

## Welcome to the Legislative Update for May 30, 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!

A **2<sup>nd</sup> Special Session of the 51<sup>st</sup> Legislature** was called by the Governor and began on Tuesday to address her child safety reform proposal.

Bills introduced during the special session included S1001/H1001: department of child safety and S1002/H1002: appropriations; department of child safety. The Governor signed S1001 and S1002 yesterday.

S1001 [House Summary](#)

S1002 [House Summary](#)

A press release from the Governor's Office is provided [here](#).

For those terming out of office or not seeking re-election, this special session looks to be their last legislative participation.

### ***Looking ahead***

Arizona's primary election is August 26<sup>th</sup> (and the last day to register to vote is July 28, 2014). Arizona's general election is November 4<sup>th</sup> (and the last day to register is October 6<sup>th</sup>). Voter and other election information can be found on the website for the Office of the Secretary of State.

<http://www.azsos.gov/election/VoterInformation.htm>

A full listing of primary election candidates:

<http://www.azsos.gov/election/2014/primary/FullListing.htm>

Online voter registration:

<https://servicearizona.com/webapp/evoter/selectLanguage>

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### ***In case you missed the last issue***

Highlighted bills tracked by the Council and signed by the Governor during the 51<sup>st</sup> Legislature 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular session:

**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](#)

**S1097: silver alert notification system**

[House Summary](#)

**S1099: Navajo code talkers' day**

[House Summary](#)

**S1135: qualified immunity; nonprofit clinics**

[House Summary](#)

**S1136: acupuncture board of examiners**

[House Summary](#)

**S1216: licensure; behavioral health services**

[House Summary](#)

**S1339: physicians; prescriptions; required patient examinations**

Senate [Fact Sheet](#)

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### **Tracking List**

Please be advised that the presence of a bill on any of the Council's tracking lists **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.

In case you're interested, the following list contains all the bills tracked during the last session.

**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*.**

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**Plan ahead now for the next session!**

Learn more about the legislative process. See [Arizona Bill](#) or *Bill to Law* provided [here](#).

Learn about the budget process at:  
<http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/budgetprocess.htm>

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

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**Share your thoughts at any time!** If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your Legislators, you can voice your opinions 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](#).

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**FEDERAL OVERVIEW:**

**H.Res.594**

**Recognizing Older Americans Month**

Introduced on 5/22/2014 by Representative Suzanne Bonamici (OR-1)

Copy of text is provided [here](#).

On 5/22/2014, H.Res.594 was referred to the House Committee on Education and the

Workforce.

## **H.R.4683**

### **Lifespan Respite Care Reauthorization Act of 2014**

Introduced on 5/20/2014 by Representative James R. Langevin (RI-2)

Copy of text is provided [here](#).

On 5/22/2014, H.R.4683 was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

## **S.2361**

### **Stop Schemes and Crimes Against Medicare and Seniors (Stop SCAMS) Act**

Introduced on 5/20/2014 by Senator Bill Nelson (FL)

title XI of the Social Security Act with respect to standards for financial and administrative transactions and their data elements to enable the electronic exchange of health information.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to adopt standards that: (1) ensure that any entity producing and transmitting valid transactions that include code sets for appropriate data elements is subject to a consistent, industry-wide framework that supports a seamless transition to new and modified code sets; and (2) establish an end-to-end testing procedure for new and modified code sets that shall require the participation of any entity producing and transmitting valid transactions that use the new or modified code set.

Prohibits the Secretary from adopting a new or modified code set unless the Secretary: (1) assesses its impact on fraud prevention and pre-payment review, determines that anti-fraud edits work as intended, and confirms that a plan is in place to ensure continuing effective detection of fraud following the adoption of the code set; (2) ensures that the end-to-end testing procedure established has been completed; and (3) completes end-to-end testing with any federal government entity that produces and transmits valid transactions that include the code set with private sector tracking partners. Exempts routine, regularly scheduled updates to existing code sets from such prohibition.

Directs the Secretary, with respect to information supplied to it by a disclosing entity about those with an ownership or control interest in the entity, to verify such information in a specified manner and confirm the accuracy of any Social Security account number or employer identification number.

Holds immune from civil liability (in a safe harbor) any non-governmental entity participating in a Healthcare Fraud Prevention Partnership, including private insurers, for sharing information about potentially fraudulent providers with each other, HHS, the Department of Justice (DOJ), any other federal or state law enforcement agency, any federal or state agency contractor, and another Partnership participant.

Directs the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MEDPAC) to study administrative efforts to strengthen program integrity in the Medicare program.

Amends the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010, with respect to the use of predictive modeling and other analytics technologies to identify and prevent waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare fee-for-service program, to require predictive analytics technologies to capture outcome information on civil recoveries, administrative actions, and criminal convictions for fraud.

On 5/20/2014, S2361 was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**S.2336**

**Let Seniors Work Act of 2014**

Introduced on 5/14/2014 by Marco Rubio (FL)

Amends title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) (OASDI) of the Social Security Act to: (1) eliminate the payroll tax for individuals who have attained retirement age, and (2) remove the limitation on the amount of outside income which a beneficiary may earn (earnings test) without incurring a reduction in benefits.

On 5/14/2014, the bill was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

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

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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 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

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

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

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**NEWS & RESOURCES**

From the **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/HHS**

*National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease 2014 Update*

<http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/NatlPlan2014.pdf>

**National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)**

Hearing Loss and Depression in Adults news release linked [here](#).

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From **Kaiser Health News**

*Medicare May Be Overpaying Hospitals For Short-Stay Patients* article is linked [here](#).

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From the **National Council on Aging/NCOA**

**[Not-for-Profit and For-Profit Solutions for our Aging Nation](#)**: Watch a no-holds-barred conversation with NCOA President James Firman and Age Wave President Ken Dychtwald.

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From the **U.S. Department of Labor**

Disability Employment Initiative to provide \$15M in grants from U.S. Department of Labor news release if provided [here](#).

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**National Alzheimer's Project Act**

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

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From **National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities/NASUAD**

***Friday Updates May 30, 2014***

OWL Mother's Day Report on Long-Term Care

On May 8, the Older Women's League (OWL) held a Capitol Hill briefing in Washington, DC to release its 2014 Mother's Day report entitled "Long-Term Care, Managing Our Future." In the report, OWL takes an in-depth look at the issue of long-term care. The report highlights the urgent need to ensure quality long-term care and to protect consumers from catastrophic long-term care costs that can devastate individuals and families. The report also calls on lawmakers to implement important policy recommendations.

[Click here](#) to view the report.

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**INFORMATION & RESOURCES:**

**WHAT: Living with Dementia**, Alzheimer's Caregiver Conference

**WHEN: June 20, 2014**, 11:45 am to 5:00 pm, Sun Health Research Institute, Morin Auditorium, 10515 West Santa Fe Drive, Sun City, AZ 85351

For more information, [click here](#).

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**SAVE THE DATE:**

**WHAT: Aging – If It's Not your Issue...It Will Be**, Northern Arizona Council of Governments/NACOG Area Agency on Aging Region III

**WHEN: Thursday, October 16, 2014**, 8:00 am to 5 pm, High Country Conference Center, 201 W Butler, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

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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>.

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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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Thank you! Enjoy your summer.

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

