

2025 Commission on Aging Legislation Tracker									
Number	Number	Title	Sponsors	Committee Assignments	Brief Description	Hearings	Executive Action	COA Policy	WAAN Position?
AB-062	SB-050	Less for Rx/Health Care Costs Omnibus	Multiple Milwaukee County: Andraca, Arney, Goodwin, Haywood, Kirsch, Madison, Omokunde, Ortiz-Velez, Prado, Sinicki, Taylor, Tenorio, Vining, Drake, Carpenter, Habush Sinykin, Johnson	Health, Aging, Long-Term Care (A) Health (S)	Eliminate cost-sharing for prescription drugs under the Medical Assistance program, cost-sharing cap on insulin, prescription drug important program, and more				Wait
AB-023	SB-039	Palliative Care Council	Snyder, Patrick Milwaukee County: Vining, Carpenter	Health, Aging, Long-Term Care (A) Health (S)	This bill establishes within the Department of Health Services a Palliative Care Council, which includes as members a statewide group of medical and clinical professionals with expertise in the provision of palliative care services, as well as patients or family members of patients who have experience receiving palliative care services, to advise DHS about palliative care issues.	2/12- Hearing held in Assembly 3/12-Hearing held in Senate	3/13- approved by Assembly Committee 5/13-passed by Full Assembly (96 ayes, 1 no) 3/14-approved by Senate Committee		
AB-176	SB-152	Program Eligibility	Cabral-Guevara Milwaukee County: Drake, Donovan, Tenorio, Madison, Arney	Health, Aging, Long-Term Care (A) Health (S)	Financial eligibility for the Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support Program	4/23- Hearing held in Senate 5/14-Hearing held in Assembly	5/5-Unanimously approved by Senate Committee 6/5-Unanimously approved by Assembly Committee 6/24-Approved by Senate, concurred by Assembly 6/25-Enrolled as bill and available to Governor for signature 8/8-Signed by the Governor and effective 8/9	Support	Support
AB-163		Redeterminations of eligibility for Medicaid	Penterman	Public Benefit Reform (A)	This bill prohibits DHS from automatically renewing the eligibility of a recipient under Medicaid; DHS would make redeterminations every six months. DHS would be prohibited from using prepopulated forms in redetermination process. Amendment offered: exempts individuals with a developmental disability from these changes.	4/10- Hearing held in Assembly (amendment offered)			
AB-272	SB-272	Eligibility for Family Care for individuals who are Deaf-Blind	Spretzer, Roe Milwaukee County: Carpenter, Drake, Madison, Ortiz-Velez, Tenorio	Health, Aging, Long-Term Care (A) Health (S)	This bill grants functional eligibility for Family Care--a program that provides community-based long-term care services--to people who are deaf-blind. Under current law, individuals are only eligible for Family Care if they are 18 y/o, is a frail elder or has a physical or developmental disability, and is both functionally and financially eligible. This bill adds deaf-blind to the functional eligibility qualifications.				
AJR-58	SJR-57	Designating May as Older Americans Month	Drake, Taylor Milwaukee County: Drake, Carpenter, Taylor, Clancy, Madison, Moore Omokunde, Prado, Sinicki	Rules (A) Organization (S)	Designating May as Older Americans Month	N/A			
AB-182	SB-178	Changes to the low-income housing tax credit	Quinn, Armstrong Milwaukee County: Carpenter, Habush Sinykin, Goodwin, Tenorio	Housing and Real Estate (A) Insurance, Housing, Rural Issues, Forestry (S)	Requires that WHEDA allocate at least 35 percent of low-income housing tax credits are allocated each year to rural areas in Wisconsin (not binding if WHEDA does not receive 35% of eligible applications in rural areas) and removes requirement that a qualified low-income housing project be financed with tax-exempt bonds Assembly and Senate Amendment 1 require WHEDA to adopt a qualified allocation plan to administer the low-income housing tax credits on an annual basis	4/17-Hearing held in Senate 5/6-Assembly Amendment 1 introduced (mirrors Senate Amendment 1)	5/9-Senate Amendment 1 adopted unanimously 5/9-Senate Committee approved unanimously 10/8-Assembly Amendment 1 adopted unanimously 10/8-Assembly Committee approved unanimously		Support
AB-255	SB-262	Assisted living facility referral agencies and providing a penalty	Gundrum, Cabral-Guevara Milwaukee County: Ortiz-Velez	Health, Aging, Long-Term Care (A) Health (S)	Any agency that refers a prospective resident to an assisted living facility must disclose to the resident any relationship the referral agency has with the assisted living facility, any fee that the assisted living facility will pay to the referral agency, and if the referral agency only lists those assisted living facilities that it has a contractual relationship with. Any fee charged by a referral agency to an assisted living facility must be set in advance, consistent with fair market value, and only after a resident confirms in writing that the resident used the referral agency to move into the assisted living facility. Any prospective resident can ask at any time to terminate services with a referral agency, including use of personal information. There are fees imposed for violations.	6/4-Hearing held in Senate			
AB-410	SB-410	Grants for falls prevention awareness and initiatives and making an appropriation	Gundrum, Jacque Milwaukee County: Donovan, Goodwin, Moore Omokunde, Ortiz-Velez, Rodriguez, Sinicki, Habush Sinykin, Larson	Health, Aging, Long-Term Care (A) Health (S)	Establishes a grant program that would provide funding to organizations delivering effective, evidence-based education on falls prevention. This initiative will support efforts to reduce falls, improve quality of life, and lower health care costs in Wisconsin. Allocates \$450,000 in both fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 for that purpose.	10/22-Hearing held in Senate		Support	Support
AB-384	SB-386	Create 217.12 of the statutes related to virtual currency kiosks	Spaude, Roys Milwaukee County: Goodwin, Clancy, Drake	Financial Institutions (A) Financial Institutions and Sporting Heritage (S)	Requires a virtual currency kiosk operator to be licensed as a money transmitter and imposes certain regulatory requirements on virtual currency kiosk operators The bill limits transactions to \$1,000 per customer per day and limits the fees an operator may charge a customer per transaction to the greater of \$5 or 3 percent of the transaction amount The operator must issue a full refund upon customer's request if the customer was fraudulently induced to engage in the transaction and if the customer contacted the operator and a government or law enforcement agency to inform them of the fraudulent nature of the transaction				
LRB-4509		Create an income tax credit for property taxes paid by certain senior citizens and making an appropriation	Taylor		Creates a refundable income tax credit equal to 75 percent of the property taxes paid on the principal dwelling of an individual who is at least 65 years of age, if the individual's annual household income is no more than \$24,500 and the assessed value of the individual's principal dwelling is no more than \$300,000. An individual who claims a credit under the bill may not claim the school property tax credit, the veterans and surviving spouse property tax credit, or the homestead tax credit.				
AB-536	SB-517	Accessibility training for election officials	Ratdiff, Snodgrass Milwaukee County: Johnson, Andraca, Arney, Clancy, Goodwin, Madison, Moore Omokunde	Government Operations, Labor, and Economic Development (S) Campaigns and Elections (A)	Requires all election officials, including municipal clerks and election registration officials, to attend one hour of training regarding voter accessibility to ensure compliance with current accessibility requirements. Requires Elections Commission to first provide the training before the 2027 spring election.			Support	
AB-535	SB-518	Polling Place Accessibility	Ratdiff, Snodgrass Milwaukee County: Johnson, Larson, Andraca, Arney, Clancy, Madison, Moore Omokunde, Ortiz-Velez	Government Operations, Labor, and Economic Development (S) Campaigns and Elections (A)	Requires the Elections Commission to establish an election day accessibility checklist for an election official to complete at each polling place to assess whether the polling place presents any limitations that may prevent individuals from voting. The election official must immediately notify the chief inspector or municipal clerk of any such limitations. The Commission must establish the checklist before the 2027 spring election. The commission must periodically update the checklist no later than 12 months following the release of the report that the commission must submit to the legislature regarding impediments to voting faced by the elderly and individuals with disabilities.			Support	
LRB-4681		Allowing voters to automatically receive absentee ballots for every election, eliminating the indefinitely confined voter status for receiving absentee ballots, and providing a penalty	Duchow, Tomczyk	Draft	Eliminates the process for voting as an indefinitely confined voter beginning on January 1, 2029. Allows a voter to file a written application with the municipal clerk of the municipality where the voter resides to request that the clerk automatically send an absentee ballot for every election that is held in the municipality. Requires voter to provide proof of identification in order to automatically receive absentee ballots. Municipal clerk must retain in the statewide voter registration system an electronic copy of the proof of identification received. If the proof of ID expires, the clerk must notify the voter that they need to provide an updated proof of ID to continue receiving ballots. Also allows an authorized disability advocate to assist a voter with a disability in transmitting a copy of the voter's proof of identification to the clerk. An authorized disability advocate is an employee of a nonprofit disability rights organization or a licensed caregiver. If the advocate knowingly transmits a fraudulent proof of ID, they are guilty of a Class I felony.				

<p>LRB-4338</p>	<p>Help America Vote Act Compliance, Citizenship Krug, Tomczyk Verification Audit</p>	<p>Draft</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the Wisconsin Election Commission receives a complaint that they themselves are violating the Help America Vote Act, they must make a final determination on the merits and issue a decision (goes against WI Supreme Court decision). Final determination must be in writing. Complainant can request a hearing from WEC. 2. Requires WEC Administrator and DOT Secretary to update share information on registered voters and vehicles registration and license information on a more regular basis than under current law. DOT is required to match personally identifiable information with the voter registration list on a daily basis. If information does not match, DOT required to provide that the Commission and indicate whether the individual reported a change of address for purposes of updating records. Bill also requires DHS Office of Vital Records to enter into agreement with WEC to match personally identifiable information from registration list with the death records maintained by OVR. Must conduct matching on a daily basis and notify WEC of any irregularities. Bill requires Department of Corrections to update WEC on a daily basis of those individuals who have lost their voting rights. 3. If a voter who appears on the registration list becomes ineligible to vote, they must be removed from the list and WEC must keep a permanent record of the removal, including the date of and reason for removal. 4. Requires Legislative Audit Bureau to conduct an audit of the official voter registration list to identify registered individuals who are not US citizens by comparing information with that received from DOT, DOC, and OVR. LAB must verify citizenship against database maintained by US Department of Homeland Security. WEC must send notice to each registrant identified as a noncitizen that they are removed from the registration list unless they provide proof of citizenship. 	
<p>SB-578</p>	<p>Consent to admissions to certain health care facilities by patient representatives without requiring a petition for guardianship or protective placement</p>	<p>Wimberger, Snyder Milwaukee County: Donovan, Goodwin, Prado, Rodriguez, Sinicki, Wittke</p> <p>Health (S)</p>	<p>The bill allows a patient's representative to consent to an admission of an incapacitated individual from a hospital to a nursing home or community-based residential facility as provided under current law without petitions for guardianship or protective placement of the incapacitated individual being filed if 1) the incapacitated individual is admitted directly from a hospital inpatient unit, 2) the facility to which the incapacitated individual is admitted notifies the corporation counsel for the county in which the incapacitated patient resides of the admission within 72 hours of admission, and 3) the patient's representative signs, subject to penalty of false swearing, a declaration that contains certain information including a written acknowledgment that the patient's representative may make decisions or authorize expenditures as provided under the bill and promptly provides the signed declaration to all of the incapacitated individual's family members that can be reasonably contacted, the discharging hospital and the accepting facility, the corporation counsel for the county in which the incapacitated individual resides, and the adult-at-risk agency for the county in which the incapacitated individual resides.</p> <p>Further, the bill allows a patient's representative to make health care decisions, enroll the incapacitated individual in the Medical Assistance program, and authorize expenditures related to health care without the time limitations that apply to other direct admissions under current law if the patient's representative satisfies the conditions for admission provided under the bill. The authority of a patient's representative to make health care decisions and authorize expenditures related to health care under the bill ends if a court appoints a guardian to make such decisions, the incapacitated individual is discharged to a setting that is not a facility, a health care power of attorney that was not identified at the time that the patient's representative was established is identified, or the individual is determined to no longer be incapacitated.</p>	