

Raymer measure aimed at addressing early detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease passes Kentucky House



Frankfort, Kentucky – Members of the Kentucky House voted to pass House Bill (HB) 393, a measure sponsored by Representative Rebecca Raymer (R-Morgantown), that would address the critical

need for early detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Specifically, HB 393 would require the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (ADRD) Advisory Council to develop, implement, and disseminate a health care provider toolkit on early detection and diagnosis.

The ADRD Advisory Council reports directly to the Office of Dementia Services (ODS), an office within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS). The ADRD Advisory Council helps review and advise CHFS on

Kentucky's Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan, which guides the Commonwealth in addressing Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

"Early detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease can lead to better long-term health outcomes by connecting patients to resources, support, and treatment before the disease progresses," said Raymer. "Our goal with House Bill 393 would be to ensure providers, patients, and caregivers are better equipped to address and prepare for the challenges that follow a di-

agnosis."

To better help close gaps in council membership, HB 393 would require adding another current or former caregiver for an individual living with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia to the council. Starting December 1, 2029, and every four years after, the council would be required to submit an updated Kentucky Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan to the Legislative Research Commission (LRC), the administrative arm of the General Assembly. Beginning December 1

of each year, the council would also be required to develop and implement a year-long initiative that advances key areas of the state plan.

Additionally, the dementia services coordinator, responsible for the staffing and operational details of the ODS, would be required to prepare and submit an annual report on the operations of the office and council to the LRC by December 1 of each year. At a minimum, the report would have to include a progress update on the implementation of the state plan and any state plan amendments

or recommendations.

"Providing health care providers with toolkits on early detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease will better equip them to serve patients and caregivers across the Commonwealth," Raymer added. "Ultimately, we want to ensure that those battling Alzheimer's disease receive the best caliber care, support, and treatment possible."

HB 393 now moves to the Kentucky Senate for consideration. For more information on HB 393, visit legislature.ky.gov.

Attorney General Clarifies Law for Kentucky Sportsmen

FRANKFORT, Ky. - Attorney General Russell Coleman announced today that Kentuckians who own farmland in the Commonwealth are eligible for a fishing and hunting license exemption, even if they don't live on the farmland. In a formal Opinion of the Attorney General, General Coleman overruled decades-old interpretations of the statute that limited the license exemption only to those who currently resided on the land.

Kentucky State Senator Gary Boswell (R-Owensboro) requested the Opinion of the Attorney General. As part of the

legal review, the Attorney General's Office consulted the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, which has historically "applied a lenient interpretation" to the statute.

"As someone who grew up hunting with my dad on his Logan County farm, I'm proud to stand up for the rights of all sportsmen," said Attorney General Coleman. "Kentucky is home to some of the finest natural and wildlife resources in the world, and I encourage every Kentuckian to responsibly enjoy them while supporting critical conservation and preservation efforts."

The Office of the Attorney General is tasked with providing legal opinions to public officials to assist them in the performance of their duties. Opinions of the Office are persuasive in Kentucky courts and public officials are expected to follow them.

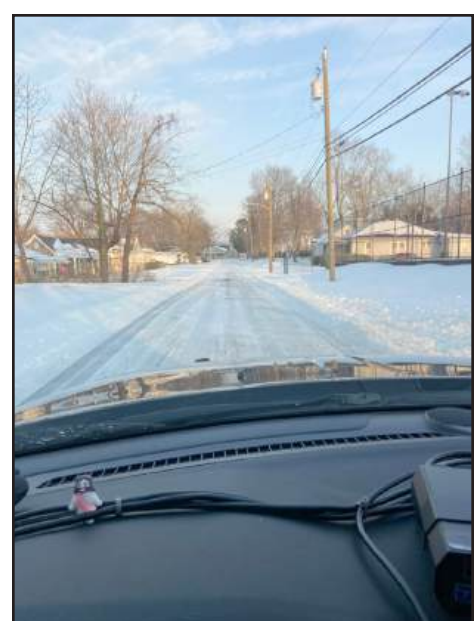
"I'm particularly grateful for the whip-smart attorneys in our Office who diligently considered this complex legal history to uphold the law and for Kentucky's outdoorsmen. Kentuckians are well-served by Aaron Silletto, Chris Bowlin and Christopher Thacker in the AG's Office,"

Blackhawk Collins participates



Greenville Elementary School Blackhawk, Messiah Collins, was one of the audience members chosen to participate in the Dinosaur World performance presented at Felix E. Martin, Jr. Hall this past Tuesday night. Messiah is a 2nd grade student in Mrs. Cammy Sadler's classroom. (Photo courtesy of Greenville Elementary Facebook page)

Because of icy and snow conditions the school system has used up all of their NTI days allowed, therefore any more missed days will have to be made up. The winter weather the county received caused delays in businesses opening and having to close early. Fire, police departments and road department crews worked non-stop on accidents, fires and trying to clear roads, but the low temperatures just kept working against them. Show your support to these great men and women who worked long hours and in bad conditions to keep us safe.



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