

Welcome to the Legislative Update for April 24, 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!

Sine Die of the 51st Legislature, 2nd Regular Session

Today at 1:46 a.m. marked the adjournment of the 2nd Regular Session. A summary of the session at this time shows 1,205 bills posted; 303 passed; 230 signed by the Governor; 19 vetoed; 113 memorials or resolutions posted and 34 passed.

Some of the bills passed and signed by the Governor this week that can be found on the Council's **FULL** List:

H2007: developmental disability service contracts; monitoring

[House Summary](#)

H2100: address confidentiality program

[House Summary](#)

H2286: senior facilities; bond approval

[House Summary](#)

H2508: insurance navigator; application counselor; licensure

[House Summary](#)

H2549: nursing care institution; therapeutic drugs

[House Summary](#)

H2667: persons with disabilities

[House Summary](#)

S1099: Navajo code talkers' day

[House Summary](#)

S1135: qualified immunity; nonprofit clinics

[House Summary](#)

S1136: acupuncture board of examiners

[House Summary](#)

S1339: physicians; prescriptions; required patient examinations

Senate [Fact Sheet](#)

Vetoed

H2262: transportation network services

[House Summary](#)

H2367: AHCCCS: annual waiver submittals

[House Summary](#)

Veto letters not posted yet at:

<http://www.azleg.gov/GovernorLetters.asp>

Passed and Sent to the Governor:

S1097: silver alert notification system

House Engrossed [Fact Sheet](#)

S1216: licensure; behavioral health services

[House Summary](#)

Note: a session overview will be provided later.

Tracking List

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

FULL LIST:

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25263>

[&listid=50228&print=true](#)

Note: The FULL LIST web report information is a purchased service provided by **Arizona Capitol Times**.

Planning ahead for next session?

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>

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 opening the links provided.
- [Members of the House](#)
- [Members of the Senate](#)

Not sure about your congressional or legislative district? **Maps** can be found [here](#).

FEDERAL OVERVIEW:

The House and Senate meet next on April 28, 2014.

S.2251

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

Introduced on 4/10/2014 by Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr. (PA)

To amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to develop and test an expanded and advanced role for direct care workers who provide long-term services and supports to older individuals in efforts to coordinate care and improve the efficiency of service

delivery.

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

4/10/2014, the bill was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

See also H.R.4445 - reported last week

H.R.4153

414 Plan Act of 2014

Introduced on 3/5/2014 by Representative J. Randy Forbes (VA-4)

Declares that federal laws and regulations (including prevailing rate of wage requirements under the Davis-Bacon Act) shall not apply to any federal-aid highway or highway safety construction project, except those relating to: (1) the safety or durability of a highway facility, or (2) public or workplace safety.

Repeals the prohibition against approval of federal-aid highway projects or regulatory actions that will result in the severance of an existing major route or have significant adverse impact on the safety for nonmotorized transportation traffic and light motorcycles, unless the project or action provides for a reasonable alternative route or such a route exists.

Defines "transportation alternatives" as any of the following activities when carried out as part of an authorized or funded federal-aid highway program or project, or as an independent program or project related to surface transportation for the construction, planning, and design of: (1) transportation projects to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; or (2) infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for nondrivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs.

Repeals the authorization for states to use certain funds for construction of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities.

Eliminates the requirement that statewide transportation plans and statewide transportation improvement programs provide for the development of accessible pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities.

Expresses the sense of Congress that states, federal agencies, localities, and private stakeholders should take steps toward increased cooperation to further expedite surface transportation projects.

On 3/6/2014, 414 Plan Act of 2014 was referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

H.R.4370

Veterans Information Security Improvement Act

Introduced on 4/4/2014 by Representative Jackie Walorski (IN-2)

To improve the information security of the Department of Veterans Affairs by directing the Secretary of Veteran Affairs to carry out certain actions to improve the transparency and the governance of the information security program of the Department, and for other purposes.

On 4/4/2014, the bill was referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

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**

[How to Get Help for Dental, Vision, and Hearing Services](#)

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

Older American Month 2014

Elder Abuse and Neglect of Persons with Dementia-What We Know and Where We Are Going webinar information is provided [here](#).

National Alzheimer's Project Act

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

From **Encore.org**

Encore National Conference and Eisner Foundation Prize for Intergenerational Excellence coming in October 2014 at the Tempe Mission Palms, Tempe, AZ.

More information: http://www.eisnerfoundation.org/?page_id=1690

Western Arizona Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging April 2014 newsletter is linked [here](#).

Arizona Talking Book Library resources can be found at:

<http://www.azlibrary.gov/talkingbooks>.

INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

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](#).

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.

Now that the 51st Legislature, 2nd Regular Session has ended, the *Legislative Update* will be offered monthly between sessions.

Thank you! 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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