

**Arizona Department of Veterans' Services Legislation Update**

**54th Arizona Legislature, First Regular Session**

**Friday, 15 February 2019**

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

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**SCM = Senate Concurrent Memorial**

**SCR = Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**SR = Senate Resolution**

**HB = House Bill**

**HCM = House Concurrent Memorial**

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**Bills Impacting Veterans/Military**

**Senate Bills**

**[SB 1001 highway safety fee; repeal; VLT](#)**

Repeals the annual highway safety fee for registered vehicles to fund highway patrol (currently set at \$32).

**Adopted Committee Amendment:**

Adds a Legislative Intent clause citing that it is the intent of the Legislature that the highway patrol be fully funded by the State General Fund.

**Sponsor(s):** Senator Ugenti-Rita, R-Dist. 23

**Major Actions:** 14 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 23 Jan 2019- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" from the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 9-0-0. 29 Jan 2019- passed out of both Senate Republican and Democrat Caucuses. 4 Feb 2019- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" in Senate Committee of the whole. **11 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 24-6-0-0. Transmitted to the House.**

**[SB 1034 tax subtraction; uniformed services pay](#)**

Makes technical corrections.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Senator Brophy-McGee, R-Dist. 28

**Major Actions:** 14 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees.

### **SB 1098 housing assistance pilot program; appropriation**

Establishes the Housing Assistance Pilot program to provide grants to assist individuals who are transitioning off of public assistance in securing housing. Creates a House Assistance advisory board consisting of the Director or Director's designee from the following departments:

- Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
- Department of Corrections
- Arizona Department of Housing
- Department of Economic Security

The advisory board is tasked with establishing criteria for housing assistance grants, establishing the application process and awarding housing assistance grants to qualified applicants.

#### **Adopted Committee Amendment:**

Allows grants to be used for housing in a community setting that provides 24 hour onsite supervision and that fosters a person's compliance with the person's medication and treatment plans for persons who have serious mental illness and who have demonstrated the inability to successfully live in an independent setting.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Senator Heather Carter, R-Dist. 15; Senator Lela Alston, D-24

**Major Actions:** 22 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to Senate Health and Human Services, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 6 Feb 2019- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" from the Senate Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0.

### **SB 1099 patriotic youth groups; school access**

Authorizes the principal of a public school, during the first quarter of each academic school year, to allow representatives from any youth group listed in [36 USC, Subtitle II, Part B](#) as a patriotic society to address students for up to ten minutes during regular school hours on how the youth group as a patriotic society supports education interests and civic involvement.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Senator Heather Carter, R-Dist. 15; Senator Lela Alston, D-Dist 24; Senator Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist 5

**Major Actions:** 22 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to Senate Education and Rules Committees. 5 Feb 2019- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Education Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 11 Feb 2019- Passed by the Senate Rules Committee. 12 Feb 2019- Passed out of both Senate Republican and Democrat Caucus. 14 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 29-1-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

### **SB 1172 family caregivers; income tax credit**

Creates, beginning in Tax Year (TY) 2019 and ending before TY 2023, an individual income tax credit (tax credit) for the care and support of a qualifying family member. Outlines various tax credit limitations and eligibility criteria.

**Adopted Strike Everything Amendment:**

Establishes a Family Caregiver Grant Program and Fund to reimburse family caregivers for 50 percent of qualifying expenses incurred, up to \$1,000 per qualifying family member. Appropriates \$1,500,000 in FY 2020 from the state General Fund to the Arizona Department of Economic Security for the Grant Program Fund.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Senator Heather Carter, R-Dist. 15; Senator Kate Brophy McGee, R-Dist. 28

**Major Actions:** 24 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to Senate Finance and Rules Committees. Scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Finance Committee: 6 Feb 2019. 6 Feb 2019- HELD in the Senate Finance Committee. 13 Feb 2019- The Strike Everything Amendment received a “Do Pass as Amended” by the Senate Finance Committee with a vote of 10-0-0. Scheduled for Senate Rules: 18 Feb 2019.

**SB 1273 tribal nations; veterans’ services; appropriation**

Appropriates \$2.2 million and 20 FTE positions to ADVS from the State General Fund to hire veteran service officers to provide services in rural tribal nations in this state that have communities that are located 100 miles or more from the nearest United States Department of Veteran Affairs service center.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Senator Jamescita Pehslakai, D-Dist. 7; Senator Lela Alston, D-Dist. 24; Senator David Bradley, D-Dist. 10; Senator Lupe Contreras, D-Dist. 19

**Major Actions:** 30 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees.

**SB 1275 Fort Defiance veterans cemetery; appropriation**

Appropriates \$30,000 to ADVS from the State General Fund in FY20 for distribution to the Navajo Nation for costs associated with improvements to the Fort Defiance Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Senator Jamescita Pehslakai, D-Dist. 7; Senator David Bradley, D-Dist. 10

**Major Actions:** 30 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees.

**SB 1276 Lukachukai veterans’ multipurpose complex; appropriation**

Appropriates \$500,000 to ADVS from the State General Fund in FY20 for distribution to the Navajo Nation for distribution to the Navajo Nation for costs associated with planning, designing and constructing the Lukachukai Veterans’ Multipurpose Complex.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Senator Jamescita Pehslakai, D-Dist. 7; Senator David Bradley, D-Dist. 10

**Major Actions: 30 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees.**

### **SB1290 income tax subtraction; veterans' pensions**

Increases the allowable state income tax subtraction for retainer and retirement benefit, annuity and pension pay from the Uniformed Services of the United States from \$3500 to the entire pension amount if the taxpayer is an honorably discharged veteran.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Senator David Gowan, R-Dist. 14

**Major Actions: 30 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees.**

### **SB 1338 veteran special plates; branch seal**

Requires the Department of Transportation veteran special plates with the following options:

- An American flag in the center of the plate
- An Army seal
- A navy Seal
- A US Marine Corps seal
- An Air Force seal.

Allows a person who qualifies for a veteran special plate to select which plate design they prefer.

#### **Adopted Committee Amendment:**

Requires the Department to also offer a veteran special plate design with a Coast Guard seal.

#### **Adopted Floor Amendment:**

Adds a delayed effective date of October 1, 2019.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Senator Jamescita Pehslakai, D-Dist. 7; Senator David Bradley, D-Dist. 10

**Major Actions: 31 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Public Safety and Rules Committees. 6 Feb 2019- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the Senate Transportation and Public Safety Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. Scheduled for Senate Rules Committee: 11 Feb 2019. 12 Feb 2019- Passed out of both Senate Republican and Democrat Caucus. 14 Feb 2019- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" in Senate COW with a Floor Amendment.**

### **SB 1474 POW/MIA flag; display**

Allows a POW/MIA flag to be displayed on or in front of the following locations on any day when the United States flag is displayed:

- The building that serves as the location of the municipal court in a city or town;
- The building that services as the location of the justice court; and
- The building that serves as the regional justice court center.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Senator Lupe Contreras, D-Dist. 19; Senator Sylvia Allen, R-Dist. 6; Senator Lela Alston, D-Dist. 24; Senator Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5

**Major Actions: 5 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. Scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Government Committee: 11 Feb 2019. 11 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the Senate Government Committee with a vote of 7-0-0. Scheduled for Senate Rules: 18 Feb 2019.**

### **SCR 1004 military personnel; technical correction**

Makes a technical correction to the Arizona Constitution that replaces, *soldier, or marine, in the army or navy* with *military personnel*.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Senator David Gowan, R-Dist. 14

**Major Actions: 23 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Rules Committee.**

### **SJR 1002 Native American veterans highways**

Resolves that the Legislature and Governor:

- Designate the portion of U.S. Route 89 located between the Utah State line and Flagstaff as the “Native American Veterans Highway” in honor of Native American veterans;
- Designate the portions of State Highway 264 that fall under Navajo jurisdiction as the “Navajo Code Talker Highway” and the portions that fall under Hopi jurisdiction as the “Hopi Code Talker Highway”; and
- Designate the portion of the United States Route 160 that is located between the New Mexico state line and the junction of the United States Route 89 as the “Native American Women Veterans Highway.”

Directs the Secretary of State to transmit copies of SJR1002 to the Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation, the President of the Navajo Nation and the Chairperson of the Hopi Tribe.

#### **Adopted Committee Amendment:**

Makes a technical correction.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Senator Jamescita Peshlakai, D-Dist. 7; Senator Lela Alston, D-Dist. 24; Senator David Bradley, D-Dist. 10; Senator Lupe Contreras, D-Dist. 19

**Major Actions: 6 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Public Safety and Rules Committees. 13 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” from the Senate Transportation and Public Safety Committee with a vote of 7-0-1-0. Scheduled for Senate Rules: 18 Feb 2019.**

### **SJR 1003 Hualapai veterans highway**

Resolves that the Legislature and Governor designate the portion of United States Route 66 that is located between Seligman, Arizona and Kingman, Arizona as the, “Hualapai Veterans Highway” And requires the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to approve, place and maintain appropriate signage to identify the highways.

**Adopted Committee Amendment:**

Limits the designation to the portion of US Route 66 within the Hualapai Reservation.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Senator Jamescita Peshlakai, D-Dist. 7; Senator Lela Alston, D-Dist. 24; Senator David Bradley, D-Dist. 10; Senator Lupe Contreras, D-Dist. 19

**Major Actions:** 5 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Public Safety and Rules Committees. 13 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” from the Senate Transportation and Public Safety Committee with a vote of 7-0-1-0. Scheduled for Senate Rules: 18 Feb 2019.

## House Bills

### **HB 2011 veterans; increased income tax subtraction**

Increases the allowable state income tax subtraction for retainer and retirement benefit, annuity and pension pay from the Uniformed Services of the United States from \$3500 to \$10,000 over the next 3 years.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Gail Griffin, R-Dist. 14; Senator Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5

**Major Actions:** 12 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means, Appropriations, and Rules Committees. 14 Feb 2019- Withdrawn from the House Ways & Means Committee. Scheduled for a hearing in the House Appropriations Committee: 20 Feb 2019.

### **HB2019 highway safety fee; repeal; VLT**

Repeals the annual highway safety fee for registered vehicles to fund highway patrol (currently set at \$32).

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. T.J. Shope, R-Dist. 8

**Major Actions:** 4 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees. Scheduled for a hearing in the House Transportation Committee: 20 Feb 2019.

### **HB 2020 parks; veterans; military personnel; access**

Grants all veterans and active duty military personnel entrance to state parks free of charge on presentation of the person’s military identification.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Jay Lawrence, R-Dist. 23

**Major Actions:**

### **HB 2030 military plates; disability; fee exemption**

Eliminates special plate fees for the following special plates if the plate is combined with an international symbol of access special plate and the person who applies for the plate has a disability that is the result of the veteran's military service:

- Veteran
- Former prisoner of war
- Purple Heart medal recipient
- Pearl Harbor survivor

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Jay Lawrence, R-Dist. 23

**Major Actions:** 14 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Military & Veterans Affairs and Rules Committees. Scheduled for a hearing House Transportation Committee: 30 Jan 2019. **29 Jan 2019- Removed from the Committee Agenda.**

### **HB 2046 military funerals; honor guard; compensation**

Compensates a member of a veterans' service organization who serves in an honor guard detail for any deceased person who is eligible for military funeral honors under federal law at a rate of \$50 per day, except that a bugler will be compensated at \$25 per day.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. David Cook, R-Dist. 8; Rep. Noel Campbell, R-Dist. 1

**Major Actions:**

### **HB 2075 electronic prescribing; exceptions; deadlines**

Among other things, exempts from electronic prescribing requirements, a prescription order for a Schedule II controlled substance that is an opioid when the order indicates that the medical practitioner provided care for the patient in a Veterans Administration Facility, a health facility on a military base, an Indian health services hospital or other Indian health services facility, or a tribal-owned clinic. Contains an emergency clause. Contains an Emergency Clause.

#### **Adopted Committee Amendment:**

Allows the Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants to certify physician assistants (PA) for 30-day prescription privileges for Schedules II, III, IV and V controlled substances that are opioids or benzodiazepine and 90-day prescription privileges for Schedules IV and V controlled substances that are not opioids or benzodiazepine.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Regina Cobb, R-Dist. 5

**Major Actions:** 15 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 24 Jan 2019- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" from the House Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 9-0-0-0. 31 Jan 2019- Passed out of both House Republican and Democrat Caucus. 31 Jan 2019- Passed Committee of the Whole as amended. 31 Jan 2019- Passed out of the House on Third Read with a vote of 60-0-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate. 11 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 30-0-0-0 and Transmitted to the Governor. (substituted for SB1108). **14 Feb 2019- Signed by the Governor.**

### **HB 2082 junior reserve officer training; CTE**

Classifies a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program offered by a school district, charter school, or career technical education (CTE) district as a CTE course or program. Appropriates \$500,000 from the state general fund to the Department of Education (ADE) for distribution on a prorated per pupil basis to CTE and school districts that offer JROTC programs approved by the CTE Division of ADE and ADE respectively.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Walter Blackman, R-Dist. 6; Rep. Frank Carroll, R-Dist. 22; Rep. Alma Hernandez, D-Dist. 3; Rep. Aaron Lieberman, D-Dist. 28

**Major Actions:** 24 Jan 2018- First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veteran Affairs, Education and Rules Committees. 4 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee with a vote of 6-0-0-1. 11 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Education Committee with a vote of 13-0-0-0. Scheduled for House Rules: 18 Feb 2019.

### **HB 2093 appropriation; veterans’ services; benefits counselors**

Appropriates \$1.2 million from the State General Fund, in addition to any other appropriations made in FY 2020, to the Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services to hire additional benefits counselors.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Richard Andrade, D-Dist. 29; Rep. Jay Lawrence, R-Dist. 23; Rep. Noel Campbell, R-Dist. 1; Rep. David Cook, R-Dist. 8; et al.

**Major Actions:** 24 Jan 2018- First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veteran Affairs, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 4 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee with a vote of 6-0-0-1. 6 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Appropriations Committee with a vote of 11-0-0-0. Passed out of both House Republican and Democrat Caucus. 14 Feb 2019- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 53-7-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

### **HB 2105 procurement; veterans; Arizona bidders; preference**

Requires a purchasing agency, when awarding a contract to the lowest bidder, to grant preference to a veteran-owned business or an Arizona bidder, in that order, over a nonresident bidder if there are two or more low, responsive offers from the responsible bidders that are identical in price.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Diego Espinoza, D-Dist. 19; Rep. Richard Andrade, D-Dist. 29

**Major Actions:**

### **HB 2142 driver license fees; homeless exemption**

Exempts driver license fees for any *person* who does not have a residence address or whose residence address is the address of a shelter that provides services to the homeless.

NOTE: [Laws 2018, Chapter 271](#), exempts veterans who have no address or whose address is that of a homeless shelter from the fees associated with receiving a driver license or nonoperating identification license. HB2142 expands this fee exemption to all homeless persons.



**Adopted Committee Amendment:**

Limits the fee exemption to nonoperating identification licenses.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Reginald Bolding, D-Dist. 27; Rep. Richard Andrade, D-Dist. 29; Rep. Noel Campbell, R-Dist. 1; Rep. Jennifer Longdon, D-Dist. 24

**Major Actions:** 12 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 13 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” from the House Transportation Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-0. **Scheduled for a hearing in the House Appropriations Committee: 20 Feb 2019.**

**HB 2309 technical correction; military affairs**

Makes technical corrections pertaining to the state militia.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Michelle Udall, R-Dist. 25

**Major Actions:**

**HB 2320 highway safety fee; reduction**

Caps the highway safety fee at \$18 and eliminates the requirement that the highway safety fee full fund 110% of the Arizona Department of Public Safety highway patrol budget for each fiscal year.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Noel Campbell, R-Dist. 1

**Major Actions:** 29 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees. 6 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Transportation with a vote of 6-0-0-1. **12 Feb 2019- Passed out of both House Republican and Democrat Caucus. 14 Feb 2019- Retained on the House COW Calendar.**

**HB 2321 public service scholarship fund**

Establishes the John McCain Public Service Scholarship fund to be used to provide scholarships to students who meet the following requirements:

- Complete a term of service in a national service program that is designed to improve lives and foster civic engagement and that is supported by the federal government;
- Subsequently receive a federal postservice education award.
- Use the federal postservice education award to attend an educational institution or program in this state that is eligible under the terms of the federal postservice education award.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Aaron Lieberman, D-Dist. 28; Rep. Leo Baisiucci, R-Dist. 5; Rep. Walter Blackman, R-Dist. 6; Rep. Reginald Bolding, D-Dist. 27; et al.

**Major Actions:** 30 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Education, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 4 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Education Committee with a vote of 11-0-1-1. 6 Feb 2019-Received a “Do Pass” from the House Appropriations Committee with

a vote of 11-0-0. Schedule for House Rules Committee: 11 Feb 2019. 12 Feb 2019- Passed out of both House Republican and Democrat Caucus. 14 Feb 2019- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 48-12-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

### [HB 2339 appropriation; affordable housing](#)

Appropriates \$25,000,000 from the State General Fund to the Housing Trust Fund in Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Athena Salman, D-Dist. 26; Rep. Richard Andrade, D-Dist. 29; Rep. Reginald Bolding, D-Dist. 27; Rep. Kelli Butler, D-Dist. 28

**Major Actions:**

### [HB 2370 technical correction; military; special plates](#)

Makes technical corrections pertaining to *military support* special plates.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Ben Toma, R-Dist. 22

**Major Actions:**

### [HB 2440 highway safety fee; repeal](#)

Repeals the annual highway safety fee for registered vehicles to fund highway patrol (currently set at \$32).

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Gail Griffin, R-Dist. 23

**Major Actions:** 4 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees.

### [HB 2446 military services special plates](#)

Establishes the *military services* special license plates. Of the \$25 fee for the plate, \$17 is an annual donation and must be deposited in the Veterans' Donation Fund (VDF) subaccount to be used for services that benefit U.S. Navy veterans or immediate family members of U.S. Navy veterans in this state.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Gail Griffin, R-Dist. 23

**Major Actions:** 11 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees. **Scheduled for a hearing in the House Transportation Committee: 20 Feb 2019.**

### [HB 2458 consumer credit lending; military members](#)

Provides consumer credit lending protection for those in this state who are a member of the armed forces on call of active duty for more than thirty days, an active guard and reserve duty, and a veteran who was discharged from the armed forces within the prior 12 months.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Kelli Butler, D-Dist. 28; Rep. Richard Andrade, D-Dist. 29

**Major Actions: 4 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce, Military & Veterans Affairs, and Rules Committees.**

### **HB 2459 DFI; examination; military lending act**

Requires the Superintendent of Financial Institutions to examine or caused to be examined, at the Superintendent's discretion, consumer lenders and premium finance companies at their discretion to ensure compliance with the federal Military Lending Act.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Kelli Butler, D-Dist 28; Rep. Richard Andrade, D-Dist. 29

**Major Actions: 4 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce, Military & Veterans Affairs, and Rules Committees.**

### **HB2487 state veterans' homes**

Makes technical updates in statutory language regarding the Arizona State Veteran Homes.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Jay Lawrence, R-Dist. 23

**Major Actions: 30 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veterans Affairs and Rules Committees. 11 Feb 2019- Received a "Do Pass" from the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee with a vote of 6-0-0-1. Scheduled for House Rules: 18 Feb 2019.**

### **HB 2488 veteran suicides; annual report**

Requires the Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS), beginning January 1, 2020, to annually compile a report on veteran suicides in this state that includes the following information:

- The number of veterans who died by suicide or accidental death in the preceding 5 years;
- The prevalence of medications or illegal substance in each veteran who died by suicide;
- The number of instances in which veterans who died by suicide were taking multiple prescriptions

Prescribes additional information to be included in the initial report and requires DHS to submit the report annually to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate and the Arizona Department of Veterans' services. Additionally, HB2488 requires that a death certificate must indicate whether or not the person was a veteran.

### **Proposed Strike Everything Amendment:**

Requires the Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS), beginning January 1, 2020, to annually compile a report on veteran suicides in this state. Outlines the data that must be included in the report and directs the Department of Veterans' Services and the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System to submit to DHS all data, including protected health information, in order for DHS to comply with the

report requirement. Specifies that the information and records acquired by DHS to create the report are confidential and not subject to subpoena, discovery or introduction into evidence in any civil or criminal proceeding.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Jay Lawrence, R-Dist. 23

**Major Actions:** 4 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veterans Affairs and Rules Committees. Scheduled for a hearing in the House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee: 11 Feb 2019. 8 Feb 2019- Removed from the House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee Agenda. **Scheduled for a hearing in the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee: 18 Feb 2019.**

### **HB 2499 appropriation; Navajo veterans housing assistance**

Appropriates \$400,000 from the State General Fund in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 to the Department of Economic Security to distribute to the Navajo Nation for costs associated with the Navajo Veterans Housing Assistance Program administered by the Navajo Nation.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Myron Tsosie, D-Dist. 7; Rep. Mitzi Epstein, D-Dist. 18; Rep. Alma Hernandez, D-Dist.. 3; Rep. Daniel Hernandez, D-Dist 2

**Major Actions:** 4 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veterans Affairs, Appropriations and Rules Committees. **Scheduled for a hearing in the House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee: 11 Feb 2019. 11 Feb 2019- HELD in the House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee.**

### **HB 2551 property tax exemptions; statutory conformity**

Provides a property tax exemption for a veteran with a service or nonservice connected disability. Outlines qualifications. Contains a Conditional Enactment wherein this Act does not become effect unless the Consitution of Arizona is amended by the vote of the people at the next general election ([HCR2023](#))

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Leo Baisiucci, R-Dist. 5; Rep. Frank Carroll, R-Dist 22; Rep. Diego Espinoza, D-Dist. 19

**Major Actions:** 4 Feb 2019- Frist Read and Assigned to the House Ways & Means, Military & Veterans Affairs and Rules Committees.

### **HB 2569 occupational licensing; reciprocity**

Extends licensing reciprocity that is afforded to military spouses in this state to a person establishes residence in this state.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Warren Petersen, R-Dist. 12

**Major Actions: 4 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Regulatory Affairs and Rules Committees. [Scheduled for a hearing in the House Regulatory Affairs Committee: 11 Feb 2019.](#)**

### **[HB 2625 appropriation; military; discharge; tribal ceremonies](#)**

Appropriates \$1 Million, in Fiscal Year 2019-2020, from the State General Fund to the Department of Veterans' Services to distribute to Indian tribes located in this state to conduct tribal ceremonies for tribal members who are discharged from the military.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Myron Tsosie, D-Dist. 7; Rep. Walter Blackman, R-Dist. 6; Rep. Reginald Bolding, D-Dist. 27; Rep. Andres Cano, D-Dist. 3

**Major Actions: 12 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Appropriations and Rules Committees.**

### **[HB 2682 children; veterans; disabilities; tuition waivers](#)**

Provides a State university or community college tuition waiver to children under the age of 30 of veterans of the U. S. Armed Forces who are rated as 30% or more disabled by the federal VA and who were residents of Arizona or stationed in Arizona at the time of the injury that resulted in the disability rating.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Walter Blackman, R-Dist. 6

**Major Actions:**

### **[HB 2694 funeral escorts; funeral board licensure](#)**

Requires the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers to license funeral escort vehicles and drivers and military escort vehicles and drivers in a manner as prescribed by the Board by Rule. Specifies that the license will only be issued if the applicant:

- Works for a funeral escort business and meets other requirements prescribed by the Board;
- or
- Is affiliated with a nonprofit corporation that provides military processions and meets other requirements prescribed by the Board.

Allows the Board to establish and collect a fee for licensing funeral escort vehicles and drivers and military escort vehicles and drivers.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Noel Campbell, R-Dist. 1; Rep. Richard Andrade, D-Dist. 29; Rep. Walter Blackman, R-Dist. 6; Rep. Isela Blanc, D-Dist. 26

**Major Actions: 14 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees. [Scheduled for a hearing in the House Transportation Committee: 20 Feb 2019.](#)**

### **[HCM 2001 deported veterans; medical treatment](#)**

Urges the United States Congress to enact legislation providing medical treatment and other benefits for all veterans of the United States Armed Forces, including those who have been deported.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Diego Espinoza

**Major Actions:** 5 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veterans Affairs and Rules Committees. 11 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-0.

### HCR 2023 constitutional property tax exemptions

Amends the Arizona Constitution to allow the Legislature to provide various property tax exemptions that include an exemption for the property of an honorably discharged veteran of the Uniformed Services of the United States who is a resident of this state and who has a service or nonservice connected disability. Directs the Secretary of the State to submit this proposition to the voters at the next General Election.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Leo Baisiucci, R-Dist. 5; Rep. Frank Carroll, R-Dist 22; Rep. Diego Espinoza, D-Dist. 19; Rep. Aaron Lieberman, D-Dist. 28

**Major Actions:** 5 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means and Rules Committees.

### HJR 2003 Hualapai veterans highway

Urges the Arizona Department of Transportation to designate the portion of United States Route 66 that is located between Seligman, Arizona and Kingman, Arizona as the, “Hualapai Veterans Highway.” Directs the Secretary of State to transmit copies of SJR1003 to the Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation and the Chairperson of the Hualapai Tribe Council.”

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Arlando Teller, D-Dist. 7; Rep. Cesar Chavez, D-Dist. 29; Representative Alma Hernandez, D-Dist. 3; Rep. Jennifer Longdon, D-Dist. 24

**Major Actions:** 13 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees.

### HJR 2004 Native American veterans highways

Urges the Arizona Department of Transportation to:

- Designate the portion of U.S. Route 89 located between the Utah State line and Flagstaff as the “Native American Veterans Highway” in honor of Native American veterans;
- Designate the portions of State Highway 264 that fall under Navajo jurisdiction as the “Navajo Code Talker Highway” and the portions that fall under Hopi jurisdiction as the “Hopi Code Talker Highway”; and
- Designate the portion of the United States Route 160 that is located between the New Mexico state line and the junction of the United States Route 89 as the “Native American Women Veterans Highway.”

Directs the Secretary of State to transmit copies of SJR1002 to the Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation, the President of the Navajo Nation and the Chairperson of the Hopi Tribe.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Arlando Teller, D-Dist. 7; Rep. Cesar Chavez, D-Dist. 29; Representative Alma Hernandez, D-Dist. 3; Rep. Jennifer Longdon, D-Dist. 24

**Major Actions:** 13 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees.

## **Bills that Impact the Department Administratively**

### **Senate Bills**

#### **[SB 1041 technical correction; veterans; conservatorship](#)**

Makes technical corrections

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

**Major Actions:** 14 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Rules Committee.

### **House Bills**

#### **[HB 2131 state agencies; citizen portal; access](#)**

Requires each state agency that collects personal information from any person to establish a citizen portal that is a secure online website and that allows a person to access the person's personal information and to correct any errors in the information.

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

**Major Actions:** 28 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Technology and Rules Committees. 6 Feb 2019- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Technology Committee with a vote of 5-1-0-1.

#### **[HB 2144 technical correction; private funds; disposition](#)**

Makes technical corrections.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Regina Cobb, R-Dist. 5

**Major Actions:**

#### **[HB 2257 civil liability; gun-free zones](#)**

Holds an organization or entity or an agency, commission, board or political subdivision of this state that establishes a gun-free zone liable for any damages claimed by a person who was harmed by criminal conduct in the gun-free zone if a reasonable person would believe that possession of a firearm could have helped the person defend against the criminal conduct.

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

**Major Actions:**

**[HB2628 state agencies; tribal consultation](#)**

Requires all state agencies to consult with Indian tribes when considering activities that might affect tribal rights and claims to any natural resource.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Myron Tsosie, D-Dist. 7; Rep. Domingo DeGrazia, D-Dist. 10; Rep. Diego Espinoza, D-Dist. 19; Rep. Charlene Fernandez, D-Dist. 4

**Major Actions: 13 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Government and Rules Committees.**