

Arizona Department of Veterans' Services Legislation Update

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SCM = Senate Concurrent Memorial

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HB = House Bill

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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 Senate 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.

[Adopted Senate Floor Amendments:](#)

[Amendment #1:](#) Substitute to the Committee Amendment, requires the Legislature to appropriate monies from the state General Fund to fully fund the Arizona Highway Patrol in each fiscal year.

[Amendment #2:](#) Removes the repeal of the changes to the vehicle license tax for alternative fuel vehicles beginning January 1, 2020.

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 9-0-0-0. 29 Jan 2019- passed out of Senate Republican and Democrat Caucus. 4 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” in Senate Committee of the whole with Floor Amendments. 11 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 24-6-0-0. Transmitted to the House. 26 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation, Appropriations and Rules Committees. **Scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Transportation Committee: 6 March 2019.**

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 Senate Health and Human Services 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.

Adopted Senate Appropriations Committee Amendment:

Allows the housing assistance grants to be used for housing persons with serious mental illness and appropriates \$10 million to from the General Fund to the pilot program.

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. 26 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” by the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 9-0-0-0. 27 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Rules. **27 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Republican and Democrat Caucus.**

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” 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 by Senate Republican and

Democrat Caucus. 14 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 29-1-0-0. Transmitted to the House. 26 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Education and Rules Committees.

SB 1157 technical correction; annual leave; transfer NOW: income tax subtraction; veterans' pensions

Increases the maximum subtraction from Arizona gross income for veteran benefits, annuities and pensions from \$3500 to the full pension amount for taxable year 2019 and on if the taxpayer is an honorably discharged veteran.

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

Major Actions: 23 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 26 Feb 2019- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" by the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 7-2-0-0. 27 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Rules. 27 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Republican and Democrat Caucus. 28 Feb 2019- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" by the Senate Committee of the Whole. 28 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 16-14-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

SB 1163 technical correction; prostitution; employment Subject to a S/E amendment relating to sports betting; tribes; liquor establishments

Makes a technical correction relating to prostitution.

Adopted Senate Strike Everything Committee Amendment:

Allows federally recognized Indian tribes that are entered into a compact to operate sports betting and prohibits any other person or entity from operating sports betting and allows authorized Indian tribes to operate sports betting through kiosks or similar machines located at one or more premises that hold a bar license, beer and wine bar license or a private club license.

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

Major Actions: 23 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 26 Feb 2019- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" by the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 6-3-0-0. Scheduled for Senate Rules: 4 March 2019.

SB 1172 family caregivers; income tax credit NOW: family caregivers; pilot; grant program

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- received a "Do Pass as Amended" by the Senate Finance

Committee with a vote of 10-0-0-0. 18 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Rules. 19 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Republican and Democrat Caucus. 25 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” by the Senate Committee of the Whole. **27 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 28-2-0-0. Transmitted to the House.**

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 Senate Committee Amendment:

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

Adopted Senate Floor Amendment:

Adds a delayed effective date of October 1, 2019.

Primary Sponsor(s): Senator Heather Carter

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” from the Senate Transportation and Public Safety Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 11 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Rules. 12 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Republican and Democrat Caucus. 14 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” in Senate Committee of the Whole. 18 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 28-1-1-0. Transmitted to the House. 26 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees. **Scheduled for a hearing in House Transportation Committee: 6 March 2019.**

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 7-0-0-0. 18 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Rules. 19 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Republican and Democrat Caucus. 21 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 30-0-0-0. Transmitted to the House. 26 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: 4 March 2019.**

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 Senate 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. 18 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Rules. 19 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Republican and Democrat Caucus. 25 Feb 2019- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" from the Senate Committee of the Whole. **27 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 30-0-0-0. Transmitted to the House.**

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: **WITHDRAWN IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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. 18 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Rules. 19 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Republican and Democrat Caucus. 27 Feb 2019- Committee Amendment withdrawn and the Resolution received a "Do Pass" from the Senate Committee of the Whole. **27 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 30-0-0-0. Transmitted to the House.**

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 2 years.

[Adopted Senate Floor Amendment](#)

Phases in the proposed increase to the subtraction from Arizona gross income for veteran's benefits, annuities and pensions over 3 years, instead of 2:

Reduces the proposed deduction from \$6,250 to \$5,000 in Tax Year 2020

Reduces the proposed deduction from \$10,000 to \$7,500 in Tax Year 2021

Implements the proposed \$10,000 deduction starting in Tax Year 2022

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. 20 Feb 2019- Received a "Do Pass" from the House Appropriations Committee with a vote of 7-3-0-1. 25 Feb 2019- Passed House Rules. 26 Feb 2019- Passed House Republican and Democrat Caucus. 26 Feb 2019- Retained on the House Committee of the Whole Calendar. 28 Feb 2019- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" from the House Committee of the Whole. **Scheduled for House Third Read: 4 March 2019.**

[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. 18 Feb 2019- Passed House Rules Committee. 19 Feb 2019- Passed House Republican and Democrat Caucus. 25 Feb 2019- Received a "Do Pass" from the House Committee of the Whole. 25 Feb 2019- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 56-4-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate. **27 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Education, Appropriations, and Rules Committees.**

[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. 11 Feb 2019- Passed House Rules. 12 Feb 2019- Passed House Republican and Democrat Caucus. 14 Feb 2019- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 53-7-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate. **25 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees.**

HB 2112 community property award; convicted spouse

Permits a person making court-ordered installment payments following a division of property to a spouse convicted and sentenced to at least 80 years or life in prison to ask the court to modify the payment, regardless of when the conviction occurred.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Gail Griffin, R-Dist. 14

Major Actions: 30 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Judiciary and Rules Committees. 13 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Judiciary Committee. 18 Feb 2019- Passed House Rules. 19 Feb 2019- Passed House Republican and Democrat Caucus. 27 Feb 2019- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 32-26-2-0. Transmitted to the Senate. 28 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees. **Scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee: 7 March 2019.**

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 House 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. 20 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Appropriations Committee with a vote of 9-1-0-1. 25 Feb 2019- Passed House Rules. 26 Feb 2019- Passed House Republican and Democrat Caucus. **26 Feb 2019- Retained on the Committee of the Whole Calendar.**

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. 11 Feb 2019- Passed House Rules. 12 Feb 2019- Passed House Republican and Democrat Caucus. 14 Feb 2019- Retained on the House Committee of the Whole Calendar. **27 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Committee of the Whole. Scheduled for House Third Read: 4 March 2019.**

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 11-0-0-0. 11 Feb 2019- Passed House Rules. 12 Feb 2019- Passed House Republican and Democrat Caucus. 14 Feb 2019- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 48-12-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate. **25 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development, Appropriations and Rules Committees.**

HB 2446 military services special plates

Requires the Department of Transportation to issue *military services* special plates and directs the Departments of Veterans’ Services and Transportation to design the *military services* special 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.

Adopted House Committee Amendment:

Directs the Departments of Veterans’ Services and Transportation to design the *military services* special plates in a manner that allows for a military branch of service insignia to be placed on the plate at the request of the applicant. Removes the requirement that the \$17 donation benefit only US Navy veterans or their immediate family members.

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. 20 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” by the House Transportation Committee with a vote of 4-3-0-0. 25 Feb 2019- Passed House Rules. 26 Feb 2019- Passed House Republican and Democrat Caucus. 27 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” from the House Committee of the Whole. **Scheduled for House Third Read: 4 March 2019.**

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. 18 Feb 2019- Passed House Rules. 19 Feb 2019- Passed House Republican and Democrat Caucus. **27 Feb 2019- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 52-7-1-0. Transmitted to the Senate.**

HB 2488 veteran suicides; annual report NOW: annual report; veteran suicides

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. 18 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” by the House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee with a strike everything amendment. 20 Feb 2019- Passed House Rules. 26 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” by the House Committee of the Whole. 26 Feb 2019- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 60-0-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate. **28 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services 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.

Adopted House Floor Amendment:

- Specifies that a military spouse who accompanies an active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces to a military installation in Arizona must be issued a license or certificate without an exam.
- Specifies that the licensure or certification requirements do not apply to a regulating entity's ability to require an applicant to submit fingerprints in order to access state and federal criminal records information for noncriminal justice purposes.
- Specifies that a license or certificate is only valid in Arizona and does not make a person eligible to be a part of an interstate compact.
- Allows a regulating entity to determine eligibility for an applicant to be licensed or certified if the applicant is not part of an interstate compact.
- Makes clarifying changes.

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. 11 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” by the House Regulator Affairs Committee. 18 Feb 2019- Passed House Rules. 19 Feb 2019- Passed House Republican and Democrat Caucus. 25 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” from the House Committee of the Whole. 25 Feb 2019- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 36-24-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate. **27 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Commerce and Rules Committees.**

[HB2589 distinguished flying cross license plates](#)

Directs the Arizona Department of Transportation to issue distinctive license plates to a person who submits satisfactory proof that the person is a veteran and a bona fide distinguished flying cross recipient or to an immediate family member of a person who have been issued a distinctive plate.

[Adopted House Committee Amendment:](#)

Adds a delayed effective date of October 1, 2019 and changes the extraordinary educators special plate and fund to the all in for Arizona schools special plate and fund.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. John Kavanagh, R-Dist. 23

Major Actions: 12 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees. 20 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” by the House Transportation Committee with a vote of 4-3-0-0. 25 Feb 2019- Passed House Rules. 26 Feb 2019- Passed House Republican and Democrat Caucus. 27 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” by the House Committee of the Whole. **Scheduled for House Third Read: 4 March 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. 18 Feb 2019- Passed House Rules. 19 Feb 2019- Passed House Republican and Democrat Caucus. **27 Feb 2019- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 46-13-1-0. Transmitted to the Senate.**

Bills that Impact the Department Administratively

Senate Bills

SB 1038 Arizona Pioneers' home; regulation

Subjects the Arizona Pioneers' Home (Home) to the Department of Health Services (DHS) licensure, regulation and supervision requirements for healthcare institutions, but exempts the Home from architectural plan and physical plant standards for healthcare institutions prescribed by DHS.

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

Major Actions: 14 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 23 Jan 2019- Received a "Do Pass" from the Senate Health & Human Services Committee. 28 Jan 2019- Passed Senate Rules. 29 Jan 2019- Passed Senate Republican and Democrat Caucus. 4 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 30-0-0. Transmitted to the House. 26 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. House Health & Human Services Committee: 7 March 2019.

SB1156 water protection; technical correction Subject to a S/E amendment relating to trauma treatment services; contracting; appropriation

Makes technical changes.

Proposed Strike Everything Committee Amendment:

Allows the Arizona State Hospital, Department of Economic Security Division of Developmental Disabilities, and the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System to contract for trauma treatment services only with a behavioral health clinician that meets specified criteria.

Appropriates \$450,000 from the state General Fund to the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services to provide grants to contractors who provide trauma treatment service training to behavioral health clinicians.

Major Sponsor(s): Rep. David Gowan, R-Dist. 14

Major Actions: 23 Jan 2019- First Read and Assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 26 Feb 2019- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" from the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 7-2-0-0. 27 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Rules. 27 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Republican and Democrat Caucus. 28 Feb 2019- Retained on the Senate Committee of the Whole calendar.

SB 1240 health information confidentiality; medical examiner

Allows a county medical examiner, or an alternate medical examiner, that directs an investigation into the circumstances of a death to obtain confidential records.

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

Major Actions: 29 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 13 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the Senate Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 6-0-2-0. 18 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Rules. 26 Feb 2019- Passed by Democrat and Republican Caucus. 28 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 30-0-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

SB 1482 state agencies; fee increase; limit

Prohibits a state agency from increasing a fee by more than the percentage change in the average consumer price index (CPI) between the most recent calendar year and the calendar year in which the fee was last increased, unless authorized by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.

Adopted Senate Floor Amendment:

Subjects agency fee increases to prior Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) review, rather than JLBC approval, if the fee increase exceeds the percentage change in the average consumer price index between the most recent year and the year in which the fee was last increased.

Primary Sponsor(s): Senator J.D. Mesnard, R-Dist. 17

Major Actions: 05 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 11 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the Senate Government Committee with a vote of 4-3-0-0. 18 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Rules. 19 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Republican and Democrat Caucus. 28 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” from the Senate Committee of the Whole. Scheduled for Senate Third Read: 4 March 2019.

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. 20 Feb 2019- Passed House Rules. 25 Feb 2019- Passed House Republican and Democrat Caucus. 26 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the Committee of the Whole. 26 Feb 2019- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 33-26-1-0. Transmitted to the Senate. 28 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees.

HB 2432 banking services; pro rata share

Creates the Banking Operations Fund (Fund) and provides requirements for state agencies to contribute a pro rata share of the overall banking services cost.

House Committee Amendment:

Stipulates that the pro rata share will be 0.1% of the total payroll of the state agency.

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

Major Actions: 30 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Government, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 7 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” from the House Government Committee. 13 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Appropriations Committee. 18 Feb 2019- Passed House Rules. 19 Feb 2019- Passed House Republican and Democrat Caucus. 27 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” from the House Committee of the Whole. **Scheduled for House Third Read: 4 March 2019.**

HB 2660 occupational regulation; prior conviction; applicability

Prohibits government employers and licensing agencies from denying employment or licensure to a person convicted for a felony or misdemeanor more than seven years ago.

House Committee Amendment:

- Prohibits a person convicted for a felony or misdemeanor offense from being employed by a probation agency.
- Allows a government employer to deny a person convicted for a felony or misdemeanor offense employment if:
 - The conviction occurred within the last seven years; or
 - The offense, regardless of the date of conviction, reasonably relates to the job.
- Allows an agency to determine that a person's criminal record disqualifies the person from obtaining a license, permit, certificate or other state recognition if the licensing agency is required by law to consider the offense for which the person was convicted.

Substitute House Floor Amendment:

- Prohibits an agency from denying a license for an offense committed more than seven years before the license application, unless the offense was one the agency is legally required to consider.
- Removes bill language relating to the denial of employment by a state agency for a prior conviction.
- Removes restrictions on when a probation agency may deny employment for a prior conviction.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. John Allen, R-Dist. 15

Major Actions: 13 Feb 2019- First Read and Assigned to the House Judiciary and Rules Committees. 20 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” from the House Judiciary Committee with a vote of 6-2-2-0. 20 Feb 2019- Passed House Rules. 25 Feb 2019- Passed the House Republican and Democrat Caucus. 28 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” by the House Committee of the Whole. **Scheduled for House Third Read: 4 March 2019.**