

ADVS State Veterans/Military Legislation Update

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

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

COW=Committee of the Whole (House or Senate)

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Senate Bills

SB 1212- national guard; peace officers; appointment

Would permit the State Adjutant General to appoint a member of the Arizona National Guard to peace officer status those who have served as a law enforcement officer in any branch of service or as a special agent within the Department of Defense. Currently, only those who have been awarded a the Army military occupational specialty (MOS) as Military Police or Air Force specialty code as Security Police can be appointed. The appointed person must also complete a course of study prescribed by the Arizona peace officer standards and training board (POST).

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Steve Smith, R-Dist. 11

Major Actions: 21 January 2016-First Read and assigned to the Senate Public Safety, Military and Technology (PSMT) Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 10 Feb 2016-Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in Senate PSMT Committee, 6-0. 18 Feb 2016-Passed Senate 29-0-1 not voting and transmitted to the House. 8 March 2016-First Read in House and assigned to the House MAPS Committee and House Rules Committee. 17 March 2016-Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in House MAPS Committee, 8-0. 24 March 2016-Out of Rules. Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in House COW. **5 May 2016-Passed House**

SB 1213- adjutant general; national guard rules

Would make technical change to statute allowing the adjutant general to not only make rules, approved by the Governor, for the Department of Military and Emergency Affairs (DEMA) but also for the Arizona National Guard and make such rules effective upon approval by the Governor.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Steve Smith, R-Dist. 11

Major Actions: 21 January 2016-First Read and assigned to the Senate Public Safety, Military and Technology (PSMT) Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 10 Feb 2016-Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in Senate PSMT Committee, 6-0. 18 Feb 2016-Passed Senate 29-0-1 not voting and transmitted to the House. 24 Feb 2016-First Read in House and assigned to House MAPS Committee and House Rules Committee. 3 March 2016-Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in House MAPS Committee, 7-0-1 absent. 14 March 2016-Out of House Rules. Placed on Consent Calendar. **5 May 2016-Passed House**

SB 1267- military service; postsecondary academic credit

Would require Arizona community colleges and State universities to award a student academic credit toward a degree based on: 1) time on active duty military service, 2) skills, knowledge, and competencies acquired during military service. Dishonorable discharged veterans not eligible.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Steve Smith, R-Dist. 11

Major Actions: 26 January 2016-First Read and assigned to the Senate Public Safety, Military and Technology (PSMT) Committee, Senate Education Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 10 Feb 2016-Smith technical amendment adopted and given a “Do Pass Amended” recommendation in Senate PSMT Committee, 6-0. 11 Feb 2016-Given a “Do Pass” in Senate Education Committee, 6-0-1 not voting. 18 Feb 2016-Passed Senate 28-0-2 not voting and transmitted to the House. 2 March 2016-First Read in House and assigned to the House Government and Higher Education Committee and House Rules Committee. 10 March 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in House Government and Higher Education Committee, 6-0-3 absent. 16 March 2016-Out of House Rules. 17 March 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in House COW. **5 May 2016-Passed House 58-0-2 not voting and returned to the Senate.**

SB 1382- ~~committee of reference; standing committee~~ NOW: certification; identification; registration; service animals

The strike-everything amendment to SB 1382 modifies statutes relating to service animals in a public place and establishes penalties for fraudulently claiming to be the owner or trainer of a service animal. Would allow public places to exclude service animals if the animal is out of control and the handler does not take effective action to control the animal and if the animal is not house broken.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Judy Burges, R-Dist. 22;

Major Actions: 23 March 2016-Rep. Russell Bowers “Strike Everything” amendment adopted in House Appropriations Committee making this bill one that deals with service animals as outlined above. Given a “Do Pass Amended” recommendation 8-6. 7 April 2016- Out of House Rules Committee. 12 April 2016-Given a “Do Pass Amended” recommendation in House COW. 19 April 2016-Passed House 57-1-2 not voting and returned to the Senate. Concurrence with House amendment recommended. **4 May 2016-Final Passage 28-2 and transmitted to the Governor.**

SB 1437- national defense laws; prohibited actions

Would prohibit federal authorities from arresting under or otherwise subjecting any Arizona citizen to “the law of war”. House Rules amendment adopted on 7 April 2016 reverses much of bill’s intent.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Judy Burges, R-Dist. 22

Major Actions: 1 February 2016-First Read and assigned to the Senate Federalism, Mandates, and Fiscal Responsibility Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 9 Feb 2016-Amendment adopted changing term “resident” to “citizen” in Senate Federalism, Mandates, and Fiscal Responsibility Committee, and given a “Do Pass Amended” recommendation 4-2-1 not voting. 15 Feb 2016-“Proper For Consideration” in Senate Rules Committee. 25 Feb 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate COW. 29 Feb 2016-Passed Senate 18-12 and transmitted to the House. 3 March 2016- First Read and assigned to House Federalism and States Rights Committee and House Rules Committee. 16 March 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in House Federalism and States Rights Committee, 4-3-1 absent. 7 April 2016-Extensive amendment adopted in House Rules Committee. 14 April 2016-Given a “Do Pass Amended” recommendation in House COW. **18 April 2016-Passed House 34-24-3 not voting and returned to the Senate. Sponsor plans on killing the amended bill.**

SB 1513- submarine memorial; delayed repeal

In 2014, the Legislature approved building a memorial commemorating U. S. submarine veterans in Wesley Bolin Plaza at the State Capitol. Under that legislation, the memorial was to have been built by September 2017. This bill extends that time until 1 September 2020.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Adam Driggs, R-Dist. 28

Major Actions: 2 February 2016-First Read and assigned to Senate Government Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 17 Feb 2016, Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate Government Committee, 6-0-1 not voting. 22 Feb 2016-“Proper For Consideration” in Senate Rules Committee. 25 Feb 2016-Passed Senate 28-0-2 not voting and transmitted to the House. 3 March 2016-First Read and assigned to House MAPS Committee and House Rules Committee. 10 March 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in House MAPS Committee, 6-0-2 absent. 16 March 2016-Out of House Rules. 17 March 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in House COW. **5 May 2016-Passed House**

SCR 1013- coast guard auxiliary; recognition

A concurrent resolution that would recognize and honor the lifesaving work of the Arizona members of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and commend the volunteers for the vital support role they play in the mission of the United States Coast Guard.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Steve Smith, R-Dist. 11, et al.

Major Actions: 28 January 2016-First Read and assigned to the Senate Public Safety, Military and Technology Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 10 Feb 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate PSMT Committee, 6-0. 22 Feb 2016-“Proper For Consideration” in Senate Rules Committee. 25 Feb 2016-Passed Senate 28-0-2 not voting and transmitted to the House. 3 March 2016-First Read and assigned to House MAPS Committee and House Rules Committee. 10 March 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in House MAPS Committee, 7-0-1 absent. 16 March 2016-Out of House Rules. 17 March 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in House COW. **4 April 2016-Passed House 58-0-2 not voting and transmitted back to the Senate. 5 April 2016- Transmitted to the Secretary of State. ACTION COMPLETED.**

SCR 1024- Arizona wall project; recognition

A concurrent resolution that would recognize Operation Welcome Home Arizona for its continuing efforts on behalf of the Arizona Wall Project and the Welcome Home Veterans Park located in Gilbert, Arizona.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Andy Biggs, R-Dist. 12, et al. (28 Senate co-sponsors.)

Major Actions: **12 April 2016-First Read and unanimously adopted by Senate and transmitted to the House. As a concurrent resolution, it needs to be passed by the House as well.**

House Bills

HB 2019- credited service; military service purchase

Would allow eligible military veterans enrolled in the State/public retirement system for at least five years instead of the current ten years to purchase up to 60 months of completed military service to count toward the public retirement.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. David Stevens, R-Dist. 14

Major Actions: 11 January 2016-First Read and assigned to House Government and Higher Education Committee and House Rules Committee. Thursday, 21 January 2016-Hearing scheduled in House

Government and Higher Education Committee, 9 am, HHR 1. 21 Jan 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in the House Government and Higher Education Committee 8-0-1 not voting. Monday, 25 Jan 2016-Hearing in House Rules Committee, 1pm, HHR 4. 25 Jan 2016-Out of House Rules, 8-0-1 absent. 4 Feb 2016-Stevens floor amendment adopted. Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in House COW. 8 Feb 2016-Passed House 56-0-4 not voting and transmitted to the Senate. 16 Feb 2016- First Read and assigned to the Senate Public Safety, Military and Technology (PSMT) Committee, Senate Finance Committee, and Senate Rules Committee. 24 Feb 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate PSMT Committee, 5-0-1 not voting. 2 March 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate Finance Committee, 4-0-1 not voting. 14 March 2016-Out of Senate Rules. 23 March 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate COW. 28 March 2016-Passed House 27-0-3 not voting and returned to the Senate. 30 March 2016-Transmitted to the Governor. **5 April 2016-Signed by the Governor. ACTION COMPLETED.**

HB 2033- post-9/11 veteran education relief fund

Would create a Post 9/11 Veteran Education Relief Fund made of “private donations, grants, bequests, and any other monies” to provide, under certain conditions, financial tuition assistance to qualified veterans whose tuition assistance under the Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 has expired. Would create a committee appointed by the Governor to oversee the fund, under the administrative control of the Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5, et al

Major Actions: 11 January 2016-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety (MAPS) Committee and House Rules Committee. Thursday, 21 January 2016-Hearing scheduled in House MAPS Committee, 9 am, HHR 5. 21 Jan 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in the House MAPS Committee, 9-0. 4 Feb 2016-Passed House 56-0-4 not voting and transmitted to the Senate. 16 Feb 2016- First Read and assigned to the Senate Public Safety, Military and Technology (PSMT) Committee, Senate Appropriations Committee, and Senate Rules Committee. 24 Feb 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate PSMT Committee, 5-0-1 not voting. 22 March 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate Appropriations Committee, 8-0. 4 April 2016- Out of Senate Rules Committee. **11 April 2016- Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate COW.**

HB 2153- VLT exemption; military members; spouses

Would eliminate the Vehicle License Tax on one vehicle owned by a spouse or surviving dependent of a U.S. military member killed in the line of duty or who died of injuries received in the line of duty.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5

Major Actions: 21 January 2016-First Read and assigned to House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and House Rules Committee. 2 Feb 2016- Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, 8-1. A clarifying floor amendment to be prepared to say only one exemption per family allowed. 11 Feb 2016-Borrelli floor amendment adopted and given a “Do Pass Amended” recommendation in House COW. 16 Feb 2016-Passed House 51-9 and transmitted to the Senate. 18 Feb 2016-First Read in Senate and assigned to the Senate Transportation Committee, Senate PSMT Committee, Senate Appropriations Committee, and Senate Rules Committee. 1 March 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate Transportation Committee, 5-0-3 not voting. 16 March 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate PSMT Committee, 4-0-2 not voting. 22 March 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate Appropriations Committee, 8-0. 18 April 2016-Senate Rules. 19 April 2016-Worsley technical floor amendment adopted and given a “Do Pass Amended” recommendation in Senate COW. 20 April 2016- Passed Senate 26-0-4 not voting and returned to the House. 26 April 2016-House agrees to concur with Senate amendments to the bill. **5 May 2016-Final Passed House 45-11-4 not voting and transmitted to the Governor.**

HB 2256- tax subtraction; uniformed services pay

Would extend Arizona tax exemption to the pay of active service members of the commissioned corps of the U.S. Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Kate Brophy McGee, R-Dist. 28

Major Actions: 21 January 2016-First Read and assigned to the House on Ways and Means and the House Rules Committee. Mon. 1 Feb 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in House Ways and Means Committee, 8-0-1 not voting. 18 Feb 2016-Passed House 54-4-2 not voting and transmitted to the Senate. 18 Feb 2016-Passed House 54-4-2 not voting and transmitted to the Senate. 23 Feb 2016-First Read in Senate and assigned to the Senate Finance Committee, Senate PSMT Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 9 March 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in the Senate PSMT Committee, 5-1. 16 March 2016- Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in the Senate Finance Committee, 5-0. **18 April 2016-Senate Rules. 20 April 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate COW.**

HB 2324- G&F; military spouses; resident licenses

Would allow spouses of active military members stationed in Arizona to purchase Arizona resident hunting and fishing licenses.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Franklin Pratt, R-Dist. 8, et al.

Major Actions: 21 Jan 2015-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety (MAPS) Committee and House Rules Committee. 28 Jan 2016-Hearing scheduled in House MAPS Committee. 28 Jan 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in the House MAPS Committee, 7-0-1 absent. 18 Feb 2016-Passed House 57-0-3 not voting and transmitted to the Senate. 23 Feb 2016-First Read in Senate and assigned to the Senate Natural Resources Committee, Senate PSMT Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 29 February 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate Natural Resources Committee, 6-0-1 not voting. 9 March 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate PSMT Committee, 6-0. 14 March 2016-Out of Senate Rules. 23 March 2016-Caucus. **24 March 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate COW.**

HB 2621- veterans; state park; appropriation

~~Would appropriate \$800,000 to the Arizona State Parks Board to purchase land to establish a veterans memorial state park. Would establish a study committee to evaluate whether a veterans memorial state park should be established.~~

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Jonathan Larkin, D-Dist. 30, et al.

Major Actions: 8 February 2016-First Read and assigned to House MAPS Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and House Rules Committee. 18 Feb 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in House MAPS Committee, 7-1-1 absent. 29 Feb 2016-Removed from Appropriations Committee. 2 March 2016-Larkin floor amendment removing \$800,000 appropriation and instead creating a study committee was adopted and given a “Do Pass Amended” recommendation in House COW. Passed House 54-5-1 not voting and transmitted to the Senate. 7 March 2016-First Read in the Senate and assigned to Senate PSMT Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 9 March 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate PSMT Committee, 6-0. **15 March 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate Appropriations Committee, 8-0.**

HCM 2006- toxic exposure; urging Congress

A concurrent memorial urging the United States Congress adopt legislation that would establish in the United States Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the armed forces of the United States that are related to that exposure.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Richard Andrade, D-Dist. 29

Major Actions: 26 Jan 2015-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety (MAPS) Committee and House Rules Committee. 4 Feb 2016-Borrelli technical amendment adopted and given a “Do Pass Amended” recommendation in House (MAPS) Committee 8-0. 15 Feb 2016-Out of House Rules Committee, 6-0-3 not voting. 16 Feb 2016-Given “Do Pass Amended” recommendation in House COW. 18 Feb 2016-Passed House 54-3-3 not voting and transmitted to the Senate. 23 Feb 2016-First Read in Senate and assigned to Senate Federalism, Mandates and Fiscal Responsibility Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 1 March 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate Federalism, Mandates and Fiscal Responsibility Committee, 7-0. 7 March 2016-Given a “Proper for Consideration” recommendation in Senate Rules Committee. Placed on Consent Calendar. **5 April 2016-Passed Senate, 27-2-1 not voting and transmitted back to the House. 6 April 2016-Transmitted to the Secretary of State. ACTION COMPLETED.**

HCM 2009- urging Congress; American Legion; membership

A concurrent resolution urging the United States Congress to direct the American Legion to expand its membership eligibility to include all honorably discharged military veterans.

Primary Sponsors: Rep. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5. ; et al.

Major Actions: 8 February 2016-First Read and assigned to House MAPS Committee, and House Rules Committee. 11 Feb 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in House MAPS Committee, 7-0-1 absent. 22 Feb 2016-“Proper For Consideration” in House Rules Committee. 25 Feb 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in House COW. 2 March 2016-Passed House 58-0-2 not voting and transmitted to the Senate. 7 March 2016- First Read in Senate and assigned to Senate PSMT Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 16 March 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate PSMT Committee, 4-0-2 not voting. 28 March 2016-Out of Senate Rules Committee. **7 April 2016- Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate COW.**

HCR 2001- Arizona veterans hall of fame

A concurrent resolution recognizing the Arizona Veterans’ Hall of Fame. This Resolution passed the House but was not transmitted to the Senate in the 52nd Arizona Legislature, First Regular Session. Concurrent Resolutions must be passed by both Houses.

Primary Sponsors: Rep. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5.; et al.

Major Actions: 19 January 2016-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety (MAPS) Committee and House Rules Committee. Thursday, 28 Jan 2016-Hearing scheduled in House (MAPS) Committee, 9 am, HHR 5. 28 Jan 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in the House MAPS Committee, 7-0-1 absent. 16 Feb 2016-Passed House 57-3 and transmitted to the Senate. 24 March 2016-Read on floor of Senate, unanimously adopted by the Senate and returned to the House. **28 March 2016- Transmitted to the Secretary of State. ACTION COMPLETED.**

HCR 2016- ~~superior court jurisdiction; technical correction~~ NOW: veterans education benefits awareness

As stricken, would urge the federal government to ensure that all servicemembers be provided information about all education benefits available to them at least one year prior to separation from the military.

Primary Sponsors: Rep. Vince Leach, R-Dist. 11

Major Actions: 11 February 2016- Borrelli “Strike Everything” amendment adopted in House MAPS Committee changing the resolution as described above. Given a “Do Pass Amended” recommendation 7-0-1 absent. 23 Feb 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in House COW. 24 Feb 2016-Passed House 60-0 and transmitted to the Senate. 1 March 2016-First Read and assigned to Senate PMST Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 9 March 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate

PSMT Committee, 6-0. 14 March 2016-Out of Senate Rules. 24 March 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate COW. **28 March 2016-Passed House 29-0-1 not voting. 29 March 2016- Transmitted to the Secretary of State. ACTION COMPLETED.**
HCR 2018- post-traumatic stress injury awareness day

A concurrent resolution proclaiming June 27, 2016 as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day in Arizona.

Primary Sponsors: Rep. Jay Lawrence, R-Dist. 23. ; et al.

Major Actions: 19 January 2016-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety (MAPS) Committee and House Rules Committee. Thursday, 28 Jan 2016-Hearing scheduled in House (MAPS) Committee, 9 am, HHR 5. 28 Jan 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in the House MAPS Committee, 7-0-1 absent. 16 Feb 2016-Passed House 54-6 and transmitted to the Senate. 1 March 2016-First Read and assigned to Senate PMST Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 9 March 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate PSMT Committee, 6-0. 14 March 2016-Out of Senate Rules. **24 March 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate COW.**

HCR 2025- purple heart state; day

Would declare Arizona a “Purple Heart State” and proclaim ~~December 7, 2016~~ **August 7, 2016** as Purple Heart Day in Arizona.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Bob Thorpe, R-Dist. 6

Major Actions: 19 January 2016-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety (MAPS) Committee and House Rules Committee. Thursday, 28 Jan 2016-Hearing scheduled in House (MAPS) Committee, 9 am, HHR 5. 28 Jan 2016-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in the House MAPS Committee, 7-0-1 absent. 16 Feb 2016-Passed House 55-5 and transmitted to the Senate. 14 March 2016-First Read in Senate and assigned to Senate Appropriations Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 22 March 2016-Verbal amendment adopted proclaiming 7 August 2016 instead of 7 December 2016 as Purple Heart Day and given a “Do Pass Amended” recommendation in Senate Appropriations Committee, 8-0. 4 April 2016- Out of Senate Rules Committee. 5 April 2016- Out of caucuses. 11 April 2016- Given a “Do Pass Amended” recommendation in Senate COW. **12 April 2016- Passed Senate 28-0-2 not voting and returned to the House. 13 April 2016- Concurrence with Senate amendment recommended.**