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2016 Missouri



Priorities, Issues, and Officers

The Silver Haired Legislature works in coordination with the Area Agencies on Aging and the Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Senior and Disability Services.



Missouri Silver Haired Legislature (SHL) History/Facts:

Created in 1973, Missouri's SHL has the distinction of being the first such organization in the United States.

- The Silver Haired Legislature is composed of citizens, age 60 or older, who volunteer their time to advocate on behalf of Missouri's older adults.
- The delegates are elected from each of Missouri's ten Area Agencies on Aging (AAA's). Each delegation consists of twelve Representatives and three Senators for a total of 150 legislators.
- All legislators meet annually for a model legislative session at the State Capitol. They debate and vote on their top five priority proposals.
- Once the five priorities are chosen, the legislators return to their districts to encourage support of those issues. They testify before the Missouri Senate and House and speak with senior groups regarding those issues.

2016 Missouri Silver Haired Legislature Priorities

- Increase Funding for AAA Home-Delivered and Congregate Meals
- Increase the Medicaid Home-Delivered Meal Rate by 10 Percent
- Expand Medicaid (MO HealthNet)
- Increase the Allowable Asset Level for Persons on MO HealthNet to \$2,000 for an Individual and \$4,000 for a Couple
- Establish the Senior Services Enhanced Funding Program

SHL Will Also Support Legislative Action for the Following Issues:

- Increase funding for transportation services
- Financial assistance to seniors for medically necessary hearing, vision, and dental services through MO HealthNet
- Ban texting on any hand-held cell device for drivers of all ages when operating a vehicle
- Silver Alert combined with Amber Alert
- Reasonable restrictions on payday loans



Proposals Passed into Law

Over the years, SHL has grown in visibility and esteem. It has advocated for many proposals that are now state law, such as:

- Exploitation of the Elderly & Elder Abuse Laws
- Deletion of Sales Tax on Pharmaceuticals
- Permanent Funding for CLAIM
- Circuit Breaker Law
- Notification of Liens Against Real Estate Property
- Creation of the Missouri Senior Rx Program
- Strengthening Pre-need Funeral Regulations
- Increasing Personal Needs Allowance for Medicaid Residents in Long-Term Care Facilities
- Senior Savings Protection Act