

# Governor Sisolak Signs Legislation Supporting Nevada Caregivers, Signs Other Bills into Law

Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak signed legislation that provides certain employees with the right to use sick leave to assist certain family members with medical needs. The Governor was joined by bill sponsor Assemblywoman Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod and representatives of AARP Nevada for the signing of Assembly Bill 190.

“Supporting caregivers by allowing more flexibility in sick leave use is critically important to Nevada’s families. This legislation will keep more aging Nevadans in their homes, and ensure their family members can care for their loved ones without sacrificing the financial security of their families,” said Gov. Sisolak. “I am grateful to the Assembly Committee of Commerce and Labor, including Assemblywoman Bilbray-Axelrod and AARP Nevada for helping push this legislation forward.”

Additionally, the Governor signed into law:

- AB35 - which consolidates certain programs in the Fund for a Healthy Nevada to assist seniors and persons with disabilities with costs relating to health care. The bill also lowers the age for seniors services from age 62 to 60.
- AB76 - Requires the Director of the Department of Veterans Services to take actions to establish, manage, maintain, and operate veterans’ homes. Federal regulations also establish a program to fund services for the care of veterans in state homes such as adult day health care, defined to mean a therapeutic outpatient care program.
- AB216 - requiring the State Plan for Medicaid to include coverage for certain cognitive assessment and care planning services for persons who experience signs of cognitive impairment.
- AB217 - requires the State Board of Health to adopt regulations requiring unlicensed caregivers at designated facilities to receive certain training; requiring the person in charge of a facility to perform certain duties related to training.
- AB344 - authorizing the establishment of a program to facilitate the transition of older persons and persons with disabilities being discharged from a hospital.
- SB12 - Requires certain notices before the termination, expiration or ending of a restriction relating to the affordability of certain housing.
- SB19 - Establishes provisions authorizing certain entities to obtain information relating to the records of criminal history of certain persons responsible for the safety and well-being of children, elderly persons or persons with disabilities.
- SB150 - requiring the governing body of a city or county to authorize tiny houses in certain zoning districts.
- SB284 - Revises provisions relating to transferable tax credits for affordable housing.

- SB396 - revises provisions relating to the purchasing of prescription drugs, authorizing public agencies of this State to enter into agreements with certain entities in other jurisdictions for the collaborative purchasing of prescription drugs.

- SJR8 of 80th Session - proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to guarantee equal rights. Heads to 2022 election ballot.

- SB370 - revises provisions relating to food policy, creating the Home Feeds Nevada Agriculture Food Purchase Program and the Nutritious Food Purchase Account; requiring the Director of the State Department of Agriculture to develop a procedure through which the Director may purchase nutritious foods that are grown, produced or processed in the State; requiring the Director to distribute nutritious food to certain food banks, and the food banks to submit quarterly reports to the Director.

- AJR10 of the 80th Session - proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to prospectively increase the required minimum wage paid to employees. Will be on the 2022 election ballot.