



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Welcome to the Legislative Update for June 7, 2018

This brief, overview 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 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.

Between sessions, we strive to offer monthly issues with a focus on information and resources. **Be sure to open the [links](#)** throughout to view the latest news.

Recap of 53rd Legislature – 2nd Regular Session

116 days of the session, **1,206 bills posted; 369 passed; 346 signed; 23 vetoed; 122 Memorials or Resolutions posted; 28 passed.** (*Arizona Capitol Times*)

Tracked bills signed by the Governor

HB2042: insurance coverage; telemedicine; urology – includes urology as part of health care services beginning January 1, 2020; pain medicine and substance abuse as of January 1, 2019

HB2124: life & disability insurance; insolvencies – relating to Life and Disability Insurance Guaranty Fund - House [Summary](#)

HB2149: pharmacies; remote dispensing – includes a remote dispensing site pharmacy where a pharmacy technician or pharmacy intern prepares, compounds or dispenses prescription medications under remote supervision by a pharmacist - Chaptered [Version](#)

HB2168: mobile homes; recreational vehicles; fund – includes an increase for eligible tenant - actual moving expenses of relocating the mobile home increases from five to seven thousand five hundred dollars or from ten to twelve thousand five hundred dollars for a multisection

mobile home - House [Summary](#)

HB2191: military families; assistance; subaccounts – relating to the Military Family Relief Fund - House [Summary](#)

HB2197: health professional; workforce data – adopts rules prescribing the designated database information to be collected by health professional regulatory boards for the health professionals workforce data base - Chaptered [Version](#)

HB2235: dental therapy; licensure – creates new dental provider, includes in relevant Board statutes and permits dental therapist to practice under the direct supervision of a dentist or pursuant to an Agreement for services - Chaptered [Version](#)

HB2256: podiatrists; examination; repeal – Chaptered [Version](#)

HB2317: disability plates; permanent placards – eliminates the renewal process for a permanent disability removable windshield placard - Chaptered [Version](#)

HB2324: community health workers; voluntary certification – defines certified community health worker; outlines role of Director of Department of Health Services, application process for certificate, certification renewal, reasons for suspension, revocation of certificate, disciplinary action, appeal, investigations, fees and what the article does not include - Chaptered [Version](#)

HB2529: assisted living; referrals; disclosure – includes requirements of referral agency to prospective resident or representative of resident at the time or before any referral is made for care at an assisted living facility – Chaptered [Version](#)

HB2549: controlled substances; dosage limits – relating to prescriptions and dosage limitations – House [Summary](#) Chaptered

HB2575: license; nonoperating identification; homeless veterans – relating to homeless veteran identification license – House [Summary](#) Chaptered

HB2588: service animals; misrepresentation – relating to service animal misrepresentation - House [Summary](#) Chaptered

HB2656: electronic wills and trusts – includes requirements for electronic wills, exclusions and requirements for qualified custodians - House [Summary](#) Chaptered

SB1034: sunrise process; committee of reference – relating to committee of reference membership and sunrise process for health professionals - Chaptered [Version](#)

SB1089: purple heart day – Chaptered [Version](#)

SB1162: silver alert notification; developmental disabilities – expands silver alert to include

a missing person who has a developmental disability - Chaptered [Version](#)

SB1204: trusts and estates – relating to probate proceedings and trust instruments - Chaptered [Version](#)

SB1218: developmental homes; licensure; investigations – relating to adult and child developmental home licensure – House [Summary](#) Chaptered

SB1245: appropriation; snap; benefit match; produce – relating to appropriations and DES - Chaptered [Version](#)

SB1287: ADOT revisions – relating to ADOT electronic procedures and expansion of allowable provisions for Director - House [Summary](#) Chaptered

SB1296: government communications; emergency response interpreters – includes requirements of state, cities, towns and counties - House [Summary](#) Chaptered

SB1451: patient referral inducements; prohibited compensation – prohibits person, health care provider, health care facility or sober living home, only when providing or offering substance use disorder services in exchange for any form of compensation, in return for either: referring patients or clients to or from a sober living home or substance use disorder treatment facility; accepting or acknowledging the enrollment of a patient or client for substance use disorder services at a sober living home

SB1504: developmental disabilities rates; appropriations – requires the Legislature to annually adjust the appropriations made in the previous fiscal year to DES to provide DD services for persons whose service costs exceed the current cost-effective study rate; appropriates \$1.1 M from the Special Administration Fund in FY 2019 to DES to provide DD services for persons whose service costs exceed the current cost-effective study rates

Budget

DHS – One-time Alzheimer’s Research funding - \$2 million

AHCCCS – skilled nursing provider rate increase - \$2.7 million

DES – one-time food bank - \$1 million

DES – skilled nursing 3% rate increase (DD) - \$174,200

DES - \$471,000 for aging services

DES – replaced one-time funding from FY2018 with federal support and expands the program (APS) by adding hotline and field staff to fully fund caseload growth demands.

Joint Legislative Budget Committee/JLBC 5/3 House and Senate Approved Budget Bills

report [HERE](#)

ALSO: *JLBC – Monthly Fiscal Highlights May 2018* [HERE](#) and *Arizona Economic Trends May 2018* [HERE](#)

TRACKING LIST: The Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging tracks legislation that has the potential to impact older Arizonans; the bills are found in the FULL List. The **FULL List** from the last session 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 likely to be of interest or have an impact on older Arizonans. Information about bills is a purchased service provided by *Arizona Capitol Times*.

VOTE – 2018 Primary Election – August 18

See the **Arizona Secretary of State** website for federal, state and legislative information [HERE](#)

More elections information [HERE](#)

FEDERAL OVERVIEW

From the **Social Security Administration** – On June 5, the Social Security Board of Trustees released its annual report on the current and projected financial status of the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance (OASDI) Trust Funds. The combined funds are projected to become depleted in 2034, the same as last year, with 79 percent of benefits payable after that time. The DI Trust Fund will become depleted in 2032, extended from last year’s estimate of 2028, with 96 percent of benefits still payable. To learn more, please visit <https://www.ssa.gov/news/press/releases/2018/#6-2018-1>.

Updates

***S.324 State Veterans Home Adult Day Health Care Improvement Act of 2017**

Introduced on 2/27/2017 by Senator Orrin G. Hatch

Enrolled text [HERE](#)

Became public law on 3/27/2018

***H.R.3562 to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish assistance for adaptations of residences of veterans in rehabilitation**

programs under chapter 31 of such title, and for other purposes.

Text [HERE](#)

Became public law 6/1/2018

***S.2372 VA Mission Act**

Introduced on 2/5/2018 by Senator Johnny Isakson (GA)

To establish a permanent community care program for veterans, to establish a commission for the purpose of making recommendations regarding the modernization or realignment of facilities of the Veterans Health Administration, to improve construction of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veteran Affairs relating to the home loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Enrolled bill text [HERE](#)

Became public law on 6/6/2018

***S.2155 Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act**

Introduced on 11/16/2017 by Senator Mike Capo

Enrolled text [HERE](#)

Title III – Protections for veterans, consumers, and homeowners

The bill allows financial institutions and third-party entities to offer training related to the suspected financial exploitation of a senior citizen to specified employees. The bill provides guidance regarding the content, timing, and record-maintenance requirements of such training.

Became public law on 5/24/2018

Recent

S.Res.517 A resolution designating May 2018 as “Older Americans Month”

Introduced by Senator Susan M. Collins (ME)

5/21/2018 Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.

S.2653 Elder Poverty Relief Act

Introduced on 4/12/2018 by Senator Ron Wyden (OR)

To create a poverty relief benefit under title II of the Social Security Act for eligible individuals.

5/12/2018 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

S.2888 Geriatrics Workforce Improvement Act

Introduced on 5/21/2018 by Senator Susan M. Collins (ME)

To amend Title VII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs that support interprofessional geriatric education, training, and advance research to develop a geriatric-capable workforce, improving health outcomes for a growing and diverse aging American population and their families, and for other purposes.

5/21/2018 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R.5912 To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to delay the reduction in Federal

medical assistance percentage for Medicaid personal care services and home health services furnished without an electronic visit verification system, and for other purposes.
Introduced on 5/22/2018 by Representative James R. Langevin (RI-2)
5/22/2018 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

H.R.5684 Protecting Seniors From Opioid Abuse Act
Introduced on 5/7/2018 by Representative Mike Kelly (PA-3)
This bill establishes individuals who are identified as at-risk beneficiaries for prescription drug abuse as qualifying participants in medication therapy management programs under the Medicare prescription drug benefit.
5/9/2018 Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote

H.R.5676 SENIOR Communities Protection Act
Introduced on 5/3/2018 by Representative Thomas MacArthur (NJ-3)
The bill authorizes the suspension of payment to a pharmacy under the Medicare prescription drug benefit and Medicare Advantage prescription drug plans pending the investigation of a credible allegation of fraud by the pharmacy. A fraud hotline tip, without other evidence, may be considered a credible allegation of fraud.
5/16/2018 Ordered to be Reported (Amended by Voice Vote).

H.R.5477 Rural DOCS Act
Introduced on 5/17/2018 by Representative Tom O'Halleran (AZ-1)
The bill requires the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to carry out a demonstration project to provide an enhanced federal matching rate for state Medicaid expenditures related to the expansion of substance-use treatment and recovery services.
5/17/2018 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

Appropriations
H.R.5961 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019
Introduced on 5/24/2018 by Representative Robert B. Aderholt (AL-4)
Text [HERE](#)
Related: S.2976

H.R.2 Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018
5/18/2018 Postponed Proceedings

Hearings
Senate Aging Committee hearing “Preventing and Treating Opioid Misuse among Older Americans” held on Wednesday, May 23
More information [HERE](#)

Active federal legislation: [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>

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

Governing – The States and Localities

2018 State Elections Forecast [HERE](#)

News & Information

June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

USC Center on Elder Mistreatment webpage [HERE](#)

Administration for Community Living overview [HERE](#)

Area Agency on Aging Region One – Break the Silence [HERE](#)

#WeToo Should Report Sexual Abuse

National Council on Aging

New Medicare Card Scams Hit Nationwide [HERE](#)

(Patterson, 5/30/2018)

New research published on NCOA's Aging Mastery Program [HERE](#)

Falls Prevention Awareness Day – September 22, 2018 *information* [HERE](#)

Encore

The U.S. Isn't Just Getting Older. It's Getting More Segregated by Age [HERE](#)

(Marc Freedman and Trent Stamp, Harvard Business Review, 6/6/2018)

Generations United

All In Together: Creating Places Where Young and Old Thrive [HERE](#)

National Institute on Aging

NIH summit delivers recommendations to accelerate therapy development for Alzheimer’s disease [HERE](#)

Getting Your Affairs in Order: Advance Care Planning [HERE](#)

Five Things You Need to Know About Shingles [HERE](#)

Health information in Spanish [HERE](#)

Alzheimer’s Association

2018 Alzheimer’s Disease Facts and Figures: <https://www.alz.org/facts/>

Dementia Care Practice Recommendations [HERE](#)

[Kaiser Health News](#)

The Latest May 30, 2018

‘They Deserve It’: In Foster Homes, Veterans Are Care For Like Family [HERE](#)
(Shallcross, 5/30)

First Edition May 15, 2018

Will We Still Be Relevant ‘When We’re 64’? [HERE](#)
(Jayson, 5/15, 2018)

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

AARP Deaths From Falls by Older Adults Sharply Increase [HERE](#)

(Allen, 5/18/2018)

AARP Public Policy Institute Millennials: The Emerging Generation of Family Caregivers [HERE](#)

(Flinn, 5/22/2018)

National Alzheimer’s Project Act

Nomenclature Plenary Session, Day 3 Review Session, Main Summit Recommendations can be found [HERE](#)

What’s New: [HERE](#) (be sure to scroll down the page)

INFORMATION& RESOURCES

Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council announced a new round of funding for employment projects serving people with developmental disabilities; deadline July 19, 2018. Packet download [HERE](#)

The Arc of Arizona, Future Planning Information Seminars for family members & caregivers – seating is limited

***Tuesday, June 12, 2018**, 4 – 6 pm at Y.E.S. The Arc – Cottonwood

***Tuesday, June 19, 2018**, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, Chandler Gilbert Arc

To register, contact Kristi Short at 602-234-2721

Dementia Friendly Tempe Presents: Return Me Safe

Wednesday, June 13, 2018 from 1 – 2:30 pm, Tempe Public Library, lower level – TLC room, 3500 S. Rural Road

Information on Tempe programs to identify, locate and return a lost person who cannot provide personal information. **Registration required** – call **602-839-6850** or BAIFCS@bannerhealth.com

Honoring a Life: Advance Care Planning Conversations

Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 2 – 4 pm, JFCS of Southern Arizona, 4301 E 5th Street

Call **520-795-0300, Ext. 2271** or email igetter@jfcstucson.org

This fall

AZ4A 2018 Aging Summit: Aging Well in Arizona, Sept. 20-21, 2018

Sheraton Mesa Hotel at Wrigleyville West

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

Stand up to Falls Symposium & Community Education Event, October 26, 2018 from 9 am – 3 pm, Honor Health Cowden Center, 9209 N. 2nd Street, Phoenix

More information [HERE](#)

In case you missed it last time:

Administration for Community Living (ACL) report on the abuse of older adults and adults with disabilities using National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System (NAMRS) data for FY2016 found [HERE](#)

**Kaiser Health News
California Healthline**

Family Caregivers Finally Get A Break - And Extra Coaching [HERE](#)
(Fetterman, 4/30/2018)

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau resources

Free financial education placements to help older adults and their families avoid common financial scams [HERE](#)

National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities/NASUAD

Report on Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) in Medicaid-funded home and community based services system. Access NASUAD report [HERE](#)

Gen2Gen Encore Prize information [HERE](#)

National Council on Aging/NCOA – Looking Beyond LIHEAP: Alternative Sources of Energy Assistance (updated April 2018) [HERE](#)

Ongoing Resources

From the **Governor’s Office**

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

ADOT:

MVD urges Arizonans to consider getting Voluntary Travel I.D. [HERE](#)

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](#)

Plan now for next session

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](#).

Voice your opinion at any time! 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](#)

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 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.

Between legislative sessions, it is our intent to offer the *Legislative Update* monthly.

Have a good summer!

~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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