



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Welcome to the Legislative Update for Friday, March 25, 2016

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 non-partisan in nature.

Note: to get the most from this report, be sure to open the links throughout this issue for the latest news and information. Thank you for your interest!

Today's brief issue provides some highlights for your review.

Federal News

On Monday, March 21, the **House of Representatives passed S.192, the Older American Act (OAA) Reauthorization Bill.**

A link to the Text (Engrossed Amendment House 3/21/2016) provided [HERE](#)

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities/NASUAD statement provided [HERE](#)

52nd Legislature, 2nd Regular Session

Floor actions have slowed since the last legislative deadline. FY2017 budget debate is expected as the session reaches day 75. Both the House and Senate are adjourned until Monday, March 28 at 1:30 p.m.

88 bills have passed and 73 have been signed by the Governor.

Those bills signed by the Governor and tracked by the Council include the following.

HB2461: lifespan respite care; program termination – continues the Lifespan Respite Care Program through July 1, 2025.

On Thursday, **Governor Ducey signed HB2442: behavioral health; urgent need; children.**

The [press release](#) (and other news) can be found at the Governor's website:

<http://azgovernor.gov/newsroom>.

A link to the **Governor's statement** about Tuesday's voting is provided [HERE](#).

Please note the Council tracks legislation that has the potential to impact older Arizonans. All of the bills tracked this session can be found on the **FULL List** web report provided [HERE](#). (Be

sure to view the recent action for these bills and click on the bill numbers for more information including bill versions, adopted amendments, proposed amendments, votes, fact sheets and more.)

Recent action from the tracking list

SB 1161: corporation commission; searchable database; appropriation – **strike everything amendment** proposed: elderly assistance fund; primary school district tax reduction; definition; amendment found [HERE](#).

SB1283: controlled substances prescription monitoring program – requires medical practitioners to obtain a patient utilization report from the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program’s central database tracking system before prescribing an opioid analgesic or benzodiazepine controlled substance listed in schedule II, III or IV. 3/28 House Third Reading

SB1293: mediation; confidential communications; exception – permits court-appointed mediators to disclose specific information if they reasonably believe that a minor or *vulnerable adult* is the victim of abuse, physical injury, neglect or a reportable offense. Recent action: 3/24 from House rules okay. House Committee of the Whole approved with floor amendment [HERE](#).

SB1316: flexible credit loans; regulation - establishes flexible credit loans, regulated by the Arizona Department of Financial Institutions (DFI). Recent action: 3/21 passed House 31-26; ready for Senate action on House amendments.

SB1382: committee of reference; standing committee – **strike everything amendment** proposed: **service animals; handler control** modifies statutes relating to service animals in a public place and establishes penalties for fraudulently claiming to be the owner or trainer of a service animal. Amendment found [HERE](#).

SB1441: long-term insurance; rates; premium – **striker amendment adopted: premiums; rates; long-term care insurance** - House Insurance Committee adopted amendment [HERE](#).

HB2099: developmental disabilities; terminology settings – Recent action: passed Senate 29-0; ready for House action on Senate amendments.

HB2667: dental care; treatment; volunteer care – expands immunity from liability in a medical malpractice action to dental professionals providing services in connection with a nonprofit clinic. HB2667 scheduled in Senate Rules on 3/28 at 1:00 p.m., Senate Caucus Rm. 1.

DON'T FORGET!

You can find and watch Live Proceedings at:

http://azleg.granicus.com/Mediaplayer.php?publish_id=5

If you wish to sign in from home and register a position on any bill shown on an Agenda (whether or not you wish to speak), you must first sign in at any of the kiosks located outside the committee rooms located on the first floor of either the House or the Senate (1700 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007) the first time you use the Request to Speak.

Arizona State Legislature ALIS Today calendar [HERE](#)

House agendas [HERE](#)

Senate agendas [HERE](#)

Deadlines

Senate [2016 Session Timeline](#)

[House Important Deadlines](#)

Members of the House of Representatives and Senate are listed on the Arizona State Legislature website at the following links if you wish to contact them by phone or email.

Members of the [House](#)

Members of the [Senate](#)

Summary of Action

As of day 75, 1,219 bills posted; 88 passed and 73 signed; 108 memorials or resolutions have been posted; eight (8) have passed. Note: some of these bills may be of interest to older Arizonans and are tracked by the Council on Aging and appear on the *Legislative Update* web report. 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 to or have an impact on older Arizonans.

FULL List web report provided [HERE](#).

Note: the web report provides you with the current status information on bills and is available and updated on an ongoing basis 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This list is being condensed to reflect those aging-related bills still moving forward. Information about bill status, hearings, etc. is a purchased service provided by *Arizona Capitol Times*. If you know of someone who would appreciate receiving this information, encourage them to subscribe to the *Legislative Update* by sending a request to gaca@az.gov.

Share your thoughts!

If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your Legislators, 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 and in-state toll-free at 1-800-253-0883 (outside Maricopa County only) or
- **Legislators** from your area. You can locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature** website and looking for: [How Do I Find or Contact my Legislators?](#)

Not sure about your congressional or legislative district? Maps can be found on the Arizona State Legislature website linked [here](#).

Other resources on the www.azleg.gov website

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](#).

FEDERAL OVERVIEW

More information will be provided next week.

Share your opinions with members of Congress!

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your Representatives or Senators by visiting: <http://www.house.gov/> for the **House** or <http://www.senate.gov/> for the **Senate**.

Links to the membership lists are provided below.

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

You can contact the White House at this [link](#).

ALSO: A compilation of contact information is provided at:

<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>.

NEWS& RESOURCES

From **Kaiser Health News**

KHN's Aging coverage at: <http://khn.org/topics/aging/>.

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Alzheimer's website: <http://www.alzheimers.gov/>

National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease updated information can be found at:

<http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/>.

Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's & Dementia Policy Forum

Report on milestones for care and support under the U.S. National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease [HERE](#).

From the **National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities/NASUAD**

Friday Updates, March 25, 2016

Webinar: Opening an Adult Day Center: The Facts You Need to Succeed

The National Adult Day Services Association (NADSA) is hosting a webinar on the facts needed to successfully open an Adult Day Center. If you've been thinking about starting your own adult day center, this is an excellent opportunity for you! Join NADSA for the upcoming webinar, "Opening an Adult Day Center: The Facts You Need to Succeed." "Adult day expert, Beth Meyer-Arnold, will walk you through what it takes to open and run an adult day center successfully. Gain valuable insight on savvy strategies, things to avoid, and best practices. This webinar will help you to explore this growing service sector to decide if opening an adult day center is right for you. Save time and money by planning ahead thoroughly and practically. The webinar will take place on Thursday, March 31, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

Webinar: Mobile Apps for Community & Police to Assist Vulnerable Adults

The National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center is hosting a technical assistance (TA) webinar titled "Mobile Apps for the Community and Law Enforcement to Assist Vulnerable Adults." Participants who attend this webinar will learn about the development and implementation of two mobile applications that are designed to assist vulnerable adults who live

alone. The presenters for this webinar are David Cardell, founder, EyeOn App; Sarah Ekart, Aging and Disability Resource Connection Options Counseling Specialist, DHS Division of Aging Services, Georgia; and Sharee Rines, trainer, policy writer, Georgia Adult Protective Services. The webinar will be recorded for those who are unable to attend. The webinar will take place on Thursday, April 14, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

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

AGenda Aging & Work Blog

Building Usability: 3 ways for employers to create a supportive environment for working caregivers provided [HERE](#).

In case you missed it last time...

From **Kaiser Health News**

Report Details Senior Health Care That Misses The Mark [HERE](#).

Long Term Care Insurance: Less Bang, More Buck [HERE](#).

Coinsurance Trend Means Seniors Likely To Face Higher Out-Of-Pocket Drug Costs, Report Says is linked [HERE](#).

Managing Depression A Challenge In Primary Care Settings, Study Finds [HERE](#).

INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

Arizona's 29th Annual Transit Conference presented by AzTA & ADOT

April 10-12, 2016, High Country Conference Center at Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff AZ

Information & registration [HERE](#).

Arizona Geriatrics Society 9th Annual Spring Geriatric Mental Health and Aging Conference

Friday, April 15, 2016, Plaza Arboleda Conference Center, 2502 North Dodge Boulevard, Tucson AZ

More information is provided [HERE](#).

Early Registration Ends March 31st

Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging/AZ4A 2016 Aging Summit

May 19-20, 2016, High Country Conference Center, 201 West Butler Avenue, Flagstaff AZ

Information and register online [HERE](#)

The **Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council** hosted a webinar featuring panelists who tackled the disability topic of service animals. If you missed the presentation, you can view the presentation at: <https://addpc.az.gov/about/videos-newsletters>.

If you're interested

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 fundraising or marketing materials.

Enjoy 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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