

## Welcome to the Legislative Update for April 27, 2012

This *abbreviated version* of our e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep Arizona's seniors and advocates for aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight Congressional bills or happenings affecting older Americans. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and to give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. The *Legislative Update* is non-partisan in nature. Thank you for your interest!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 50<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE

#### Budget Announcement

This afternoon, a joint statement by the Governor, the Speaker of the House and the Senate President was issued indicating an agreement on an FY 2013 state budget plan. Check [www.azgovernor.gov](http://www.azgovernor.gov) for posting of the press release.

#### Legislative action

Action has slowed as the session reaches day 110. Since the last report, 103 floor actions were filed; six (6) of those related to legislation tracked by the Council on Aging. At the end of **day 110** of the legislative session, **1395 bills posted; 329 passed; 287 signed** by the Governor; **18 vetoed; 147 memorials or resolutions posted; 43 passed.**

The House and the Senate are adjourned until Monday, April 30th at 1:30 p.m.

#### Fiscal Updates

From the **JLBC - Tracking Arizona's Recovery April 2012:**  
<http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/TrackingAZRecovery0412.pdf>

A comparison in revenue estimates is provided on pages 2 through 4 of the *JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights - April 2012* provided here again at: <http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/mfh-apr-12.pdf>. The JLBC **Comparison of Legislative and Executive Revenue Estimates: Methodology Difference** can be viewed at: <http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/CompLegExecRev.pdf>

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#### Legislation

Administrative and legislative action on some of the bills tracked by the Council on Aging is outlined here with summaries or fact sheets from the Arizona State Legislature.

**H2264: Retirement; ASRS: Employee; Employer Contributions; Rate**, 4/24 Senate Committee of the Whole (COW) approved; passed Senate 28-0; ready for the Governor.

**Senate Summary 4/20:**  
<http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/50leg/2r/summary/s.2264fin.pdf>

**S1388: Return to Work Program**, 4/24 Passed House 36-16; ready for Senate action on House amendments.

Senate Fact Sheet: <http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/50leg/2r/summary/s.1388cc%20memo.pdf>

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Several of the bills this session may be of interest to Arizona seniors and will be tracked by the Council until the Legislature adjourns. These bills appear on the Legislative Update web page. **Please be advised that the presence of a bill on the Council's tracking list does not represent support or opposition by the Council to that bill. It does mean** that the bill topic is something that is likely to be of interest to or have an impact on older Arizonans so the Council has been tracking the bill's progress.

**FULL LIST:** <http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=24822&listid=45455&print=true>

**Note: The FULL LIST website link** above provides you with the current status and upcoming hearing information about the bills being tracked by the Council and **is available and updated on an ongoing basis, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

***This list will continue to be edited as we track actions up through the adjournment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session of the 50<sup>th</sup> Legislature.*** Information about bill status, hearing, etc. is a purchased service provided by the *Arizona Capitol Times*.

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

**Governor's Office of Constituent Services** at 602-542-4331 or toll-free at 1-800-253-0883 (outside Maricopa County only) or you may **contact the legislator from your area.**

You can locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature website** <http://www.azleg.gov/> and looking for: *How do I find My Legislators* or by following the instructions provided at both the **Senate** and **House Member** links at the website.

If you would like to learn more about how a bill becomes law, see these links at the Arizona State Legislature's website: <http://www.azleg.gov/alisPDFs/BillToLaw.pdf> and <http://www.azleg.gov/alisPDFs/hbillaw.pdf>.

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This week, the **U.S. Supreme Court** heard arguments related to Arizona's SB1070. The Court's decision is expected later in June.

**FEDERAL OVERVIEW:**

**H.R.4846**

To prevent mail, telemarketing, and Internet fraud targeting seniors in the United States, to

promote efforts to increase public awareness of the enormous impact that mail, telemarketing, and Internet fraud have on seniors, to educate the public, seniors, their families, and their caregivers about how to identify and combat fraudulent activity, and for other purposes.

Introduced on 4/26/2012 by Representative Tammy Baldwin (WI-2)

On 4/26/2012, referred to House Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

Note: posting of legislative text on Thomas is pending.

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**NOTE:** If you want information specific to a bill, go to the Thomas website <http://thomas.loc.gov/> and enter the bill number or title under *Search Bill Summary & Status*.

### **Share your opinions with your Congressional Members!**

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your congressional representatives by visiting: <http://www.house.gov/> for the **House** or <http://www.senate.gov/> for the **Senate**. Links to the membership lists include: <http://www.house.gov/representatives/> for the **House** and [http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm) for the **Senate**.

**You can contact the White House** at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>.

A compilation of contact information is provided at: <http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>.

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### **OTHER NEWS**

**National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is tomorrow, April 28<sup>th</sup>**. Locations are posted at: <http://www.dea.gov/> at this webpage: [http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback/index.html](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html)

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**U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)** announced options for community care: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/04/20120426a.html>

**Independence at Home Demonstration Fact Sheet April 2012:**  
<http://innovation.cms.gov/Files/fact-sheet/IAHfactsheet.pdf>

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**National Council on Aging - NCOA** presentations from the **2012 ASA Aging in America Conference** are available for download at:

[http://www.ncoa.org/about-ncoa/conferences/ncoa-2012-sessions.html?utm\\_source=NCOAWeek\\_120424&utm\\_medium=newsletter&utm\\_campaign=NCOAWeek](http://www.ncoa.org/about-ncoa/conferences/ncoa-2012-sessions.html?utm_source=NCOAWeek_120424&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=NCOAWeek)

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**From the Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Arizona:**

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/GACA/Newsletter/2012/SocialSecurityColumn.pdf>

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

To view the ***Fact of the Week*** regarding the percentage of older adults 50 – 64 years of age who are uninsured as well as archived Facts & Literature, go to:

[http://www.bc.edu/research/agingandwork/facts.html?utm\\_source=Huong+fact\\_of\\_the\\_week\\_else+12-04-23&utm\\_campaign=FOTW+12-04-23+ELSE&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.bc.edu/research/agingandwork/facts.html?utm_source=Huong+fact_of_the_week_else+12-04-23&utm_campaign=FOTW+12-04-23+ELSE&utm_medium=email)

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**INFORMATION & RESOURCES:**

**WHAT: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Geriatrics Society Spring Geriatric Multi-Disciplinary Conference** --"*EXPANDING YOUR GERIATRIC TOOLBOX: Brief Screening Tools for Use at Bedside or in Clinic*"

**WHEN: Four Saturday Half-Day Conferences:**

**May 5 Yavapai College, Prescott AZ**

**May 12 (morning) Banner Boswell Medical Center, Sun City, AZ**

**May 12 (afternoon) Banner Desert Medical Center, Mesa, AZ**

**May 19 University of Arizona Medical Research Building, Tucson, AZ**

For more information or to register for the conference, visit the AzGS website ([www.arizonageriatrics.org](http://www.arizonageriatrics.org)) mail or fax the registration form or call the AzGS office at (602) 265-0211. The conference brochure is provided at:

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/Newsletter/2012/AZGSConfBrochure041212.pdf>

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**WHAT: safeTALK suicide alertness for everyone**

**WHEN: May 24, 2012**, 8:30 to 11:30 am, Pima Council on Aging, 8467 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson, AZ

For more information including pre-registration instructions, go to:  
<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/Newsletter/2012/SafeTalkFlyerMay2012.pdf>

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**Updated News**

**WHAT: 2023 Behavioral Health & Older Adults Conference** *Trends, Issues, Solutions*

**WHEN: June 15, 2012**, 8 am to 5:00 pm, Casino Del Sol Convention Center, 5655 W. Valencia Road, Tucson AZ 85757

For more information: <http://www.azgovernor.gov/GACA/Newsletter/2012/BHOAConfBrochure2012.pdf>

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**Mark your calendar for later this summer and fall**

**WHAT: Arizona Senior Center Association (ASCA) Annual Conference**

**WHEN: Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**, Prescott Resort

For more information, visit the ASCA website:  
<http://www.arizonaseniors.net/>

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**WHAT: 21<sup>st</sup> Annual NACOG AAA Conference** *Creating Caring Communities: Hope For The Challenges Ahead*

**WHEN: Thursday, October 4, 2012**, 8 am to 5 pm, The High Country Conference Center, 201 W. Butler Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Information posted at: <http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1055873>

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Just in case you're interested

Back issues of the **Legislative Updates** are linked on the Council website at:  
<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/LegUpdates.asp>

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If you would like to submit an educational or public service event for consideration, be sure to send an email with the description to: [gaca@az.gov](mailto:gaca@az.gov). Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates.

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**Enjoy your weekend!**

**~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging**