

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 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.

[Adopted House Health and Human Services Committee Amendment:](#)

Adds an emergency clause.

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 30-0-0-0. Transmitted to the House. 26 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 7 March 2019- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" by the House Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-1. **Scheduled for House Rules Committee: 18 March 2018.**

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 into securing housing. Creates a Housing 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Adopted Senate Health and Human Services Committee Amendment: WITHDRAWN IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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: WITHDRAWN IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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.

Adopted Senate Committee of the Whole Amendment:

Appropriates \$5 million from the state General Fund in FY 2020 to the Housing Assistance Advisory Board to award housing assistance grants to qualified individuals. Allows grant monies to be used for persons with serious mental illness (SMI) in:

- a community living home where the person holds a lease and that has embedded in-home support that meets the needs of the person and up to 24 hours of support and supervision as indicated by their treatment plan; or
- a licensed behavioral health residential facility (BHRF) that provides in-house wraparound services and secure 24-hour on-site support, treatment and supervision for persons with SMI who require assistance to live in the community and who are subject to a plan of care that is court-ordered or part of a diversion agreement.

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. 14 March 2019- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" by the Senate Committee of the Whole. **14 March 2019- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 27-3-0-0. Transmitted to the House.**

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. **Scheduled for a hearing in the House Education Committee: 18 March 2019.**

SB 1157 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.

FISCAL NOTE:

A Fiscal Note prepared by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) states that eliminating the \$3,500 exemption cap is estimated to decrease annual General Fund individual income tax revenues by \$(43.5) million beginning in FY 2020. If more military retirees are attracted to the state as a result of the exemption, however, the revenue reduction could be partially offset from additional tax collections to the General Fund.

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 1162 NOW: gaming equipment; definition

Defines *equipment* as the receptacle and numbered objects drawn from it *by any means*, the master board upon which such objects are placed as drawn, the cards or sheets bearing numbers or other designations to be covered and the objects used to cover them, the board or signs, however operated, used to announce or display the numbers or designations as they are drawn, the public address system and all other articles essential to the operation, conduct and playing of bingo.

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. 27 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Rules. 27 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Republican and Democrat Caucus. 4 March 2019- Retained on the Senate Committee of the Whole Calendar. 5 March 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” from the Senate Committee of the Whole. 6 March 2019- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 16-14-0-0. Transmitted to the House. 12 March 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce and Rules Committees. **Scheduled for a hearing in the House Commerce Committee: 19 March 2019.**

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. 4 March 2019- HELD in Senate Rules Committee. 11 March 2019- HELD in Senate Rules Committee. **Rescheduled for Senate Rules Committee: 18 March 2019.**

SB 1172 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. **6 March 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services, Ways & Means and Rules Committee.**

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 Transportation and Public Safety 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.

Adopted House Transportation Committee Amendment:

Specifies that the Department of Transportation must design six different veteran special plate designs instead of 5.

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. 6 March 2019- Received “Do Pass as Amended” by the House Transportation Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-0. 11 March 2019- Passed House Rules. 12 March 2019- Passed House Republican and Democrat Caucus. **Scheduled for House Committee of the Whole and Third Read: 18 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. 4 March 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee with a vote of 6-0-1-0. 11 March 2019- Passed House Rules. 12 March 2019- Passed House Republican and Democrat Caucus. **14 March 2019- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 59-0-1-0. Transmitted back to the Senate.**

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 Transportation and Public Safety 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. 5 March 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veterans Affairs and Rules Committees. **Scheduled for a hearing in the House Military & Veterans Affairs: 18 March 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.

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. 5 March 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veterans Affairs and Rules Committees. **Scheduled for a hearing in the House Military & Veterans Affairs: 18 March 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 2 years.

Adopted House 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

Adopted House ADD COW Floor Amendment

Makes the tax deduction from Arizona gross income for veteran benefits, annuities and pensions \$5,000 starting in tax year 2020 and going forward.

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 but not voted on. 11 March 2019- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" by the Additional Committee of the Whole. **11 March 2019- FAILED House Third Read with a vote of 25-35-0-0. 12 March 2019- Representative Petersen moved that the House reconsider HB 2011 within the next 14 days. Motion passed by a voice vote.**

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. 12 March 2019- Received a "Do Pass" from the Senate Education Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. **Scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee: 19 March 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. 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. **12 March 2019- Received a "Do Pass" by the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 7-2-0-0.**

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. 7 March 2019- Received a "Do Pass" from the Senate Judiciary Committee with a vote of 6-1-0-0. 11 March 2019- Passed Senate Rules. 12 March 2019- Passed Republican and Democrat Caucus. **Scheduled for Senate Third Read: 18 March 2019.**

HB 2320 highway safety fee; reduction

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

Adopted House ADD COW Floor Amendment

Appropriates \$47 million from the State General Fund for FY 19-20 to the Arizona Highway patrol fund.

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. 4 March 2019- Failed Senate Third

Read with a vote of 27-32-1-0. 4 March 2019- Representative Campbell moved that the House reconsider HB 2320 within the next 14 days. Motion passed by voice vote. Scheduled for House Third Read on Reconsideration: 7 March 2019, but was not voted on. 11 March 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” by the House Additional Committee of the Whole. 11 March 2019- Passed House Third Read 57-3-0-0. **12 March 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Rules Committee.**

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 post service education award.
- Use the federal post service education award to attend an educational institution or program in this state that is eligible under the terms of the federal post service 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. 4 March 2019- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 37-22-1-0. 5 March 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Public Safety and Rules

Committees. 13 March 2019- Received a “Do Pass” by the Senate Transportation & Public Safety Committee with a vote of 6-0-2-0. **Scheduled for Senate Rules Committee: 18 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. 4 March 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Public Safety and Rules Committees. 13 March 2019- Received a “Do Pass” by the Senate Transportation & Public Safety Committee with a vote of 7-1-0-0. **Scheduled for Senate Rules Committee: 18 March 2019.**

HB 2488 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 (AHCCCS) 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.

Senate Health Committee Amendment

Removes the requirement for AHCCCS to submit to DHS all data, including protected health information, in order for DHS to comply with the report requirement.

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. 13 March 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” by the Senate Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 7-0-1-0. **Scheduled for Senate Rules Committee: 18 March 2019.**

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. **Scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Commerce Committee: 21 March 2019.**

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. 4 March 2019- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 31-27-2-0. Transmitted to the Senate. 5 March 2019- First Read and Assign to the Senate Transportation & Public Safety and Rules Committees. 13 March 2019- Received a "Do Pass" by the Senate Transportation & Public Safety Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. **Scheduled for Senate Rules Committee: 18 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. 4 March 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Public Safety and Rules Committees. **Scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Transportation & Public Safety Committee: 20 March 2019.**

Bills that Impact the Department Administratively

Senate Bills

SB1156 NOW: trauma treatment services; contracting; appropriation

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

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. 5 March 2019- Retained on the Senate Committee of the Whole calendar. 6 March 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” by the Senate Committee of the Whole. 7 March 2019- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 28-2-0-0. Transmitted to the House. **First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services, Appropriations and Rules Committees.**

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. 5 March 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. **Scheduled for a hearing in the House Health & Human Services Committee: 21 March 2019.**

SB 1285 construction contracts; public works; payments

Establishes prompt payment requirements for public construction contracts. Outlines requirements for payment approval and rejection, payment timeframes, retention, termination or suspension of work and complaints relating to public construction contracts.

Adopted Senate Floor Amendment:

Exempts electric cooperatives from the definitions of contractor and subcontractor relating to prompt payment requirements for public construction contracts.

Adopted House Commerce Committee Amendment:

Changes the retention amount to 10% from 5%, reinserts language regarding payment of 50% of the amount retained when the contract is 50% completed, adds an applicability clause and makes clarifying changes.

Primary Sponsor(s): Senator Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5, Senator Karen Fann, R-Dist. 1

Major Actions: 30 Jan 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 7-0-0-0. 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 30-0-0-0. Transmitted to the House. 5 March 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce and Rules Committees. 12 March 2019- Received a “Do Pass as amended” from the House Commerce Committee with a vote of 9-0-0-0. **Scheduled for House Rules Committee: 18 March 2019.**

SB 1437 criminal history; required disclosure; limitations

Prohibits an employer, state agency or landlord from requiring the disclosure of a criminal conviction record (record) prior to a conditional offer of employment or conditional offer of tenancy being.

Primary Sponsor(s): Senator Martin Quezada, D-Dist. 29

Major Actions: 5 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Commerce and Rules Committees. 21 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the Senate Commerce Committee with a vote of 5-3-0-0. 25 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Rules. 26 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Republican and Democrat Caucus. 6 March 2019- Retained on the Senate Committee of the Whole Calendar. 7 March 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” by the Senate Committee of the Whole. 7 March 2019- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 17-13-0-0. Transmitted to the House. **12 March 2019- First Read and Assigned to the House Judiciary and Rules Committees.**

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. 4 March 2019- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 17-13-0-0. **7 March 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Government, Appropriations and Rules Committees.**

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[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. **Scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Government Committee: 18 March 2019.**

[HB 2432 banking services; pro rata share Subject to an S/E amendment relating to state treasurer’s office; funds; consolidation](#)

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

[Adopted House Government Committee Amendment:](#)

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

[Proposed Senate Government Committee Strike Everything Amendment:](#)

Repeals the Management Fund and transfers any unexpended and unencumbered monies remaining in the Management Fund to the Operating Fund and requires monies received by the State Treasurer from management fees for long-term local government investment pools to be deposited into the Operating Fund, rather than the Management Fund.

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. 4 March 2019- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 49-10-1-0. 5 March 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. **Scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Government Committee: 18 March 2019.**