, 2018** from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.,  
10515 W Santa Fe Drive, Sun City, AZ 85351

To register, call **623-832-3248** or online [HERE](#).

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**Free workshops** by the **Sonoran University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities** with the **University of Arizona** addressing identifying and tracking symptoms, the link between Alzheimer’s and Down Syndrome, health care advocacy for adults with IDD and strategies to adapt day-to-day care.

**YUMA - March 28, 2018, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm** , Yuma County Public Health Services District,  
2200 W. 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Auditorium 2 (West Entrance) Yuma AZ 85364

**FLAGSTAFF – April 25, 2018, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm** , Department of Economic  
Security/Division of Developmental Disabilities, 1701 N. Fourth Street, First Floor, Room 30-  
31, Flagstaff AZ 86004

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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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**June 6, 2018 SEAGO Region VI Area Agency on Aging 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Aging, Aging Together “Power of Community”** at Cochise College, Sierra Vista campus, 901 North Colombo Avenue. The event features virtual dementia tours. Space is limited. More information [HERE](#)

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*In case you missed it last time:*

**February 28, 2018 was Alzheimer’s Awareness Day at the Capitol**

**HCR2031: Alzheimer’s awareness day**, sponsored by Rep. Heather Carter, was unanimously adopted by the House. HCR2031 [HERE](#)

Press release [HERE](#)

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**Governor Ducey** updated Autonomous Vehicle Executive Order on Thursday, 3/1  
**EO 2018-04** [HERE](#)

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**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid**

New Medicare Card Mailing Strategy information [HERE](#)

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The **Gerontological Society of America Family Caregiver** webpage [HERE](#)

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From **Justice in Aging**

Congress Continues to Work on Omnibus Funding Package Before March 23rd Deadline  
Last month, Congress reached an agreement on new higher spending limits for discretionary programs in FY18 and FY19 as part of the [Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018](#) (BBA of 2018). The next step is to pass appropriations under those new spending limits or another continuing resolution (CR) before the current continuing resolution expires on March 23rd. Most likely, Congress will craft an omnibus funding package for the remainder of FY18.

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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 Senior*  
[HERE](#)

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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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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 week!**

~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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