

Welcome to the Legislative Update for April 18, 2014

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 older citizens and advocates of 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 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!

The 51st Legislature, 2nd Regular Session

As the session approaches Day 100, (Tuesday, April 22) today was the deadline for consideration of bills in conference committee.

Highlighted bill passed and signed by the Governor this week and found on the Council's **FULL** List:

H2204: military applicants; commercial driver licenses

House Summary [here](#)

H2306: fingerprint clearance cards; periodic checks

House Summary [here](#)

H2331: life care contracts; in-home care

House Summary [here](#)

H2457: mental health; veterans courts; establishment

House Summary [here](#)

S1050: telemedicine; naturopaths

House Summary [here](#)

S1312: Vietnam veterans day

House Summary [here](#)

Other **FULL** List bills passed and awaiting signature:

H2007: developmental disability service contracts; monitoring

House Summary [here](#)

H2100: address confidentiality program

House Summary [here](#)

H2286: senior facilities; bond approval

House Summary [here](#)

H2367: AHCCCS: annual waiver submittals

House Summary [here](#)

H2508: insurance navigator; application counselor; licensure

Senate Fact Sheet [here](#)

House Summary ConcurRefuse Memo [here](#)

S1099: Navajo code talkers' day

House Summary [here](#)

S1136: acupuncture board of examiners

House Summary [here](#)

Others Vetoed:

H2024: aggressive solicitation; offense

House Engrossed Version [here](#)

(Veto letter hasn't been posted yet at:
<http://www.azleg.gov/GovernorLetters.asp>)

H2541: federal land; emergency access

House Summary [here](#)

(Veto letter hasn't been posted yet at:
<http://www.azleg.gov/GovernorLetters.asp>)

H2611: rescue operation personnel; limited liability

House Engrossed Version [here](#)

(Veto letter hasn't been posted yet at:
<http://www.azleg.gov/GovernorLetters.asp>)

Other bills pending:

H2667: persons with disabilities

4/17 passed Senate 28-0; ready for House action on Senate Amendment

H2262: corporations; purposes; directors & officers

Calendar: 4/21 Senate COW

Note: Strike Everything Amendment to H.B.2262 relating to transportation network services [here](#)

Senate Adopted Amendment: Commerce, Energy and Military
[Strike Everything](#)

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee**

FY 2015 Enacted Budget is provided [here](#).

Summary of Action

As of day 96, 1,205 bills have been posted; 191 passed; 101 signed by the Governor; 4 vetoed; 113 memorials or resolutions posted and 33 passed.

Some of the bills may be of interest to older Arizonans and are being tracked by the Council and appear on the Legislative Update web report page. Please be advised that the presence of a bill on the tracking list **does not** represent support or opposition by the Council to the 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 is tracking the bill's progress.

FULL LIST:

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25263&listid=50228&print=true>

Note: The FULL LIST web report 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 until the session ends. Information about bill status, hearings, etc. is a purchased service provided by **Arizona Capitol Times**.

Website Resources

A list of the Representatives and Senators, Standing Committees and their members can be found on the Arizona State Legislature website at the following links.

[Members](#) of the **House**

[Members](#) of the **Senate**

[Standing Committees](#) page (Click on the committees to view the members as well as any posted meeting agendas or minutes for that committee.)

If you want to learn more about the legislative process, see [Arizona Bill](#) or **Bill to Law** provided [here](#).

Interested in the budget process? You can learn more at:
<http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/budgetprocess.htm>

Need to review the Arizona Constitution? Go to:
<http://www.azleg.gov/Constitution.asp>

You can find scheduled capitol events [here](#).

Share your thoughts! If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your Legislators, you can 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 by **contacting your legislator from your area**. You can 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 congressional or legislative district? **Maps** can be found [here](#).

FEDERAL OVERVIEW:

H.R.4445

Improving Care for Vulnerable Older Citizens through Workforce Advancement Act of 2014

Introduced on 4/10/2014 by Representative Matt Cartwright (PA-17)

Text of the bill is linked [here](#).

On 4/10/2014, the bill was referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce.

Related legislation: S.2251

H.Con.Res.97

Recognizing caregiving as a profession and the need for increased educational opportunities for both paid and family caregivers.

Introduced on 4/10/2014 by Representative Lee Terry (NE-2)

Text is provided [here](#).

On 4/10/14, referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

S.1793

Nicholas and Zachary Burt Memorial Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act of 2013

Introduced on 12/10/13 by Senator Amy Klobuchar (MN)

Nicholas and Zachary Burt Memorial Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act of 2013 - Directs the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to establish a grant program to provide assistance to states and local governments that require compliant carbon monoxide alarms to be installed in dwelling units.

Defines "compliant carbon monoxide alarm" as an alarm that complies with the American National Standard for Single and Multiple Station Carbon Monoxide Alarms as well as the American National Standard for Gas and Vapor Detectors and Sensors.

Permits states receiving grants to use such funds to: (1) purchase and install such alarms in dwelling units of low-income families or elderly persons, childcare facilities, public schools, senior centers, or student dwelling units owned by public universities; (2) train state or local fire code enforcement officials regarding compliance and installation; and (3) educate the public about the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

On 4/9/2014, Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

If you want to check on the status of any of these bills or others, go to <http://beta.congress.gov/> and enter the bill number or title.

See **active federal legislation** at this [link](#).

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 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 the **National Council on Aging**

Injury prevention is the theme of this year's Older Americans Month in May and **NCOA** offers fall prevention resources at this [link](#).

Also:

[FAQs on Elder Abuse](#)

From the **Administration for Community Living (ACL)**

[Older American Month 2014](#)

From **Kaiser Health News**

Capsules The KHN Blog

Short Takes On News & Events [page](#)

National Alzheimer's Project Act

Updated information can be found at: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/>.

From the **PHI Quality Care through Quality Jobs**

[Workforce Leaders Seek Input on Initiatives to Improve Low-Wage Jobs](#)

[Medicaid Redesign Watch #3 Improving New York's Home Care Aide Training System](#)

In case you missed it

Genworth 2014 Cost of Care [Survey](#)

Area Agency on Aging Northern Arizona Council of Governments newsletter is linked [here](#).

INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

WHAT: 5th Annual Statewide Symposium in Support of Service Members, Veterans & Their Families

WHEN: April 23 & 24, 2014, Desert Willow Conference Center, Phoenix AZ

More information and registration is linked [here](#).

WHAT: "Learn How to Protect Yourself from ID Theft & Fraud" AARP Fraud Watch Network Event

WHEN: Thursday, May 8, 2014, 5:30 to 8:00 pm, Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W Glenn Drive, Glendale AZ 85301

Seating is limited; pre-registration is required.

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

WHAT: Goodwill Yuma Job Fair

WHEN: Wednesday, May 22, 2014, Yuma Civic Center, 1440 West Desert Hills Drive, Yuma AZ 85365

More information is provided [here](#).

Just in case you're interested

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

Thank you! Enjoy your weekend.

~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging

