



Arizona Department of Veterans' Services

State Veterans/Military Legislation Update
State of Arizona- Fifty-sixth Legislature, Second Regular Session 2024

Legislative Update: Week Ending on February 25, 2024

Inclusion of any legislation in this report does not constitute endorsement of that legislation by the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services; unless noted.

Helpful Information

SB = Senate Bill

SCM = Senate Concurrent Memorial

SCR = Senate Concurrent Resolution

SR = Senate Resolution

HB = House Bill

HCM = House Concurrent Memorial

HCR = House Concurrent Resolution

HJR = House Joint Resolution

HR = House Resolution

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Important Session Dates:

Last day for House consideration of House Bills - February 6, 2024

Last day for House consideration of Senate Bills – February 16, 2024

Last day for consideration of Bills in Conference Committees - April 12, 2024

Adjournment sine die - April 20, 2024

All House and Senate bills which have not met session deadlines and therefore will not be moving forward in this session have been moved to the end of the list.

(Notations in Red represent new information or final action.)

Bills Impacting Veterans/Military

Senate Bills

[SB1015](#) Bill Title: National Guard Specialty Plates, eligibility

An Act amending section 28-2415, Arizona Revised Statutes; relating to special plates annual donations in the morale, welfare and recreational fund established by Section 26-153.

Primary Sponsor: Kavanaugh, John

2024-02-12 Senate – Proper for Consideration (PFC); Voting (0-0-0-0)

2024-02-05 Senate – DO PASS; Voting (5-2-0-0)

2024-01-30 Senate – Second Reading

2024-01-29 Senate – First Reading



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[SB1174](#) Bill Title: Tuition, Family, Posttraumatic, Stress, Suicide

Amends Section 15-1808, ARS relating to postsecondary institutions. The Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR), after verification form AZDVS that a person is a child or spouse of a person who meets the requirement prescribed, shall provide the person who qualifies, for admission with a tuition waiver scholarship at any University under the jurisdiction of ABOR.

Primary Sponsor: Gowan, D.

2024-02-12	Senate – Proper for Consideration (PFC); Voting (0-0-0-0)
2024-02-06	Senate APPRO – Action DO PASS, Voting (9-1-0-0)
2024-01-31	Senate MAPS – Action DO PASS, Voting (7-0-0-0)
2024-01-24	Senate – Second Reading
2024-01-23	Senate – First Reading

[SB1308](#) Bill Title: Veterans Benefits, Claim Prohibition

Amends Section 15-1808, ARS relating to postsecondary institutions. The Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR), after verification form AZDVS that a person is a child or spouse of a person who meets the requirement prescribed, shall provide the person who qualifies, for admission with a tuition waiver scholarship at any University under the jurisdiction of ABOR.

Primary Sponsor: Rogers, W.

2024-02-22	Senate - Committee of the Whole, Consent Calendar
2024-02-14	Senate - Action DO PASS AMENDED, Voting (7-0-0-0)
2024-02-01	Senate – Second Reading
2024-01-31	Senate – First Reading

[SB1405](#) Bill Title: Purple Star School Designation; requirements

An Act amending title 15, chapter 2, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding section 15-249.01; relating to the department of education. The program established within the Department of Education to identify schools in this state that provide transition support to military students and their families.

Primary Sponsor: Shamp, J.

2024-02-12	Senate – Proper for Consideration (PFC); Voting (0-0-0-0)
2024-02-06	Senate - Action DO PASS, Voting (7-0-0-0)
2024-02-01	Senate – Second Reading
2024-01-31	Senate – First Reading
2024-01-26	Senate – Introduced



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[SB1409](#) Bill Title: Military Veterans Spouses, Tuition Scholarships

An Act amending section 15-1809, Arizona Revised Statutes; relating to tuition scholarships for spouses administered by ABOR.

Primary Sponsor: Gowan, D.

2024-02-22 Senate - Transmit to House
2024-02-22 House Third - Action PASSED, Voting (16-12-2-0-0)
2024-02-14 Senate - Action DO PASS AMENDED, Voting (7-0-0-0)
2024-02-12 Senate – Proper for Consideration (PFC); Voting (0-0-0-0)
2024-02-07 Senate - Action DO PASS, Voting (5-1-1-0)
2024-01-31 Senate – Second Reading
2024-01-30 Senate – First Reading
2024-01-26 Senate – Introduced

[SB1413](#) Bill Title: Income tax, subtraction; Uniformed Services

An Act amending section 43-1022, Arizona Revised Statutes; relating to taxation of income. In computing AZ Adjusted gross income, amounts shall be subtracted from AZ gross income.

Primary Sponsor: Gowan, D.

2024-02-19 Senate - Consent Agenda
2024-02-12 Senate - Action DO PASS, Voting (7-0-0-0)
2024-01-31 Senate – Second Reading
2024-01-30 Senate – First Reading
2024-01-26 Senate – Introduced

[SB1426](#) Bill Title: Rental housing income source discrimination

Amends title 33, chapter 10, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding section 33-1319.01; relating to the Arizona residential landlord and tenant act. Source of income means benefits or subsidy programs including Veterans Benefits administered by any federal, state, private or nonprofit entity.

Primary Sponsor: Hernandez, A.

2024-02-07 Senate – Second Reading
2024-02-06 Senate – First Reading
2024-01-31 Senate – Introduced



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[SB1438](#) Bill Title: Health Insurance Coverage; Insulin

An Act amending sections 20-826, 20-1057, 20-1342, 20-1402, 20-1404 and 20-2325, Arizona Revised Statutes; relating to health care insurance. The director shall adopt emergency rules applicable to persons who are leaving active service in the armed forces of the United States and returning to civilian status.

Primary Sponsor: Gabaldon, R.

2024-02-01 Senate – Second Reading

2024-01-31 Senate – First Reading

[SB1469](#) Bill Title: School resource officers; Veterans; Retirees

An Act amending sections 15-154 and 15-155, Arizona Revised Statutes; relating to school safety requirements. "Law related education"; a veteran as defined in section 15-1911 who is certified by the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board.

Primary Sponsor: Kern, A.

2024-02-19 **Senate - PFC**

2024-02-14 Senate - Action DO PASS, Voting (4-3-1-0)

2024-02-05 Senate – Second Reading

2024-02-01 Senate – First Reading

[SB1552](#) Bill Title: Outdoor-based therapy programs; Grants

An Act amending title 36, chapter 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding article 2.2; relating to the department of health services. Program advisor committee will include at least one member who is appointed by AZDVS. Grant eligibility and priorities section; veterans for at least fifty percent of the program's implementation or administration. Maximize the number of participants who can be served particularly participants who are veterans.

Primary Sponsor: Menendez, J.

2024-02-06 Senate – Second Reading

2024-02-05 Senate – First Reading

2024-02-01 Senate – Introduced

[SB1570](#) Bill Title: Psilocybin services; regulation; licensure

An Act amending title 36, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding chapter 42; amending sections 41-619.51, 41-1758 and 41-1758.01, Arizona Revised Statutes; relating to the department of health services. Advisory board; an active member or a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Primary Sponsor: Shope, T.J.

2024-02-19 **Senate - Proper for Consideration, Voting (5-2-0-0)**

2024-02-13 **Senate - Action DO PASS, Voting (7-0-0-0)**

2024-02-06 Senate – Second Reading

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2024-02-01 Senate – Introduced



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SB1593 Bill Title: Homeless Encampment; crime enforcement

An Act amending title 9, chapter 4, article 8, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding section 9-500.50; amending title 11, chapter 2, article 4, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding section 11-269.29; relating to homeless encampments crime enforcements.

Primary Sponsor: Wadsack, J.

2024-02-15 Senate - Action DO PASS, Voting (4-3-0-0)
2024-02-06 Senate – Second Reading
2024-02-05 Senate – First Reading
2024-02-01 Senate – Introduced

SB1672 Bill Title: Military affairs commission; membership; appropriation

An Act amending sections 26-261, 26-262 and 26-263, Arizona Revised Statutes; relating to the military affairs commission. Pertaining to memberships on this commission.

Primary Sponsor: Gowan, D.

2024-02-20 **Senate - DO PASS AMENDED, Voting (5-4-1-0)**
2024-02-14 Senate - Action DO PASS AMENDED, Voting (6-0-1-0)
2024-02-06 Senate – Second Reading
2024-02-05 Senate – First Reading
2024-02-01 Senate – Introduced

SB1685 Bill Title: Veterans' donations fund; grants

An Act amending section 41-608, Arizona Revised Statutes; relating to the veterans' donations fund.

Primary Sponsor: Gowan, D.

2024-02-19 **Senate - PFC, Voting (0-0-0-0)**
2024-02-14 **Senate - Action DO PASS, Voting (5-0-2-0)**
2024-02-06 Senate – Second Reading
2024-02-05 Senate – First Reading
2024-02-01 Senate – Introduced



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House Bills

[HB2096](#) Bill Title: Tiny homes; construction; requirements; exemptions

Retitle: Cottage homes, construction, requirements; exemptions

Amends ARS by adding Section 11-2969.29; Section 11-811, 11-815, 11-861 and 11-865 relating to permits. Tiny homes, accessory dwelling units, detached garages, rural land, permits, inspections, exemption; greenhouses. Zoning ordinance, zoning districts, definitions. Restrictions on regulation, exceptions.

Primary Sponsor: Parker B.

2024-02-21	NREW Action DO PASS AMENDED, Voting (0-0-0-0)
2024-02-21	Moved to Committee as a Whole for further amendments
2024-02-13	House Action AMENDED Failed, Voting: (29-27-1-0-2)
2024-02-01	House Action DO PASS AMENDED, Voting: (0-0-0-0-0-0)
2024-01-24	House Constitutional and in Proper Form (C&P), Voting: (8-0-1-0-0-0)
2024-01-23	House Action DO PASS AMENDED, Voting: (5-4-0-0-0-0)
2024-01-22	House House – Withdrawn
2024-01-16	House House – Second Reading
2024-01-10	House House – First Reading

[HB2105](#) Bill Title: Psilocybin Research

Amends laws 2023, chapter 139, Section 6. Department of Health research grant. The director (DOH) shall provide from monies appropriated competitive research grants for whole mushroom psilocybin phase one, phase two and phase three clinical trials that are capable of being approved by the United States food and drug administration to evaluate the effects of whole mushroom psilocybin on treating any of the following: PTSD "veterans".

Primary Sponsor: Payne K..

2024-01-22	House MAPS – Action DO PASS, Voting: (11-3-1-0-0-0)
2024-01-09	House House – Second Reading
2024-01-08	House House – First Reading

[HB2143](#) Bill Title: Driver license fees; homeless exemption

Amends Sections 28-3002 and 28-3165, Arizona Revised Statutes; relating to the department of transportation. Removing veteran to person. Definition; who does not have a residence address (homeless) and whose residence is a shelter (homeless).

Primary Sponsor: Cook, D.

2024-02-20	House - Amended by TI, PASSED
2024-02-12	House C&P Constitutional and in Proper Form, Voting: (9-0-0-0-0-0)
2024-01-24	House TI – Action DO PASS AMENDED, Voting: (8-3-0-0-0-0)
2024-01-16	House – Second Reading
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[HB2181](#) National Guard; active duty combat

Amends Title 26, Chapter 1, Article 3, ARS by adding Section 26-164; Relating to the National Guard active duty combat definitions. Congressional declaration, concurrent resolution, Governor's actions. Defines "Active Duty Combat" and "Official Declaration of War".

Primary Sponsor: Kolodin, A.

2024-02-12	House	FAILED, Voting: (3-12-0-0-0-0)
2024-02-05	House	House – Second Reading
2024-02-01	House	House – First Reading
2024-01-10	House	House – NO History to report

[HB2246](#) Purple Star School Designation; requirements

An Act amending title 15, chapter 2, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding section 15-249.01; relating to the department of education. The program established within the Department of Education to identify schools in this state that provide transition support to military students and their families.

Primary Sponsor: Payne, K.

2024-02-01	House	House - 3 rd Reading, Voting: (55-0-1-0-4) PASSED
2024-01-29	House	Constitutional and in Proper Form (C&P), Voting: (8-0-1-0-0-0)
2024-01-23	House	House – DO PASS, Voting: (9-0-0-1-0-0)
2024-01-22	House	House – Second Reading
2024-01-17	House	House – First Reading

[HB2267](#) Rental Housing; income source discrimination

Amends Title 33, Chapter 10, Article 1, ARS by adding Section 33-1319.01; relating to the Arizona residential landlord and tenant act. Definitions includes veteran's compensation/benefits as "source of income".

Primary Sponsor: Ortiz, A.

2024-01-22	House	House – Second Reading
2024-01-17	House	House – First Reading

[HB2276](#) State Militia; Governor; Active Duty

Amends Title 26, Chapter 1, Article 2, ARS by adding Section 26-128; relating to the State Militia. The Governor may call all or part of the militia of this state into active duty to do any of the following: Repel an invasion, suppress an insurrection, enforce the laws of the state as required by public interest and safety, assist in guarding prisoners, convey prisoners within this state.

Primary Sponsor: Biasiucci, L.

2024-02-12	House	HELD, Voting: (0-0-0-0-0-0)
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2024-01-17	House	House – First Reading



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[HB2304](#) Buffalo Soldiers Arizona Territory Monument

Amends Laws 2018, Chapter 146, Section 1, as amended by Laws 2021, Chapter 360, Section 1, relating to the buffalo soldiers memorial. Monument procedures, delayed repeal. No state funds and state may not facilitate in fundraising. Repealed after 09/30/2025.

Primary Sponsor: Travers, S.

2024-02-19 House **PASSED, Voting: (52-0-7-0-1)**
2024-01-29 House Constitutional and in Proper Form (C&P), Voting: (8-0-1-0-0-0)
2024-01-24 House House – GOV DO PASS, Voting: (9-0-0-1-0-0)
2024-01-22 House House – Second Reading
2024-01-17 House House – First Reading

[HB2331](#) Veteran Community Enhancement Special Plates

Amends sections 28-2351 and 28-2403, Arizona Revised Statutes; amending title 28, chapter 7, article 12, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding section 28-2470.23; amending sections 28-6501, 28-6991 and 28-6993, Arizona Revised Statutes; relating to special plates. Allocate to any entity that is qualified as 501© 19 for income tax purposes. Motto - Veterans Strengthening America.

Primary Sponsor: Marshall, D.

2024-01-31 House HELD
2024-01-22 House House – Second Reading
2024-01-17 House House – First Reading

[HB2390](#) Property Tax Exemption; Combat Veterans

Amends Section 42-11111, ARS; Relating to property tax exemptions. Exemption for property; widows/widowers, persons with total and permanent disability, veterans with a disability. Property assessment definitions.

Primary Sponsor: Kolodin, A.

2024-01-22 House House – Second Reading
2024-01-17 House House – First Reading

[HB2392](#) Income Tax; subtraction; care expenses

Amends Section 43-1022, ARS; Relating to individual income tax. Individual income tax; subtractions from AZ gross income, U.S. Government Retirement

Primary Sponsor: Kolodin, A.

2024-01-22 House House – Second Reading
2024-01-17 House House – First Reading



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[HB2393](#) Presidential preference; parties; voting methods

Amends Title 16, Chapter 2, Article 4, ARS by adding Section 16-242.01; House of Representatives Amend to H.B. 2393. Relating to the Presidential preference election. Political party shall provide for a method of voting that allows all of the following to participate; persons who are uniformed services or overseas citizens.

Primary Sponsor: Kolodin, A.

2024-02-20	Senate - Second Reading
2024-02-19	Senate – First Reading
2024-02-06	Transmit to Senate
2024-02-06	House Amended, Voting: (31-24-2-0-3) <u>PASSED</u>
2024-02-05	House DPA, Amended
2024-01-29	House Constitutional and in Proper Form (C&P), Voting: (8-0-1-0-0-0)
2024-01-24	House House – GOV DO PASS Amended, Voting: (5-4-0-0-0-0)
2024-01-23	House House – Municipal oversight and Elections Second Reading
2024-01-22	House House – First Reading

[HB2404](#) Voter Registration Cards; mailing information

Amends Section 16-166, ARS; relating to voter registration rolls. The County Recorder shall not provide an initial or updated voter registration card to a person whose mailing address is outside this state except for; persons who are on active duty military service outside this state and their family members.

Primary Sponsor: Gillette, J.

2024-02-22	House House – Third, Voting (31-28-0-0-1)
2024-02-05	House House – C&P, Voting: (9-0-0-0-0-0)
2024-01-23	House House – DO PASS, Voting: (5-3-0-1-0-0)
2024-01-22	House House – Second Reading
2024-01-17	House House – First Reading



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[HB2548](#) Military Installations; general plan amendments

Amends Sections 9-461.05, 9-461.06 and 9-462.04, Arizona Revised Statutes; amending title 9, chapter 4, article 8, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding section 9-500.50; amending sections 11-804, 11-805 and 11-814, Arizona Revised Statutes; amending title 11, chapter 6, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding section 11-818.01; amending title 32, chapter 20, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding section 32-2114.02; amending sections 32-2115, 32-2183 and 32-2183.05, Arizona Revised Statutes; amending section 33-422, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by Laws 2019, chapter 103, section 1 and chapter 131, section 1; repealing section 33-422, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by Laws 2023, chapter 77, section 3; amending section 37-102, Arizona Revised Statutes; relating to military installations.

Primary Sponsor: Payne K..

2024-02-20	RET ON CAL
2024-02-05	House House – AMEND C&P, Voting: (9-0-0-0-0-0)
2024-01-23	House House – DO PASS, Voting: (14-0-0-0-0-0)
2024-01-22	House House – Second Reading
2024-01-17	House House – First Reading

[HB2552](#) Housing Grants; Military; Veteran; Homeless

Amends Section 41-3955.02, Arizona Revised Statutes; amending title 41, chapter 37, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding section 41-3955.03; repealing section 41-3955.03, Arizona Revised Statutes; relating to the Arizona department of housing. Grant program established to construct military transitional housing, veteran housing, affordable housing or homeless housing in the state.

Primary Sponsor: Payne K..

2024-02-20	House House – C&P, Voting (9-0-0-0-0)
2024-01-29	House House – DO PASS, Voting: (11-2-1-0-0-0)
2024-01-22	House House – Second Reading
2024-01-17	House House – First Reading

[HB2577](#) Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Day

An Act amending title 1, chapter 3, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding section 1-323; relating to holidays. June 27 in each year shall be observed as Post traumatic stress injury day.

Primary Sponsor: Quinonez, M.

2024-01-23	House House – Second Reading
2024-01-17	House House – First Reading



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[HB2585](#) Military Poll Workers; Party Representatives

An Act amending sections 16-531 and 16-590, Arizona Revised Statutes; relating to conduct of elections. Appoint to an election board persons without regard to whether they are registered voters in this state; an active duty military member with assignment orders.

Primary Sponsor: Gillette, J.

2024-01-31	House	HELD
2024-01-23	House	House – Second Reading
2024-01-22	House	House – First Reading

[HB2603](#) Bill Title: Native American Veteran Special Plates

Act amending Sections 28-2351 and 28-2403, Arizona Revised Statutes; amending title 28, Chapter 7, Article 12, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding section 28-2470.23; amending sections 28-6501, 28-6991 and 28-6993, Arizona Revised Statutes; relating to special plates. To fund a 501C3, this entity must honor, support and serve Native American U.S. Military members and their families.

Primary Sponsor: Peshlakai, M.

2024-01-17	House	House – Second Reading
2024-01-16	House	House – First Reading

[HB2652](#) Bill Title: Study Committee, Justice Involved Veterans

An Act establishing the justice-involved veterans study committee. Identify committee's membership, duties, and reporting.

Primary Sponsor: Marshall, D.

2024-01-30	House	House – Second Read
2024-01-29	House	House – First Read
2024-01-22	House	House – Introduced

[HB2722](#) Bill Title: National Guard; life insurance

An Act amending title 26, chapter 1, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding section 26-158.01; relating to the National Guard. Officers and enlisted personnel of AZ National Guard shall be covered, at the state's expense, under a group life insurance program.

Primary Sponsor: Grantham, T.

2024-02-20	House	House – C&P, Voting (9-0-0-0-0)
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[HB2741](#) Bill Title: Concealed weapons; training; authorized providers

An Act amending section 13-3112, Arizona Revised Statutes; relating to weapons. An applicant shall demonstrate competence with a firearm through any of the following: 5. Evidence of current military service or proof of honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions from the United States armed forces.

Primary Sponsor: Martinez, T.

2024-02-06 House House – Second Read

2024-02-05 House House – First Read

[HB2765](#) Bill Title: Military personnel; families; poll workers

A person who is a family member of an active duty military member with assignment orders to a post of duty in this state and who has identification as a military dependent.

Primary Sponsor: Gillette, J.

2024-02-20 House House – C&P, Voting (9-0-0-0-0)

2024-02-12 House WITHDRAWN, Voting: (0-0-0-0-0-0)

2024-02-08 House House – First Read

[HB2766](#) Bill Title: Veterans' services; behavioral health; appropriation

An Act appropriating monies to the department of veterans' services. FY 2024-2025 to the department of veterans' services for grants to fund nonprofit organizations that deliver evidence-based clinical care, wellness, education, peer outreach and clinician training for the benefit of active duty service members, veterans and the families of active duty service members and veterans who are impacted by mental and behavioral health issues.

Primary Sponsor: Gillette, J.

2024-02-20 House House – C&P, Voting (9-0-0-0-0)

2024-02-12 House DPA, Voting: (13-3-1-0-0-0-0)

2024-02-08 House House – First Read

[HB2780](#) Bill Title: Technical correction; military; special plates

An Act amending section 28-2428, Arizona Revised Statutes; relating to special license plates.

Primary Sponsor: Wilmeth, J.

2024-02-13 House FAILED, Voting: (5-5-0-0-0-0)

2024-02-08 House House – First Read



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[HB2792](#) Bill Title: Veterans' benefits; claims; prohibition; notice

An Act amending title 41, chapter 3, article 7, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding section 41-610.03; relating to the department of veteran's services. This bill will eliminate the predatory practices of individual's receiving compensation from veterans (their families and caregivers) for a service that is completed FREE through AZDVS Veteran Benefits Counselors (VBC).

Primary Sponsor: Travers, S.

2024-02-12 House FAILED, Voting: (7-8-0-0-0)

2024-02-06 House House – First Read

[HB2818](#) Bill Title: Service members; flags; half-staff

An Act amending title 38, chapter 3, article 4, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding section 38-451; amending title 41, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding section 41-116; relating to displaying flags. The Governor within 48 hours after receiving notification of the death of a service member who claimed this state as home of record, shall notify all state agencies to fly all flags at half-staff.

Primary Sponsor: Nguyen, Q

2024-02-21 House Amended by MAPS. PASSED

2024-02-19 House House – C&P, Voting (8-0-0-1-0)

2024-02-12 House DPA, Voting: (13-1-1-0-0-0)

2024-02-08 House House – First Read

[HB2881](#) Bill Title: Appropriation; medical marijuana; veterans; fees

An Act appropriating monies to the department of health services. Veterans are exempt from Medical Marijuana identification.

Primary Sponsor: Mathis, C.

2024-02-12 House House – Second Read

2024-02-08 House House – First Read
