

Legislative Report
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1. Legislation: Family Caregivers Act. President Trump recently signed this Act which is designed to provide relief to those millions of people who directly support those who have health conditions and/or functional limitations/developmental disabilities. At last report about 40 million care givers provided unpaid care valued at about \$470 billion. Their efforts save taxpayers millions of dollars by transferring costs (healthcare and services) to them and not to the government. In so doing they take on not only physical and financial responsibilities but emotional experiences as well. Included in the Act is for the Federal Government to develop a national strategy with a first step appointing an advisory council to recommend a number of actions (workplace, respite relief, financial) to address these needs. AARP has for a number of years suggested such actions both at the Federal and State level. Most recently your local AARP chapter suggested that an AARP representative be included in the membership of the Federal Advisory Council along with reducing the timeline for submitting their report from 18 months to 12 months. One action which has already taken place and might be a time saver for the above advisory council is the work done for those with alzheimers.

2. Nurse Practitioners. (NP) State General Assembly approved giving NP more authority/autonomy to treat us provided they have the required clinical experiences as well as the necessary certifications and licenses. This will greatly expand their availability throughout the State as many of these NP's already meet these requirements.

3. Legislation (The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) This is a Federal Agency with multiple purposes one of which is enforcing Federal Consumer Financial Laws. This Agency was extremely active during the economic problems in our Country in the years 2007 thru 2010. The current director (Mick Mulvaney) believes that the Bureau was far "too powerful" in their decisions in the past and may have created some conditions which were actually harmful to consumers. There are others who feel strongly that that was not the case. During the recent management transitions at the Bureau the conflicts became so great that the judiciary had to step-in to rule on "who had the authority to appoint a new Director of the Bureau. "With that issue decided the current acting director has proposed 4 recommendations to Congress to hopefully "to bring this battleship into calmer waters." A side bar for me to share with you is that this Agency has a terrific library on many, many subjects useful to the consumer. Visit them--it should be fun. (web site-consumerfinance.gov).