

Welcome to the Legislative Update for April 23, 2010

This 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. This 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!

GENERAL OVERVIEW

While more than 364 floor actions occurred this week at the Legislature, the passing of SB 1070: Safe Neighborhoods; Immigration; Law Enforcement received the bulk of attention. A link to the summary/fact sheet of the legislation as presented to the Governor and posted at the Arizona State Legislatures website is provided here:

http://www.azleg.gov/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/legtext/49leg/2r/summary/h.sb1070_04-19-10_astransmittedtogovernor.doc.htm

This afternoon, Governor Brewer signed SB 1070. The Governor's statement regarding the bill is linked here:

http://www.azgovernor.gov/dms/upload/PR_042310_StatementByGovernorOnSB1070.pdf

Executive Order 2010-09 Establishing Law Enforcement Training for Immigration Laws:

http://www.azgovernor.gov/dms/upload/EO_042310_EO201009SB1070.pdf

The AzPost Board of Directors referenced in the news conference and press release is found here:

http://www.azgovernor.gov/dms/upload/PR_042310_AZPOSTBoardDirectors.pdf

Also in the news - SB 1043 Strike-Everything Amendment to restore KidsCare statutes repealed by Laws 2010, 7th Special Session. An outline by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee is provided at:

<http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/SB1043amendsumm.pdf>

As the final legislative session deadline looms, the following actions were filed on legislation tracked by the Council:

HB 2242: Reverse Mortgages; Regulations; 4/20 House concurred in Senate amendments and passed on the final reading; ready for the Governor.

HB 2425: Vulnerable Adults; Attorney Fees; 4/16 signed by the Governor.

HB 2426: Adult Guardianship & Protective Proceedings; 4/20 signed by the Governor.

HB 2469: Certified Medication Assistants; 4/19 signed by the Governor.

Note: You can find agendas for hearings and check to see if times have changed or committees have been cancelled at the Arizona State Legislature website link:

Committee Agendas:

<http://www.azleg.gov/CommitteeAgendas.asp?Body=&ShowAll=ON>

At the end of day 103 of the 2010 Arizona Legislative Session: 1,232 bills posted, 165 memorials or resolutions posted, 216 bills passed, 113 signed, three (3) vetoed and 20 memorials/resolutions passed.

Both the House and the Senate are adjourned until Monday, April 26, 2010.

This week: **April 20th** marked the 100th day of session which by House and Senate rule sine die would be April 24. However, leadership can extend the session, and the extension requires a majority vote in each house.

To view the legislation tracked by the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging, click on the list below:

FULL LIST:

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=24520&listid=40701&print=true>

Note: *This list contains many bills that haven't seen action, and while nothing is dead until the Legislature finally adjourns sine die, the chances for the bills passage are poor.*

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. Information about bill status, hearing, etc. is a purchased service provided by the *Arizona Capitol Times*.

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 Arizona seniors so the Council is tracking the bill's progress.

If you have a particular perspective to share, you can voice your opinions to:

The **Governor's Office of Constituent Services** at **602-542-4331** or toll-free at **800-253-0883**

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.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION:

H.R.4689

Title: National Alzheimer's Project Act

Introduced on 2/25/2010 by Representative Edward J. Markey (MA-7), the bill has 40 cosponsors.

The purpose of the Act is to establish the Office of the National Alzheimer's Project in the office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services

The Office will:

- Accelerate the development of treatments that would prevent, halt, or reverse the course of Alzheimer's;
- Be responsible for the creation and maintenance of an integrated national plan to overcome Alzheimer's;
- help to coordinate the health care and treatment of citizens with Alzheimer's;
- Ensure the inclusion of ethnic and racial populations at higher risk for Alzheimer's or least likely to receive care, in clinical, research, and service efforts with the purpose of decreasing health disparities in Alzheimer's;
- Coordinate with international bodies to integrate and inform the fight against Alzheimer's globally; and
- Provide information and coordination of Alzheimer's research and services across all Federal agencies.

The Director of the Office will be appointed by the President.

General Duties of the Director:

- oversee the creation and updating of the national plan described in subparagraph
- use discretionary authority to evaluate all Federal programs around Alzheimer's, including budget requests and approvals; and
- prepare and submit to the President the annual budget estimate for the Office.

National Plan - the Director of the Office will carry out an annual assessment of the Nation's progress in preparing for the escalating burden of Alzheimer's, including both implementation steps and recommendations for priority actions based on the assessment.

Service by Director - the Director of the Office will serve on the advisory board of the Office of Science and Technology to promote research efforts into mechanisms to

slow and stop the development of Alzheimer's for those at risk of developing the disease.

Advisory Council- there is established in the Office an Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research and Treatment (referred to in this Act as the `Advisory Council').

Federal Members:

- A designee of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- A designee of the Administration on Aging.
- A designee of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
- A designee of the Indian Health Service.
- A designee of the Office of the Director of the National Institutes of Health.
- The Surgeon General.
- A designee of the National Science Foundation.
- A designee of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Nonfederal Members - the Advisory Council will include 12 expert members from outside the Federal Government, which include:

- Two (2) Alzheimer patient advocates;
- Two (2) Alzheimer caregivers;
- Two (2) health care providers;
- Two (2) representatives of State health departments;
- Two (2) researchers with Alzheimer-related expertise in basic, translational, clinical, or drug development science; and
- Two (2) voluntary health association representatives, including a national Alzheimer's disease organization that funds research and has demonstrated experience in care and patient services, and a State-based advocacy organization that provides services to families and professionals, including information and referral, support groups, care consultation, education, and safety services.

Meetings

- The Advisory Council will meet quarterly and meetings will be open to the public.
- The Advisory Council shall advise the Director of the Office
- The Advisory Council shall provide to the Director of the Office:
(A) recommendations for information to be included in the annual report to Congress by the Office; and
(B) an annually updated national plan.

Annual Report- The Director of the Office shall submit to Congress:

- an annual report that includes an evaluation of all nationally and federally funded efforts in Alzheimer's research, clinical care, institutional, and home- and community-based programs and their outcomes; and
- an annually updated national plan.

Sunset - The Office shall expire on December 31, 2025.

On 2/25/2010, the bill was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Related legislation includes S. 1555 and S.3036.

If you want more information specific to any bill, go to the Thomas website <http://www.thomas.gov/> and enter the bill number or description under *Search Bill Summary & Status*.

Contact Your Congressional Member: If you are interested in Congressional bills or wish to share your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your congressional representatives by visiting: <http://www.house.gov/> for members of the House or <http://www.senate.gov/> for members of the Senate.

Other News:

May is Older Americans Month and Governor Brewer has issued a proclamation recognizing older adults in Arizona as among our most treasured resources. The Governor's Office on Aging and the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging invite you to join in the celebration and recognition of older Arizonans and offer this **link to the proclamation:**

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/Newsletter/2010Proc.pdf>

National Governors Association's Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) recently released **Maximizing the Potential of Older Adults: Benefits to State Economies and Individual Well-Being** which recognizes many aspects of Arizona's Mature Workforce Initiative and work being done through the Mature Workforce Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging as well as the Council's partners. The brief is linked here:

<http://www.nga.org/Files/pdf/1004OLDERADULTS.PDF>

Kaiser Health News (program of the Kaiser Family Foundation) offers a few ideas on the potential impact of the Community Living Assistance Service and Supports (CLASS) Act to Baby Boomers' long-term care planning. For more information:

<http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Checking-In-With/Jim-Firman.aspx>

Information & Resources:

Remaining Public Forums for the 2011-2013 State Plan on Aging

Tuesday, 4/27/2010; 11 am to 12:00, Thorpe Park Senior and Community Center, 245 Thorpe Road, **Flagstaff**, AZ

Thursday, 4/29/2010; 11:30 am to 12:30 pm; Holiday Inn, 777 N. Pinal Avenue, Pinal-Gila Elder Abuse Conference, **Casa Grande**, AZ

For more information, contact **Tammy Frazee** at **602-542-2895**

WHAT: Celebration of Native American Art *provided by* Banner Alzheimer's Institute in collaboration with the Heard Museum in Phoenix

WHEN: Thursdays May 6th, May 27th and June 10th from 1 to 2:30 pm, Heard Museum, 2301 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix AZ

For more information:

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

WHAT: Mental Health America of Arizona 21st Annual Seeds of Success Symposium; Therapeutic Jurisprudence: The Arizona Experience

WHEN: May 14, 2010, 8 am to 4:30 pm; Crowne Plaza, 2532 W. Peoria Avenue, Phoenix AZ

For more information:

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

WHAT: ASIST Workshop/Applied Suicide intervention Skills Training

WHEN: May 18 and 19, 2010, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Area Agency on Aging, Region One, 1366 East Thomas Road, Suite 108, Phoenix AZ

For more information, including registration information, go to:

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/Newsletter/2010ASISTFlyer.pdf>

WHAT: Arizona Military Women's Conference

WHEN: May 21 and 22, 2010 Sheraton Crescent Hotel, Phoenix AZ

Registration and other information available at:

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/Newsletter/2010AdvisoryWomenConf.pdf> or <http://www.azdvs.gov/>. *Deadline to register is May 1, 2010*

The Governor's Office on Aging is pleased to be a Co-Sponsor of new afternoon community sessions for persons in early stage and/or caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease at the **Arizona Alzheimer's Consortium 2010 Annual Conference.**

WHEN: Friday, May 21, 2010 , 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa, 9495 W. Coyotes Blvd., Glendale AZ

Due to overwhelming response to last year's conference, **registration for this free event is encouraged as soon as possible!**

Register online at <http://www.azalz.org/> or call 480-440-7177

If you would like to submit an educational or public service event for consideration, you can do so by sending an email with the description to: gaca@az.gov . Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates.

Thank you and have a good week!

~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging