

Welcome to the Legislative Update for March 15, 2013

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. 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!

First Regular Session of the 51st Legislature

Since last Friday, March 8th, 343 floor actions filed; at least 48 of those related to legislation tracked by the Council on Aging. (See **FULL LIST** link)

News this week

A link to the Governor's press release regarding Medicaid restoration is provided [here](#). A link to the draft legislation is provided [here](#). A hearing is scheduled in the House Appropriations Committee on 3/20 at 2 pm.

All committee agendas (House, Senate, Joint Legislative Budget Committee or JLBC) are posted at this [link](#). All Floor Calendars are linked [here](#). Standing Committees and their members are listed at this [link](#).

Check the Senate and House daily posting sheets regarding actions taken provided [here](#).

2013 Session Timeline

Friday, March 22nd is the last day to hear Senate Bills in House Committees and the last day to hear House Bills in Senate Committees.

Legislation

Legislative action and hearings taking place on *some* of the bills tracked by the Council on Aging are outlined here with fact sheets or summaries from the Arizona State Legislature, when available. Note: you can view summaries provided by *Arizona Capitol Reports-LOLA* on the FULL LIST report provided at the link later in this issue.

S1341: vulnerable adults; financial exploitation, 3/14 from House Reform & Human Services with amendment; Fact sheet:
http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/summary/h.sb1341_03-14-13_caucuscow.pdf

Hearings next week:

H2407: qualified immunity; nonprofit clinics, 3/18 Senate Judiciary Committee, Senate Rm. 1

House Engrossed Version:

<http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/bills/hb2407h.pdf>

H2426: mobile dentistry, 3/20 Senate Commerce, Energy & Military 9 am, Senate Rm. 1;

House Engrossed Version:

<http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/bills/hb2426h.pdf>

H2484: veterans; hiring preference; tax credit, 3/20 Senate Finance 2 pm, Senate Rm. 3 and Senate Government & Environment, **3/21** Senate Rm. 3

House Engrossed Version:

<http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/bills/hb2484h.pdf>

S1090: dependent children; placement; grandparents; stipend, 3/20 House Appropriations, 2 pm, House Rm. 1

House Summary:

http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/1r/summary/h.sb1090_03-01-13_rhs.pdf

REMINDER: Bill summaries, actions, hearings and other information are all provided on the legislation tracked by the Council at the **FULL LIST** link provided below.

As of **day 61, 1,145 bills posted, ten bills passed; two (2) bills signed; 70 memorials or resolutions posted and four (4) passed.** Some of these bills may be of interest to Arizona seniors and are being tracked by the Council and appear on the **Legislative Update** web report pages.

Many of the 105 bills that have been tracked by the Council on Aging since the start of this legislative session appear to be "dead," so we have established a **SHORT LIST** of bills we're tracking for quick reference.

Please be advised that the presence of a bill on the Council's tracking lists does not represent support or opposition by the Council to that bill. It **does** mean that the bill is likely to be of interest to or have an impact on older Arizonans so the Council is tracking the bill's progress.

FULL LIST:

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=24960&listid=47124&print=true>

SHORT LIST:

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25113&listid=48764&print=true>

Important to note: The *web reports above* provide you with the current status and upcoming hearing information about bills being tracked by the Council and are **available and updated on an ongoing basis, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This list will continue to be edited as the session progresses.** Information about bill status, hearing, etc. is a purchased service provided by the **Arizona Capitol Times.**

Both the Senate and the House are adjourned at this time until Monday, March 18, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

If you want to learn more about the legislative process, see [Arizona Bill](#) and **From Idea To Bill To Law, The Legislative Process in Arizona** linked [here](#).

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 **contacting your legislator from your area**...locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature website** 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.
- **District maps** can be found [here](#).

FEDERAL OVERVIEW:

S.448

Seniors’ Tax Simplification Act of 2013

Introduced on 3/15/2013 by Senator Marco Rubio (FL)

Intent: To allow seniors to file their Federal income tax on a new Form 1040SR.

On 3/5/2013 referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Related bill: H.R.38

S.562

Seniors Mental Health Access Improvement Act of 2013

Introduced on 3/14/2013 by Senator Ron Wyden (OR)

Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

(Text of legislation pending)

In case you missed this in earlier issues:

The Administration for Community Living Estimates of Sequester Impact for State Formula Grant Programs Under the Older Americans Act is linked [here](#). The **NASUAD National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities FAQ: Sequestration and the States** is linked [here](#).

Legislation related to the Continuing Resolution which is set to expire 3/27

***H.R.933**

Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013

Introduced by Representative Harold Rogers (KY-5)

3/14/2013 Considered by Senate

Related bills: H.RES.99, S.444

***U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations press release is linked [here](#)**

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.

Another resource

Congress.gov United States Legislative Information:
<http://beta.congress.gov/>

Share your opinions with members of Congress!

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 are provided below.

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

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

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

OTHER NEWS

National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease

The latest information is posted at this [link](#). (Be sure to scroll up to the top of the page for current information.)

From the **NCOA National Council on Aging**

SNAP Shots Maximizing the SNAP Medical Expense Deduction for Older Adults fact sheet is linked [here](#). ***Eating Well as You Age*** is linked [here](#).

From the **Sloan Center on Aging & work at Boston College**

[Business Strategies for the Age-Diverse Workforce](#)

From the **National Institutes of Health**

Health & Aging AgePage article:

[Forgetfulness: Knowing When To Ask For Help](#)

INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

WHAT: Arizona Geriatrics Society 6th Annual Spring Geriatric Mental Health & Aging Conference

WHEN: Wednesday, April 17th, Black Canyon Conference Center, 9440 N. 25th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona and **Wednesday, April 24th**, YWCA Leadership Center, 525 N. Bonita Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85745

More information is provided [here](#).

WHAT: Arizona Transit Association's Annual Conference

WHEN: April 21 - 23, 2013, Tempe Buttes Marriott, Tempe AZ

For more information and to register, see this [link](#).

WHAT: 2nd Annual Arizona Elder Law Day

WHEN: Wednesday, May 1, 2013, 9 am to 3 pm, Glencroft Retirement Community, 8611 N. 67th Avenue, Glendale, Arizona 85302

More information is provided [here](#).

WHAT: Time Out Workshop "Religious Perspectives on Death, Dying, and the After Life"

WHEN: May 14, 2013, 8 am to 12:30 pm, Disability Empowerment Center, 5025 E. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ

More information is available [here](#).

WHAT: Save the Date; 2013 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

WHEN: Friday, June 14, 2013

Also: **Save the Date; Greater Phoenix Region Aging in Place Network Conference *Connecting Care Communities*** event, **May 14, 2013**, Black Canyon Conference Center, 9440 N. 25th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ. More information available later.

Just in case you're interested

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

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. Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates.

Look for the next issue the week of March 25th

Have a good weekend!

~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging