

## Welcome to the Legislative Update for July 3, 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!

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

### Session Overview

**151 days** of the session, **1,158 bills posted** and **282 bills passed**; **256 bills signed**; **26 vetoed**; **76 memorials or resolutions posted** and **20 passed**.

### First Special Session

**3 days, 20 bills posted; 10 passed and 10 signed.**

If you're interested in viewing the budget bills passed in special session, you can do so at the **Special Session List** linked below.

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25169&listid=49249&print=true>

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Bills passed and signed into law that were tracked by the Council on Aging include:

**S1175: vulnerable adults; duty**

**S1341: vulnerable adults; financial exploitation**

**S1353: health insurance; telemedicine**

Also:

**S1102: hearing aid dispenser, audiologist**

Fact Sheet is linked [here](#).

**S1237: guardianship, conservatorship, transfer**

Fact Sheet is linked [here](#).

The **SHORT LIST** of legislation tracked by the Council this session is provided here one more time. You'll note the bill summaries and actions taken are posted on the list. Information about bill status, etc. is a purchased service provided by the **Arizona Capitol Times**.

**SHORT LIST:**

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

You can access the **FULL LIST** of all bills tracked by the Council this legislative session on the Council's *Legislative Update* page by opening past issues linked [here](#).

Do note that the presence of a bill on any one of 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.

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From the **Governor's Office 2013 Legislative Session In Review** is provided [here](#).

From **Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System/AHCCCS Medicaid Moving Forward** webpage that outlines updates to Medicaid programs is provided [here](#).

**Arizona Department of Health Services 2013 Legislative and Budget Summary** is provided [here](#).

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From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee Monthly Fiscal Highlights June 2013** <http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/mfh-jun-13.pdf>

The report states, "From a year-to-date perspective, base revenues are 5.8% higher than last year. In total, year-to-date General Fund collections are \$185.9 million above the Baseline forecast, primarily as a result of the surge in Income Tax collections seen in April."

**Tax Bill Fiscal Impacts** report is provided here: <http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/TaxBillFiscalImpacts.pdf>

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**Planning ahead for the next session**

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

**Share your thoughts at any time!** 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.

**Not sure about your district? District maps** can be found on the website linked [here](#).

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## **FEDERAL OVERVIEW:**

### **Congressional recess until July 7th**

#### **S.1028 Older Americans Act Amendments of 2013**

Introduced on 5/23/2013 by Senator Bernard Sanders (VT)

Older Americans Act Amendments of 2013 - Reauthorizes the Older Americans Act of 1965 (OAA) and funding for its programs for FY2014-FY2018.

Revises OAA to include lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered (LGBT) individuals, HIV-positive individuals, individuals with Alzheimer's disease, veterans, and Holocaust survivors, among others, within the status of greatest social need caused by noneconomic factors.

Requires the Director of the Office of Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs (in the Administration on Aging [AOA] of the Department of Health and Human Services [HHS]) to collect, analyze, and report on best practices related to screening for elder abuse.

Requires the Assistant Secretary for Aging of the AOA to assist states with the development of the Home Care Consumer Bill of Rights and Plan for Enforcement (required by this Act).

Requires the AOA to work with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Secretary of Labor to identify and address personnel shortages in the field of aging.

Establishes an Advisory Committee to Assess, Coordinate, and Improve Legal Assistance Activities to study the legal services activities assistance system for older individuals.

Requires the Secretary of Labor, through the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), to revise, improve, and report to Congress on the Experimental Price Index for the Elderly (CPI-E).

Amends OAA to express the sense of the Senate that the amount appropriated under OAA for FY2014 and each subsequent year should be at least \$2.675 billion (reflecting a 12% increase over FY2010 levels).

Authorizes states to enter into cooperative arrangements with Federally Qualified Health Centers for services for the elderly.

Reauthorizes appropriations for FY2014-FY2018 for supportive services, congregate nutrition services, home-delivered nutrition services, disease prevention and health promotion services, and family caregiver support.

Requires area agencies on aging (AAAs) to develop area plans that provide for modernization of multipurpose senior centers, including a plan to use the skills and services of older adults in paid and unpaid work at such centers.

Requires AAA area plans also to:

- (1) include evidence-based behavioral health services, chronic self-care management programs, and falls prevention programs;
- (2) describe efforts to increase public awareness of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation; and
- (3) describe outreach efforts to veterans and coordination of services under OAA with those provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Requires a state plan, among other things, to:

- (1) assure an adequately funded State Long-Term Care Ombudsman program provided with adequate funding; and
- (2) provide legal assistance through an integrated legal assistance delivery system; and
- (3) describe efforts for outreach to veterans eligible for OAA services under the Act.

Increases from 185% to 200% of the poverty line the self-declared income level of individuals who may be solicited for voluntary contributions for certain services they receive.

Includes among supportive services covered by grants to states evidence-based chronic condition self-care management, evidence-based falls prevention programs, screening for elder abuse and neglect, and falls prevention screening.

Requires the meals provided under a state nutrition project to be adjusted and appropriately funded, to the maximum extent practicable, to meet any special health-related or other dietary needs of program participants, including needs based on religious, cultural, or ethnic requirements.

Declares that older adults should receive the clinical preventive services covered under title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act.

Revises caregiver and care recipient requirements for the National Family Caregiver Support Program.

Authorizes the Assistant Secretary to make grants to states to assess the needs of family caregivers for targeted support services. Requires the services of AAAs or AAA contractors to include Ombudsman efforts to support family and caregiver councils in long-term care facilities, as well as facilitate and support the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman program.

Directs the Assistant Secretary to award grants to carry out or establish:

- (1) projects to support and promote modern multipurpose senior center models which yield multiservice, multigenerational centers for older individuals, their families, and others to gain needed skills, resources, and connections for continuum of care and quality of life; and
- (2) a demonstration program on care coordination and service delivery redesign for older individuals with chronic illness or at risk of institutional placement.

Directs the HHS Secretary to award competitive grants to or contract with eligible entities to fund the employment costs of professionals who will:

- (1) coordinate with the provision of medically recommended dental care to eligible individuals by volunteer dentists; and
- (2) verify the medical, dental, and financial needs of individuals who may be eligible for free medically recommended dental care.

Directs the Secretary to award a grant to or enter into a cooperative agreement with a public or private nonprofit entity to establish a National Resource Center on Family Caregiving.

Revises the purposes of the Older American Community Service Employment Program to further the goal of economic security, grow local economies, and improve the quality of life of local communities.

Directs the Assistant Secretary and the Secretary of Labor to study the feasibility of transferring the Senior Community Service Employment Program to the AOA from the Department of Labor.

Reauthorizes funding for grants for Native Americans for FY2014-FY2018.

Requires the Assistant Secretary to ensure that education and public awareness activities under OAA title XI (Allotments for Vulnerable Elder Rights Protection Activities) are fully integrated with OAA programs.

Authorizes appropriations for the State Home Care Ombudsman Program, and authorizes the Assistant Secretary to award competitive grants to states for such programs.

Requires a state to have a Home Care Consumer Bill of Rights and a Plan for Enforcement.

Requires the state Home Care Consumer Bill of Rights to address a home care consumer's right to:

- (1) basic safety;
- (2) information access;
- (3) choice, participation, and self-determination; and
- (4) redress of grievances.

Revises requirements for:

- (1) state long-term care ombudsman programs;
- (2) prevention of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation; and
- (3) state legal assistance development.

Amends OAA to require state agencies to carry out a Home Care Ombudsman Program within the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to include geriatrics and gerontology as primary health services.

6/19/2013 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging. Hearings held.

**H.R.2104**  
**Protecting the Privacy of Social Security Numbers Act of 2013**

Introduced 5/22/2013 by Rep. Rodney P. Frelinghuysen (NJ-11)

Protecting the Privacy of Social Security Numbers Act of 2013 - Amends the federal criminal code to prohibit the display, sale, or purchase of Social Security numbers without the affirmatively expressed consent of the individual, except in specified circumstances.

Establishes a public records exception to the prohibition. Grants the Attorney General rulemaking authority to enforce this Act's prohibition and to implement and clarify the permitted uses occurring as a result of an interaction between businesses, governments, or business and government.

Prohibits a commercial entity from requiring an individual to provide a Social Security number when purchasing a commercial good or service or denying an individual the good or service for refusing to provide that number, with exceptions. Establishes civil and criminal penalties.

Extends civil monetary penalties for misuse of a Social Security number.

Authorizes: (1) criminal penalties under SSA title II for the misuse of a Social Security number, (2) civil actions and civil penalties against persons who violate this Act, and (3) federal injunctive authority with respect to any violation by a public entity.

On 6/14/2013, referred to House Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

**H.R.2404**

**Enhancing Nutrition Services to the Elderly and Disabled Act of 2013**

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to permit providers of eligible food purchasing and delivery services to be approved as retail food stores that accept and redeem supplemental nutrition assistance benefits.

Introduced on 6/17/2013 by Representative Erik Paulsen (MN-3)

On 6/17/2013, referred to House Committee on Agriculture.

**H.R.2610**

**Making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.**

Introduced on 7/2/2013 by Representative Tom Latham (IA-3)

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014 - Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, 2014 - Makes appropriations for FY2014 to the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2014 - Makes appropriations for FY2014 to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Makes appropriations for FY2014 to:

- (1) the Access Board,
- (2) the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC),
- (3) the Office of Inspector General for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak),
- (4) the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB),
- (5) the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, and
- (6) the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness.

Specifies certain uses and limits on or prohibitions against the use of funds appropriated by this Act.

On 7/2/2013, placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 98.

**S.1185**

**Senior Investor Protections Enhancement Act of 2013**

Introduced on 6/19/2013 by Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr. (PA)

Senior Investor Protections Enhancement Act of 2013 - Amends the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Company Act of 1940, and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to authorize the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to impose, in addition to any other civil penalty, a maximum civil penalty of \$50,000 for each violation that is directed toward, targets, or is committed against a person who at the time of the violation is age 62 or older.

Directs the United States Sentencing Commission to review and amend federal sentencing guidelines and policy statements to ensure that guideline offense levels and enhancements appropriately punish criminal violations of the securities laws against seniors.

On 6/19/2013, referred to Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Note: our *thanks* to Legislative Intern, Darryl Monteilh, for assistance with research on federal legislation.

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**Check on active federal legislation at:**

[http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/b three sections with teasers/active leg page.htm](http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/b_three_sections_with_teasers/active_leg_page.htm).

**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* or check **Congress.gov United States Legislative Information** at: <http://beta.congress.gov/>.

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**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

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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>.

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## OTHER NEWS

From the ***ACL News & Information, Monday, July 1, 2013***  
**ACL's National Legal Resource Center and the Department of Justice to host webinar on Helping Older Clients Who Face High Impact Legal Issues**

The Administration for Community Living's National Legal Resource Center (NLRC), in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Justice, will present a webinar for legal and aging service providers. This webinar will provide an overview of the NLRC and its partner organizations. The webinar will focus on how professionals and advocates in law and aging can gain access to a wide range of resource support, expert consultation, training, and technical assistance on 'high impact' legal issues confronting older persons with the greatest social or economic need.

Title: *The National Legal Resource Center: Resources, Training, and Technical Assistance to Help Older Clients*

Date: Wednesday, July 10, 2013

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. EDT

Click here for [more information and to register](#).

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From HHS.gov  
***Improving Care for Populations Disproportionately Affected by Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias: Report from the Task Force on Specific Populations can be found [here](#).***

**National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease: 2013 Update**  
<http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/NatPlan2013.shtml>

From the **Arizona Alzheimer's Consortium**  
***Alzheimer's Prevention Initiative*** is provided [here](#).

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From the **National Council on Aging NCOA**  
***Turning 65? 7 Common Questions (and Answers!) about Medicare*** is linked [here](#).

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From **Kaiser Health News**

Update on **Commission on Long-Term Care:**  
<http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Stories/2013/June/28/long-term-care-commission.aspx>

Report: **Pittsburgh Researchers Look For Ways To Prevent Depression In Seniors** is provided [here](#).

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From the **Congressional Budget Office**  
**Rising Demand for Long-Term Services and Supports for Elderly People** is provided [here](#).

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From the **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services HHS**  
Updated LongTermCare.gov website is linked [here](#).  
Updated [HealthCare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) offers **Health Insurance Marketplace** tool.

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Find the latest information from the **National Center for Senior Transportation NCST** at this [link](#).

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**INFORMATION & RESOURCES:**

From the **National Council on Aging** and **Arizona Living Well Institute**  
**Better Choices, Better Health**  
FREE online chronic disease workshop for Maricopa County residents.

For more information, open this [link](#).

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**Arizona's Developmental Disabilities Network** partners' collaboration is outlined in the Summer 2013 newsletter provided [here](#).

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The following is taken from the **CommunityConnect Summer 2013** newsletter of the Arizona Department of Economic Security, Office of Faith & Community

Here are three resources regarding heat, hydration and safety during the Arizona Summer:

- 211 Arizona - [www.211Arizona.org/summer](http://www.211Arizona.org/summer)
- Arizona Department of Health Services - <http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/oeh/heat/alert/public.htm>
- National Safety Council - [http://www.nsc.org/safety\\_home/SafetyObservances/Pages/SummerSafety.aspx](http://www.nsc.org/safety_home/SafetyObservances/Pages/SummerSafety.aspx)

Please share this information with family, friends, colleagues, and those you serve.

Have you ever thought ... is there a human services network in my community?

- How can I connect with other helpers in town?
- Where are the resources around here?
- Am I the only one working on this Issue?
- Where do I plug in?

If you've had these thoughts, take a look at our [network map](#) and you might find a community group in your neighborhood that is meeting regularly to work on important human services issues - such as homelessness, hunger, elder care, child welfare - or maybe a group is meeting simply to share resources.

Check out the map, and who knows, maybe you'll find a place to plug in for good!

If you know of another group that needs to be added to this map, ask the group leader to send a note to [community@azdes.gov](mailto:community@azdes.gov)

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WHAT: **40<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Rural Health Conference**  
WHEN: **August 20 - 21, 2013**, Prescott Resort and Conference Center, Prescott AZ

Information provided at this [link](#).

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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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This holiday we hope you'll join us in recognizing all those who serve and protect ensuring the freedoms we enjoy.

**Have a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July weekend!**

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