

**ADVS State Veterans/Military Legislation Update**  
**54th Arizona Legislature, Second Regular Session**

**Friday, February 7, 2020**

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<b>SCM = Senate Concurrent Memorial</b>	<b>HCM = House Concurrent Memorial</b>
<b>SCR = Senate Concurrent Resolution</b>	<b>HCR = House Concurrent Resolution</b>
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	<b>HR = House Resolution</b>

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**Bills Impacting Veterans/Military**

**Senate Bills**

**[SB 1003 auto title loans; clear title](#)**

Prohibits a seller, bailor, lender or lessor from entering into a secondary motor vehicle finance transaction unless the borrower holds a clear title to the motor vehicle that the borrower uses to secure the loan.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. David Farnsworth, R-Dist. 16

**Major Actions:** 13 Jan 2020- - First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees.

**[SB 1004 interest rates; auto title loans](#)**

Places a cap on a secondary motor vehicle finance contract at an annual interest rate between 24% and 36%, depending on the amount borrowed.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. David Farnsworth, R-Dist. 16

**Major Actions:** 13 Jan 2020- - First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees.

### [SB 1005 auto title loans; interest rate](#)

Places a cap on a secondary motor vehicle finance contract at an annual interest rate of 36%.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. David Farnsworth, R-Dist. 16

**Major Actions:** 13 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees.

### [SB 1018 bingo; licenses; taxes](#)

Eliminates the three classes of bingo licenses currently in use, replacing them with a single license for all bingo operations and raises the number days per week that a licensed operation can host bingo from five to seven.

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

**Major Actions:** 13 Jan 2020- - First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees. **FAILED to pass the Senate Finance Committee with a vote of 5-5-0-0.**

### [SB 1022 technical correction; veterans; conservatorship](#)

Makes technical corrections.

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

**Major Actions:** 13 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Rules Committee.

### [SB1044 veterans' services; benefits counselors appropriation](#)

As passed the Senate, appropriates \$474,200 from the State General Fund in FY21 to the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services to hire six additional veteran benefits counselors. At least two of the additional benefits counselors must be placed in Apache, Coconino or Navajo County.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. David Livingston, R-Dist. 22

**Major Actions:** 13 Jan 2020- - First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations, Transportation & Public Safety and Rules Committees. 15 Jan 2020- Received a "Do Pas as Amended" from the Senate Transportation and Public Safety Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 21 Jan 2020-Received a "Do Pass as Amended" by the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 27 Jan 2020- Passed Senate Rules Committee. 28 Jan 2020- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 3 Feb 2020- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" from the Senate Committee of the Whole. **4 Feb 2020- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 30-0-0-0. Transmitted to the House.**

### [SB1112 veterans' home facility; Mohave county](#)

As passed the Senate, appropriates \$19,000,000 from the State General Fund in FY2021 to the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services (ADVS) to construct and establish a veterans' home facility in Mohave county. The appropriation is intended to be this state's share of the costs and is not subject to expenditure for any purpose unless ADVS has irrevocable commitments from the United States government to fund at least 65% of the total costs. Contains an Emergency Clause.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 22

**Major Actions:** 13 Jan 2020- - First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 21 Jan 2020- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” from the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 9-0-0-0. 27 Jan 2020- Passed Senate Rules Committee. 28 Jan 2020- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 30 Jan 2020- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” by the Senate Committee of the Whole. **3 Feb 2020- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 27-2-1-0. 3 Feb 2020- Transmitted to the House.**

### **SB 1115 veterans overseas conflicts plates**

Establishes the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts special plates if by December 31, 2020, a person pays \$32,000 to the Arizona Department of Transportation for implementation. Additionally, establishes the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts Special Plates Fund consisting of donations from the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts Special Plates. Monies from the fund shall be annually allocated to a Veterans of Foreign Wars entity located in this state, for the purposes of training and paying persons throughout this state where needed to process veterans’ claims for service-connected disabilities and illnesses.

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

**Major Actions:** 13 Jan 2020 - First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Public Safety and Rules Committees. 29 Jan 2020- Received a “Do Pass” from the Senate Transportation & Public Safety Committee with a vote of 7-0-1-0. 3 Feb 2020- Passed Senate Rules Committee. 4 Feb 2020- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. **6 Feb 2020- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 28-1-1-0. Transmitted to the House.**

### **SB 1178 Ganado center building; appropriation**

Appropriates \$976,300 from the State General Fund in FY21 to the Arizona Department of Housing to distribute to the Navajo Nation for costs associated with designing and constructing the Ganado veterans’ and senior citizens’ center building.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. Jamescita Peshlakai, D-Dist. 7

**Major Actions:** 22 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees.

### **SB 1181 Fort Defiance veterans cemetery; appropriation**

Appropriates \$30,000 from the State General Fund in FY21 to the Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services to distribute to the Navajo Nation for costs associated with improvements to the Fort Defiance Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. Jamescita Peshlakai, D-Dist. 7

**Major Actions:** 22 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees.

### **SB 1182 Lukachukai veterans' multipurpose complex; appropriation**

Appropriates \$500,000 from the State General Fund in FY21 to the Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services to distribute to the Navajo Nation for costs associated with planning, designing and constructing the Lukachukai Veterans’ Multipurpose Complex.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. Jamescita Peshlakai, D-Dist. 7

**Major Actions: 22 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees.**

**[SB 1185 tribal nations; veterans' services; appropriation](#)**

Appropriates \$2,200,000 and 20 FTE positions from the State General Fund in FY21 to the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services 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 Veterans Affairs Service Center. Contains a legislative intent clause that the monies appropriated for this purpose be collected and identified from revenues collected on Indian reservations in this state.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. Jamescita Peshlakai, D-Dist. 7

**Major Actions: 22 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations, Finance and Rules Committees.**

**[SB 1187 Native American veterans; tax settlement](#)**

Extends the amount of time that the monies in the Veterans' Income Tax Settlement Fund revert back to the State General Fund from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2023 and the amount of time that Arizona Department of Veterans' Services will accept applications from December 31, 2019 to December 31, 2021.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. Jamescita Peshlakai, D-Dist. 7

**Major Actions: 22 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees.**

**[SB 1212 board licensure; certification; residents](#)**

Specifies that a person who is a resident of this state or who is a military spouse married to an active duty member and who is accompanying the member on official orders and who are seeking occupational licensing reciprocity in this state must have met the minimum education requirements and if applicable, work experience and clinical supervision requirements in the other state that were in place at the time the person was licensed or certified. Further clarifies that a person's licensure or certification by another state is proof that the person met the education requirements and, if applicable, work experience and clinical supervision requirement in effect in that state at the time of the licensure or certification.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. Karen Fann, R-Dist. 1

**Major Actions: 23 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees.**

**[SB 1237 veterans; income tax subtraction; increase](#)**

Increases the maximum subtraction from Arizona gross income for veteran benefits, annuities and pensions from \$3500 to the full pension amount for taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2019. Contains a retroactive date of January 1, 2020.

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

**Major Actions: 23 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 4 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 8-1-0-0. Scheduled for Senate Rules on 10 Feb 2020.**

### **SB 1238 recorder’s fees; military discharge documents**

Requires a county recorder to record without fee the discharge papers of National Guard members.

#### **Adopted Committee Amendment**

Adds an Emergency Clause.

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

**Major Actions: 23 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 3 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” from the Senate Government Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-0. Scheduled for Senate Rules on 10 Feb 2020.**

### **SB 1245 military justice; technical correction**

Makes a technical correction.

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

**Major Actions: 23 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Rules Committees.**

### **SB 1311 special plates; optional personal information**

Requires that the application form for a special license plate must allow a person to opt out of allowing ADOT to share the applicant’s name and contact information with an entity that receives donation monies from the issuance or renewal of the special plate. Specifies that if a person does not opt out, ADOT must provide the person’s name and contact information to each entity that receives donation monies from the issuance or renewal of the special plate.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. Lela Alston, D-Dist. 24

**Major Actions: 28 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Public Safety and Rules Committees.**

### **SB 1391 smoking regulation; electronic smoking devices**

Makes several changes to the Smoke-Free Arizona Act including removing the exemption that allows smoking in veterans and fraternal clubs when they are not open to the general public.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. Heather Carter, R-Dist. 15

**Major Actions: 29 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Commerce and Rules Committees. Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Commerce Committee on 13 Feb 2020.**

### **SB 1394 unclaimed property; housing trust fund**

Stipulates that 55% of the proceeds from the sale of abandoned property must be deposited in the Housing Trust Fund.

NOTE: Currently the first \$2,000,000 of proceeds collected from abandoned property are deposited into the SMI housing trust fund, the second \$2,000,000 is transferred to the Housing Trust Fund and the next \$24,500,000 are deposited into the Department of Revenue Administrative Fund.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Heather Carter, R-Dist. 15

**Major Actions: 29 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees.**

### **SB 1575 property tax exemptions; statutory conformity**

Allows for a maximum \$3000 property exemption for Service-Connected Veterans who own property in Arizona. Contains a conditional enactment.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. JD Mesnard, R-Dist. 17

**Major Actions: 04 Feb 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees. Scheduled to be heard in Senate Finance Committee on 12 Feb 2020.**

### **SB 1662 military family relief fund; grants**

Stipulates that if the Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF) subaccounts have a balance of at least \$2M at the beginning of the fiscal year, the Director of ADVS may allocate up to \$500,000 each fiscal year in grants of not more than \$150,000 for each grant to veteran service organizations that are qualified pursuant 501(c)(19) of the internal revenue code to provide veterans benefits service officers to assist veterans in obtaining benefits and services. Additionally, the bill would require the Director to adopt rules to implement this new process.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Heather Carter, R-Dist. 15

**Major Actions: 05 Feb 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Public Safety and Rules Committees.**

### **SCR 1043 constitutional property tax exemptions**

Upon voter approval, allows the Legislature to exempt specified property from taxation by law including 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 as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. JD Mesnard, R-Dist. 17

**Major Actions: 04 Feb 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees. Scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Finance Committee on 12 Feb 2020.**

## **House Bills**

### **HB 2035 appropriation; veterans services; benefits counselors**

Appropriates \$1.2 million from the State General Fund, in addition to any other appropriations made in FY21, to the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services to hire additional benefits counselors.

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

**Major Actions:** 21 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veterans Affairs, Appropriations and Rules Committees.

### [HB 2086 tuition waiver; military; veterans; family](#)

Provides tuition waivers to spouses and dependents of veterans, National Guard members, former National Guard members and active military who meet certain criteria as well as veterans with a disability rating of 70% or higher. Certain stipulations apply that are outlined in the bill.

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

**Major Actions:**

### [HB 2090 wind energy; siting](#)

Beginning on October 1, 2020, prohibits the construction or operation of a proposed individual wind turbine or any other individual structure that requires a federal aviation administration form 7460-1 and that is part of a wind energy facility from encroaching on or otherwise having a significant adverse impact on the mission, training or operations of any military installation or branch of military as determined by the military aviation and installation assurance siting clearinghouse and the federal aviation administration.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Mark Finchem, R-Dist. 11

**Major Actions:** 13 Jan 2020- First Read and Assigned to the House Natural Resources Energy & Water and Rules Committees. 21 Jan 2020- Received a "Do Pass" from the House Natural Resources Energy & Water Committee with a vote of 10-1-0-2. 27 Jan 2020- Passed House Rules. 28 Jan 2020- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus.

### [HB 2096 security guard registration; discharged veterans](#)

Allows for a veteran who is honorably discharged from the United States military to receive a 30-day security guard registration certificate or a 30 day armed security guard registration certificate before the required background screenings for the applicant are complete.

#### [Adopted Committee Amendment](#)

Extends the time of the certification from 30 to 45 days and states that the veteran must have been honorably discharged not more than three years before application.

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

**Major Actions:** 13 Jan 2020 - First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veterans Affairs and Rules Committees. 27 Jan 2020- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" by the House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-0. Schedule for House Rules on 10 Feb 2020.

### [HB2135 veteran suicides; annual report](#)

Adds that the report on veteran suicides in this state provided by the Arizona Department of Health Services must include utilization and encounter data for a nonprofit veterans' services organization that provides services related to reducing suicides among this state's military and veteran populations.

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

**Major Actions: 13 Jan 2020 - First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veterans Affairs and Rules Committees. 27 Jan 2020- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-0. 3 Feb 2020- Passed House Rules Committee. 4 Feb 2020- Passed Minority and Majority Caucus. 6 Feb 2020- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 60-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate.**

### **HB 2138 common law marriage confirmation; caregivers**

Establishes common law between two individuals when certain criteria are met when two persons live together in partnership at the time of the death of one of the persons. The surviving person must provide evidence to the clerk of the Superior Court that shows all of the following:

- The two persons are the biological or adoptive parents of one or more children together;
- The two persons have lived together in partnership for at least two consecutive years; and
- The surviving person acted as a caregiver to the deceased person while the persons lived together in partnership.

Contains a retroactive date of September 1, 2017.

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

**Major Actions: 29 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Judiciary and Rules Committees.**

### **HB 2139 appropriation; veterans’ services; benefits counselors**

Appropriates \$1.2 million from the State General Fund, in addition to any other appropriations made in FY21, to the Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services to hire additional benefits counselors.

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

**Major Actions: 21 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veterans Affairs, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 27 Jan 2020- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-0. 5 Feb 2020- HELD in House Appropriations at the request of the sponsor. Scheduled to be heard in the House Appropriations Committee on 12 Feb 2020.**

### **HB 2141 universities; community colleges; constitutions; instruction**

Requires each university and community college in this state to offer a course of instruction on the constitutions of the United States and Arizona with a credit value of at least 6 semester hours. Prohibits a university or community college from granting a degree to any person who has not completed and earned credit for the course of instruction described above. Allows a university or community college to grant up to 3 semester hours of credit toward satisfaction of this requirement for substantially equivalent work completed by the student in the program of an approved senior reserve officer training corps unit. Applies an exemption of this requirement for a degree granted on completion of an academic program offered by a medical and dental unit of a university or community college to a student who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, including the Reserves or National Guard if certain criteria are met.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Anthony Kern, R-Dist. 20

**Major Actions: 28 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Education and Rules Committees.**



### **HB 2173 smoking regulation; electronic smoking devices**

Makes several changes to the Smoke-Free Arizona Act including removing the exemption that allows smoking in veterans and fraternal clubs when they are not open to the general public.

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

**Major Actions:** 16 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committee.

### **HB 2175 occupational licensure; certification; requirements; residents**

Adds that a military spouse or person who establishes residence in this state and who is seeking licensing reciprocity in this state must also have been continuously licensed or certified and practicing for at least six months in another state before applying in this state, must be in compliance with the licensing or certifying state's continuing education requirements and must attest at the time of applying that the person has not had discipline imposed by any other regulating entity.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Isela Blanc, D-Dist. 26

**Major Actions:**

### **HB 2183 funeral escorts; funeral board licensure**

In addition to other provisions pertaining to military escort vehicles, 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. Additionally, the bill requires the Board to issue a license to a driver of a military escort vehicle only if the applicant is affiliated with a nonprofit organization that provides military processions and meets the other requirements as prescribed by the Board.

NOTE: This bill is similar but not identical to [HB2694](#) which was discussed but held in the House Transportation Committee during the 2019 Legislative Session.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Isela Blanc, D-Dist. 26

**Major Actions:** 29 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Regulatory Affairs, Public Safety and Rules Committees.

### **HB 2184 occupational and professional licensure; notice**

Requires a printed statement on all license and certificate applications, regulating entity websites and all communications with a potential licensee that informs the applicant that they will be granted an occupational or professional license or certificate if the applicant has been licensed or certified in another state for at least one year, in the same discipline, at the same practice level and meets the conditions outlined in existing statute pertaining to occupational licensing reciprocity for military spouses and those establishing residency in this state.

#### **Adopted House Floor Amendment**

Clarifies that the criteria for the licensing requirements must be made clear on the regulating entity's website and license and application forms; and strikes the requirement that it be included in all communications with the person seeking certification.

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

**Major Actions: 21 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Regulatory Affairs and Rules Committees. 27 Jan 2020- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Regulatory Affairs Committee with a vote of 4-2-1-0. 3 Feb 2020- Passed House Rules. 4 Feb 2020- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 6 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” from the House Committee of the Whole. Scheduled for House Third Read on 10 Feb 2020.**

### **HB 2195 appropriations; Native American veterans; renovations**

- Appropriates \$200,000 from the State General Fund to the Department of Veterans’ Services in FY21 to be distributed to the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration for a veterans’ home renovation program.
- Appropriates \$200,000 from the State General Fund to the Department of Veterans’ Services in FY21 to be distributed to the San Carlos Apache Tribe for a veterans’ home renovation program.
- Appropriates \$200,000 from the State General Fund to the Department of Veterans’ Services in FY21 to be distributed to the Hopi Tribe for a veterans’ home renovation program.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Arlando Teller, D-Dist. 7

**Major Actions: 29 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veterans, Appropriation and Rules Committees. Scheduled for a hearing in the House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee on 10 Feb 2020.**

### **HB 2216 technical correction; veterans**

Makes technical corrections.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Mark Finchem, R-Dist. 11

**Major Actions:**

### **HB 2220 property tax exemption; veterans’ organizations**

Adds a property tax exemption for property that is owned by a United States veterans’ organization that qualifies as a charitable organization and that is recognized as a 501(c)(4) of the internal revenue code if the property is used predominantly for those purposes and is not used or held for profit. Contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2021.

NOTE: This is in addition to the existing property tax exemptions for VSO’s that hold a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) tax exempt status

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

**Major Actions: 16 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means and Rules Committees.**

### **HB 2264 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

**Major Actions:**

### **HB 2265 Enduring Freedom Memorial; appropriation**

Allows the Department of Administration (ADOA) to use appropriated monies from the State Monument and Memorial Repair Fund (SMMRF) to alter or modify the Enduring Freedom Memorial to add additional names to the memorial. Additionally, appropriates an unspecified amount from the SMMRF to ADOA in FY21 to alter or modify the Enduring Freedom Memorial to add additional names to the memorial.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Kelly Townsend, R-Dist. 16

**Major Actions:** 23 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veterans Affairs, Appropriations and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee on 10 Feb 2020 and House Appropriations Committee on 12 Feb 2020.**

### **HB 2283 nondomiciled commercial driver licenses; permits**

Permits the Department of Transportation (ADOT) to issue a nondomiciled commercial driver license or commercial instruction permit to an active duty military member or the spouse or dependent of an active duty military member if the member, spouse or dependent is not domiciled in this state and provides a residence address outside of this state.

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

**Major Actions:** 23 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees. **5 Feb 2020- HELD in the House Transportation Committee.**

### **HB 2286 appropriation; wastewater treatment infrastructure**

Appropriates \$5,000,000 from the State General Fund in FY21 to the Department of Environmental Quality to distribute to the city of Glendale for costs associated with the construction of water reclamation and wastewater treatment infrastructure in the vicinity of Luke Air Force Base in Maricopa County.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Joanne Osborne, R-Dist. 13

**Major Actions:** 23 Jan 2020- First Read and Assigned to the House Natural Resources Energy & Water, Appropriations and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the House Natural Resources, Energy & Water Committee on 11 Feb 2020 and the House Appropriations Committee on 12 Feb 2020.**

### **HB 2288 state licensing; fee waiver**

Provides an initial occupation licensing fee waiver for any active duty service members, their spouses and Arizona veterans.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Joanne Osborne, R-Dist. 13

**Major Actions:** 22 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veterans Affairs and Rules Committees. 27 Jan 2020- Received a "Do Pass" from the House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-0. 3 Feb 2020- Passed House Rules Committee. Passed House Minority and Majority Caucus. **06 Feb 2020- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 60-0-0-0.**

### **HB 2310 appropriation; military installation projects**

Appropriates \$7,000,000 from the State General Fund in FY21 to the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs to distribute to Yuma County for military installation preservation and enhancement projects.

[Adopted Committee Amendment](#)

Reduces the appropriation from \$7,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Timothy Dunn, R-Dist. 13

**Major Actions:** 23 Jan 2020- 21 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veterans Affairs, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 3 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-0. 5 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Appropriations Committee with a vote of 10-0-0-1. Scheduled for House Rules on 10 Feb 2020.

[HB 2341 special license plates; veterans design](#)

Establishes the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts special plates if by December 31, 2020, a person pays \$32,000 to the Arizona Department of Transportation for implementation. Additionally, establishes the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts Special Plates Fund consisting of donations from the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts Special Plates. Monies from the fund shall be annually allocated to a Veterans of Foreign Wars entity located in this state, for the purposes of training and paying persons throughout this state where needed to process veterans’ claims for service-connected disabilities and illnesses.

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

**Major Actions:** 06 Feb 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Military and Veterans Affairs and Rules Committees.

[HB 2342 veterans; special license plates; design](#)

Establishes the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts Auxiliary special plates if by December 31, 2020, a person pays \$32,000 to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for implementation. Additionally, establishes the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts Auxiliary Special Plates Fund consisting of donations from the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts Auxiliary Special Plates. Monies from the fund shall be annually allocated to a Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary entity located in this state for the purposes of using the monies to fund its charitable works.

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

**Major Actions:** 06 Feb 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Military and Veterans Affairs and Rules Committees.

[HB 2384 VLT and registration fee exemptions](#)

Allows for an exemption for vehicle license tax (VLT) and registration fees for a veteran or a veteran and another party owning a vehicle if the veteran is 100% disabled per VA certification and the disability resulted from combat related injuries that were sustained in specific theaters of operation. Additionally creates a VLT and registration fee for a veteran who is bona fide Purple Heart recipient if the Purple Heart recipient sustains an injury resulting from actions outlined in the bill and served in at least one of the specified theaters of operation.

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

**Major Actions:** 29 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation, Military & Veterans Affairs and Rules Committees. Scheduled for a hearing in the House Transportation Committee on 12 Feb 2020.

### **HB 2393 appropriation; Chinle veterans nursing home**

Appropriates \$9,000,000 from the State General Fund in FY21 to the Department of Veterans' Services to distribute to the Navajo nation for the design and construction of a veterans nursing home in Chinle agency.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Arlando Teller, D-Dist. 7

**Major Actions: 29 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veterans, Appropriation and Rules Committees.**

### **HB 2395 appropriations; capital projects; Navajo Nation**

- Appropriates \$1,444,100 from the State General Fund in FY21 to the Department of Veterans' Services to distribute to the Navajo Nation for costs associated with constructing the Ganado senior and veterans center building.
- Appropriates \$300,000 from the State General Fund in FY21 to the Department of Veterans' Services to distribute to the Navajo Nation for costs associated with constructing the Tselani/Cottonwood Chapter veterans building.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Arlando Teller, D-Dist. 7

**Major Actions: 23 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Government, Appropriations and Rules Committees.**

### **HB 2484 department of education; career information**

Requires the Department of Education to annually collect and compile outlined information including the completion rates for United States military first-term enlistments.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Frank Carroll, R-Dist. 22

**Major Actions: 29 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Education and Rules Committees. Scheduled to be heard in the House Education Committee on 10 Feb 2020.**

### **HB 2512 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, R-Dist. 28

**Major Actions: 27 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce, Military & Veterans Affairs and Rules Committees.**

### **HB 2513 financial institutions; examinations; military lending**

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, R-Dist. 28

**Major Actions: 27 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce, Military & Veterans Affairs and Rules Committees.**

**[HB 2522 bingo; licenses; taxes.](#)**

Eliminates the three classes of bingo licenses currently in use, replacing them with a single license for all bingo operations and raises the number days per week that a licensed operation can host bingo from five to seven.

**Sponsor(s):** Rep. Aaron Lieberman, D-Dist. 28

**Major Actions: 27 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce and Rules Committees. Scheduled to be heard in the House Commerce Committee on 12 Feb 2020.**

**[HB 2571 appropriation; military; discharge; tribal ceremonies](#)**

Appropriates \$1,000,000 from the State General Fund in FY21 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.

**Sponsor(s):** Rep. Myron Tsosie, D-Dist. 7

**Major Actions: 30 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veterans, Appropriations and Rules Committees. Scheduled to be heard in the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee on 10 Feb 2020 and House Appropriations Committee on 12 Feb 2020.**

**[HB 2572 appropriation; Navajo veterans housing](#)**

Appropriates \$2,000,000 from the State General Fund in FY21 to the Department of Economic Security to distribute to the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Veterans Housing Program. These monies may be used only for Navajo veterans who reside in this state.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Myron Tsosie, D-Dist. 7

**Major Actions: 27 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the Government, Appropriations and Rules Committees.**

**[HB2654 patriotic youth groups; school access](#)**

Authorizes the principal of a public school to allow representatives from each patriotic youth organization a single opportunity each academic year to address students during regular school hours about how the patriotic youth organization supports education interest and civic involvement.

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

**Major Actions: 06 Feb 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Education and Rules Committees.**

**[HB 2665 technical correction; military; special plates](#)**

Makes technical corrections.

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

**Major Actions:**

**[HB 2676 veterans; income tax subtraction; increase](#)**

Increases the maximum subtraction from Arizona gross income for veteran benefits, annuities and pensions from \$3500 to the full pension amount for taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2019. Contains a retroactive date of January 1, 2020.

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

**Major Actions:** 23 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means, Appropriations and Rules Committees.

**[HB 2690 state agencies; veterans status; inquiry](#)**

Requires all state agencies, boards and commissions or other administrative units of this state to ask every individual at the initial point of service with that individual and to print on each application form the following question: "Have you or a family member ever served in the military?" Contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2021.

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

**Major Actions:** 3 Feb 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veterans Affairs and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee on 10 Feb 2020.**

**[HB 2731 tuition waivers; ROTC program; appropriation](#)**

Requires the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) to provide a tuition waiver scholarship at any university under the jurisdiction of ABOR to any person who meets both of the following requirements:

- Participates in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program at a university under the jurisdiction of ABOR; and
- Demonstrates financial need.

The bill further outlines requirements and stipulations regarding the tuition waiver and appropriates \$5,000,000 from the State General Fund to ABOR to provide tuition waiver scholarships for ROTC program participants.

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

**Major Actions:** 04 Feb 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Education, Appropriations and Rules Committees.

**[HCR 2009 veterans; disability; property valuation protection](#)**

Amends the Arizona Constitution to allow an honorably discharged veteran of the Uniformed Services of the United States who is a resident of this state and who has a service connected disability rating of 50% or more to apply to the county assessor for a veteran property valuation protection option on the person's primary residence. Directs the Secretary of the State to submit this proposition to the voters at the next General Election.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Leo Biasiucci, R-Dist. 5

**Major Actions:**

**[HM 2002 military sexual trauma; servicemembers](#)**

Asks the United States Congress to:

- Support the survivors of military sexual assault through funding and gender specific health transition training;
- Provide funding to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for extensive outreach to those servicemembers separating from the Armed Forces; and
- Provide continued funding for modernization of Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense health records.

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

**Major Actions: 06 Feb 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veterans Affairs and Rules Committees.**

**[HR 2006 honoring Bushmasters](#)**

States that the Members of the House of Representatives honor the Bushmasters unit of the Army National Guard for their dedication, bravery and skill and express sincere gratitude for their continued sacrifices.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Charlene Fernandez, D-Dist. 4

**Major Actions:**

**Bills that Impact the ADVS Administratively**

**Senate Bills**

**[SB 1089 public records requests; contact information](#)**

Prohibits public records from being disclosed unless the requesting person has furnished their name, address, telephone number and email address to the public body.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Senator Vince Leach, R-Dist. 11

**Major Actions: 13 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 3 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass” from the Senate Government Committee with a vote of 5-2-0-0. Scheduled for Senate Rules on 10 Feb 2020.**

**[SB 1097 noncustodial federal monies; appropriation](#)**

- Beginning January 1, 2023, authorizes the Legislature to appropriate noncustodial federal monies. Defines noncustodial federal monies as federal monies that meet one of the following criteria:
  - designated by the federal government as a block grant monies;
  - designated by the federal government as general revenue sharing monies;



- provides the state with broad authority to make spending decisions to develop, implement or operate a program or service; or
- considered essential to meet total spending obligations of a federally matched program.
- Requires a budget unit that receives noncustodial federal monies to account for the monies in separate accounts or funds as necessary to meeting accounting, budgeting and auditing requirements.
- Specifies if the Legislature does not appropriate for a specific fund, grant program or block of noncustodial federal monies, the authorized budget unit must administer and spend the monies according to federal and state law.
- Requires the Legislature to specify, in each noncustodial federal monies appropriation, the purposes the monies are to be used.
- Contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2023.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. JD Mesnard, R-Dist. 17

**Major Actions:** 13 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 21 Jan 2020- Received a “Do Pass” from the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 5-4-0-0. 27 Jan 2020- Passed Senate Rules. 28 Jan 2020- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.

### **SB 1125 ASRS eligibility; waiting period**

Reduces the length of time before a state employee initially hired on or after October 1, 2020, must become a member of the Arizona State Retirement System.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Senator David Livingston, R-Dist. 22

**Major Actions:** 14 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees. 22 Jan 2020-Received a “Do Pass” from the Senate Finance Committee with a vote of 10-0-0-0. 27 Jan 2020- Passed Senate Rules. 28 Jan 2020- Passed Democrat and Republican Caucus. 30 Jan 2020- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 29-1-0-0. 30 Jan 2020- Transmitted to the House.

### **SB 1219 government information technology projects; responsibility**

Requires the Arizona Department of Administration, rather than budget units, to directly contract with third parties to review and guide budget unit information technology project proposals above \$5,000,000.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. Rick Gray, R-Dist. 21

**Major Actions:** 23 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 3 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Government Committee with a vote of 6-1-0-0. Scheduled for Senate Rules on 10 Feb 2020.

### **SB 1220 state agencies; technology plans; deadline**

Requires budget units to submit information technology plans to the Arizona Department of Administration by May 15, rather than September 1, of each year.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. Rick Gray, R-Dist. 21

**Major Actions: 23 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 3 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass” from the Senate Government Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-0. Scheduled for Senate Rules on 10 Feb 2020.**

### **SB 1388 telecommuting; alternative schedules; state employees**

Requires the Director of the Department of Administration to establish a comprehensive statewide telecommuting and alternative work schedule policy under which eligible state employees, as determined by their respective state agency, may telecommute or participate in alternative work schedules.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. Juan Mendez, D-Dist. 26

**Major Actions: 29 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees.**

### **SB 1664 civil liability; gun free zones**

Holds government entity 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):** Sen. David Gowan, R-Dist. 14

**Major Actions: 05 Feb 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees. Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee on 13 Feb 2020.**

## **House Bills**

### **HB 2113 ASRS; employer; member; contributions**

Requires the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) to provide employers with an employer credit against future contributions if more than the correct amount of employer or member contribution is paid into ASRS through a mistake of fact or mistake of law. Specifies that ASRS may not pay an employer earnings attributable to the excess contributions, but must reduce the amount returned to an employer by the amount of losses attributable. Stipulates that on receipt of an employer credit or check the employer must return any member portion of the returned contributions to the member.

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

**Major Actions: 16 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Government and Rules Committees. 23 Jan 2020- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Government Committee with a vote of 10-0-0-1. 3 Feb 2020- Passed House Rules Committee. 4 Feb 2020- Passed House Minority and Majority Caucus. 06 Feb 2020- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 60-0-0-0.**

### **HB 2115 JLAC; auditor general**

Makes various changes to statutes relating to the Auditor General and the Joint Legislative Audit Committee (JLAC) that include the following:

- Instructs all officers in any state agency, board, commission, department, institution, program, advisory council, committee, political subdivision and contractors with the state to afford reasonable and needed facilities for the Auditor General and make records available in the form at the time prescribed.

- Specifies that the Attorney General must supervise the prosecution of offenders refusing or failing to provide access and examination of records.
- Makes knowingly obstructing or misleading the Auditor General a class 2 misdemeanor.
- Requires the Auditor General to conduct or cause to be conducted financial and compliance audits of state agencies in compliance to the federal single audit requirement annually instead of every other year.
- Revises factors in determining the need for continuation or termination of an agency during sunset review reports.
- Modifies information provided by the agency in the final sunset review report.
- Allows the Auditor General or their authorized representatives access to employees in the performance of official duties.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Anthony Kern, R-Dist. 20

**Major Actions:** 16 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Government and Rules Committees. 30 Jan 2020- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Government Committee with a vote of 11-0-0-0. 3 Feb 2020- Passed House Rules Committee. 4 Feb 2020- Passed House Minority and Majority Caucus. 06 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Committee of the Whole. **Scheduled for House Third Read on 10 Feb 2020.**

### **HB 2116 bereavement leave; death of child**

Requires an employer to allow an eligible employee to use up to a total of two weeks unpaid bereavement leave during any 12 month period for purposes of attending the funeral or burial service of the eligible employee’s child, making any arrangements resulting from the death of the eligible employee’s child, or grieving the death of the eligible employee’s child. Stipulates that if more than one child of an eligible employee dies within a 12-month period, the employer must allow the eligible employee to use up to a total of six work weeks of unpaid bereavement leave during any 12-month period. Allows an eligible employee to use other forms of paid leave concurrently with any unpaid bereavement leave taken. Defines “eligible employee” as an employee who meets the employment eligibility requirements under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and “employer” as an employer that is required to comply with the FMLA.

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

**Major Actions:** 13 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce and Rules Committees.

### **HB 2190 state employees; paid family leave**

Requires that a state employee, whether within or exempt from the State Personnel System, be granted six weeks of paid leave per fiscal year for the birth of the employee’s child or placement of a child with the employee in connection with foster care or adoption.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Jennifer Jermaine, D-Dist. 18

**Major Actions:**

### **HB 2251 public employees; travel reimbursement; airfare**

Specifies that when a public official or public employee must travel in their official capacity by airplane, reimbursement for airfare may not exceed the cost of coach airfare and may not include any upgrades such as business class or first class seating. Specifies that only public officials and public employees are eligible for reimbursement by a public entity.

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

**Major Actions:**

**[HB 2260 health facilities; resuscitation; emergency care](#)**

Requires health care institutions, including skilled nursing facilities, to do the following:

- Provide basic life support, including initiating immediate resuscitation, before the arrival of emergency medical services to a resident who experiences cardiac arrest or any other cessation of respiration in accordance with that resident's advance directives or a do-not-resuscitate order for that resident.
  - Stipulates that facility staff who are certified in CPR must be available at the facility at all times.
- Provide recovery assistance to noninjured residents who have fallen and are unable to reasonably recover themselves independently.

Prohibits the health care institution from establishing or implementing policies that prevent employees from providing immediate resuscitation, emergency care or fall recovery assistance to their patients or residents.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Anthony Kern, R-Dist. 20

**Major Actions:** 22 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees.

**[HB 2261 budget units; encumbrance documents; exception](#)**

Clarifies that certain expenditures under current law are exempt from the requirements of encumbrance documents.

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

**Major Actions:** 29 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Government and Rules Committees. 06 Feb 2020- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Government Committee with a vote of 11-0-0.

**[HB 2713 agency actions; procedures; fee awards](#)**

Makes various changes regarding the awarding of fees and other expenses against the state, city, town or county. Makes various administrative procedural changes regarding licensees and licensing decisions made by an agency.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Travis Grantham, R-Dist. 12

**Major Actions:** 28 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Regulatory Affairs and Rules Committees. 03 Feb 2020- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Regulatory Affairs Committee with a vote of 4-3-0-0. Scheduled for House Rules on 10 Feb 2020.