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2018 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.

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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 10 Area Agencies on Aging. Each delegation consists of 12 representatives and 3 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.

2018 Missouri Silver Haired Legislature Priorities

- Senior Services Growth and Development Program
- Revision of MoRx
- Increase Funding for Home-Delivered Meals Provided by Area Agencies on Aging
- Maintain Property Tax Credit known as the Circuit Breaker for Renters and Homeowners at the 2016 level
- Approval of Medical Marijuana use in Missouri

SHL Will Also Support Legislative Action for the Following Issues:

- Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program
- Increase Criteria for Alzheimer's Unit Designation
- Long Term Care Insurance Reform
- Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
- Hearing Aid Voucher Program
- Ban Talking or Texting on any Hand-Held Cell Devices for Drivers of All Ages
- Elder Abuse Awareness Training
- Adjust Initial Graduated Rates for Missouri Personal Income Tax
- Required Collection of State Sales Tax on Purchases Made on the Internet
- Increase Medicaid Meal Rate
- Silver Alert to be Combined with Amber Alert

