

ADVS State Veterans/Military Legislation Update
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(Notations in Red represent new information or final action.)

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Bills Impacting Veterans/Military

Senate Bills

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

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

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 1173 appropriation; emergency shelter; transitional housing

Appropriates \$450,000 from the state General Fund (state GF) in FY 2021 to the Department of Economic Security (DES) to distribute to the City of Cottonwood to develop a program for temporary emergency shelter and transitional housing services.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Sylvia Allen, R-Dist. 6

Major Actions: 21 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Appropriations and Rules Committees. 28 Jan 2020- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Appropriation Committee with a vote of 6-2-1-0. 03 Feb 2020- Passed Senate Rules. 4 Feb 2020- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. Scheduled for the House Committee of the Whole of 24 Feb 2020.

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. 19 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Finance Committee with a vote of 8-0-2-0. Scheduled for Senate Rules on 24 Feb 2020.

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. 20 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 6-0-2-0. Scheduled for Senate Rules on 24 Feb 2020.

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. 10 Feb 2020- Passed Senate Rules. 11 Feb 2020- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. Scheduled for the House Committee of the Whole of 24 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. Contains 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. 10 Feb 2020- Passed Senate Rules. 11 Feb 2020- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 13 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass Recommendation” from the Senate Committee of the Whole. 13 Feb 2020- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 30-0-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

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.

[Adopted Committee Amendment](#)

Establishes the Affordable Housing Tax Credit (Tax Credit) and outlines requirements for the Tax Credit.

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. 18 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 8-0-1-0. Scheduled for Senate Rules on 24 Feb 2020.

[SB 1501 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.

Subject to a “same subject” Strike-Everything amendment.

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

Major Actions: 03 Feb 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Commerce and Rules Committees. Removed from the 20 Feb 2020 Senate Commerce Committee agenda.

[SB 1523 mental health omnibus](#)

Expands youth access to behavioral health services in schools with an \$8 million appropriation, establishes a Suicide Mortality Review Team, and ensures insurance plans offered in Arizona comply with existing federal mental health parity laws. Among other members, the Suicide Mortality Review Team must include a representative of a veterans’ organization or military family advocacy program.

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

Major Actions: 3 Feb 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 19 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on 25 Feb 2020.

[SB 1524 appropriations; DPS: school safety program.](#)

Establishes the Arizona School Safety Fund (School Safety Fund) to be administered by the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for school safety programs. Appropriates a total of \$7,500,000 from the state General Fund (state GF) from FY 2021 to FY 2023.

[Proposed Strike Everything Amendment](#)

Stipulates that to be eligible for assistance from the Military and Family Relief Fund Post-9/11 Subaccount, the service member of an applying family must have been deceased, wounded or injured while deployed *to a combat zone or a zone where the service member was receiving hazardous duty pay.*

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

Major Actions: 4 Feb 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Transportation & Public Safety Committee. 12 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Transportation & Public Safety Committee with a vote of 7-0-1-0. Scheduled to be heard in Senate Appropriations Committee on 25 Feb 2020.

SB 1575 property tax exemptions; statutory conformity

Conditional on the voter approval of S.C.R. 1043, exempts, from property tax, the property of veterans with service or nonservice-connected disabilities who are Arizona residents.

Adopted Committee Amendment

Inserts the correlating resolution for the 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. 12 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” from the Senate Finance Committee with a vote of 10-0-0-0. 17 Feb 2020- Passed Senate Rules. 18 Feb 2020- Passed Democrat and Republican Caucus.

SB1594 military installation fund; property; conveyance

Allows the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) to sell, lease or convey property, infrastructure or improvements acquired for the preservation or enhancement of military installations.

Adopted Committee Amendment

Requires DEMA to ensure acquired property that is subsequently conveyed to another entity is used or developed in compliance with high noise and accident potential zone development standards and specifies that DEMA does not need to determine if property is not needed for the purposes of preserving or enhancing military installations before the property can be conveyed.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Sine Kerr, R-Dist. 13

Major Actions: 5 Feb 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Public Safety and Rules Committees. 12 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” with a vote of 7-0-1-0. 17 Feb 2020- Passed Senate Rules. 18 Feb 2020- Passed Democrat and Republican Caucus. Scheduled for the Senate Committee of the Whole on 24 Feb 2020.

SCR 1043 constitutional property tax exemptions

Subject to voter approval, amends the Constitution of Arizona to repeal sections relating to property tax exemptions and replaces the sections with one consolidated property tax exemption section.

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. 12 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Finance Committee with a vote of 10-0-0-0. 17 Feb 2020- Passed Senate Rules. 18 Feb 2020- Passed Democrat and Republican Caucus. 20 Feb 2020- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 25-0-5-0. Transmitted to the House.

House Bills

[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 45-day security guard registration certificate or a 45-day armed security guard registration certificate before the required background screenings for the applicant are complete. Stipulates that the veteran must have been honorably discharged and allows the veteran who receives a 45-day security guard certificate to work only for the agency licensee that provides the required preassignment training.

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. 10 Feb 2020- Passed House Rules. 11 Feb 2020- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 13 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 17 Feb 2020 passed House Third Read with a vote of 59-0-1-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

[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 60-0-0-0. 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.

Scheduled for House Rules on 17 Feb 2020.

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. 19 Feb 2020-HELD in the House Judiciary Committee.

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.

Adopted Appropriations Amendment

Reduces the appropriation from \$1.2 million to \$416,400.

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. 12 Feb 2020- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the House Appropriations Committee with a vote of 10-0-0-1. 17 Feb 2020- Passed House Rules. 18 Feb 2020- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus.

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. 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. 10 Feb 2020- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 60-0-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

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. 10 Feb 2020- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Military & Veterans Affairs with a vote of 7-0-0-0.

[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.

Adopted [Military & Veterans Affairs](#) and [Appropriations](#) Committee Amendments

Appropriates an \$21,422.91 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. 10 Feb 2020- HELD in the House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee. 17 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. 19 Feb 2020- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation with a vote of 11-0-0-0. Scheduled for House Rules on 24 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. 19 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. 11 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Natural Resources, Energy & Water Committee with a vote of 11-1-1-0. 12 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Appropriations Committee with a vote of 8-3-0-0. 17 Feb 2020- Passed House Rules. 18 Feb 2020- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus.

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. Transmitted to the Senate.

HB 2310 appropriation; military installation projects

Appropriates \$5,000,000 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.

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. 10 Feb 202- Passed House Rules. 11 Feb 2020- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 13 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 19 Feb 2020- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 55-5-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

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. 17 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee with a vote of 6-0-0-1.

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.

[Proposed Committee Amendment](#)

Makes a technical correction.

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. 17 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee with a vote of 6-0-0-1.

[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.

[FISCAL NOTE:](#)

HB 2384 would reduce VLT revenues by \$(524,300) in FY 2021. The state's share of the lost revenues would be \$(122,200), which includes \$(99,600) from the State Highway Fund, \$(16,300) from Motor Vehicle Department third parties, \$(4,700) from the General Fund, and \$(1,600) from the Department of Public Safety. The remaining \$(402,100) impact would be borne by local governments.

Adopted [Transportation](#) and [Military & Veterans Affairs](#) Committee Amendment

Removes the requirement that the veteran's 100% VA certified disability must have resulted from combat related injuries that were sustained in specific theaters of operation. Additionally, for a veteran who is a bona fide Purple Heart recipient, removes the requirement that the veteran must have sustained an injury resulting from actions outlined in the bill and served in at least one of the specified theaters of operation to be eligible for a Purple Heart VLT and registration fee exemption.

NOTE: The amendment for each committee was identical.

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. 12 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Transportation Committee. 17 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-0. Scheduled for House Rules on 24 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 Affairs, Appropriation and Rules Committees. 17 Feb 2020- HELD in the House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee.

[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. 10 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Education Committee with a vote of 9-1-0-3. 17 Feb 2020- Passed House Rules. 18 Feb 2020- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus.

[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.

[Adopted Strike-Everything Amendment](#)

Removes the prohibition relating to conducting a lottery or raffle within a 12-hour period before or after a bingo occasion or game and increases the gross receipt amounts for each license classification as follows:

- Class A license, from \$15,600 to \$75,000;
- Class B license, from \$300,000 to \$500,000; and
- Class C license, from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

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 18 Feb 2020.

[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.

[Adopted Committee Amendment](#)

Makes technical and clarifying changes.

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. 11 Feb 2020- Withdrawn from the House Education Committee and re-assigned to the

House Technology Committee. 19 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Technology Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-0.

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. 19 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation the House Ways & Means Committee with a vote of 4-2-4-0.

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.

Adopted Committee Amendment

Requires all state agencies, boards and commissions or other administrative units of this state to also provide a website address and contact information for the Department of Veterans’ Services and for the Be Connected program to individuals who answer affirmative to the question, “Have you or a family member ever served in the military?”

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. 10 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee with a vote of 6-0-1-0. 17 Feb 2020- Passed House Rules. 18 Feb 2020- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus.

HB2732 tax credit; affordable housing

Adds and amends sections of statute relating to insurance premiums and income tax credits for claims in relation to the construction of new and affordable housing.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Jeff Weninger, R-Dist. 17

Major Actions: 29 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means and Rules Committee. 5 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Ways & Means Committee with a vote of 4-2-1-3. 10 Feb 2020- Passed House Rules. 11 Feb 2020- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 18 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 18 Feb 2020- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 45-15-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

HB 2764 mental health omnibus

Expands youth access to behavioral health services in schools with an \$8 million appropriation, establishes a Suicide Mortality Review Team, and ensures insurance plans offered in Arizona comply

with existing federal mental health parity laws. Among other members, the Suicide Mortality Review Team must include a representative of a veterans' organization or military family advocacy program.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Jeff Weninger, R-Dist. 17

Major Actions: 4 Feb 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 20 Feb 2020- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the House Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 9-0-0-0. Scheduled to be heard in the House Appropriations Committee on 24 Feb 2020.

[HB2820 appropriation; veterans; kitchen; meals; training](#)

Appropriates \$300,000 from the State General Fund to ADVS to award a grant to a nonprofit organization that provides housing, nutrition and other services to military veterans and their families in this state to:

- Purchase a factory-built kitchen.
- Provide health meals of the appropriate portion size to military veterans; and
- Develop a culinary training and placement program for military veterans.

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

Major Actions: 12 Feb 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veterans Affairs, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 17 Feb 2020- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-0.

[HB 2844 G&F; transfers; gold star children](#)

Allows a person to transfer the person's big game permit or tag to a qualified organization for use by a Gold Star child. If the Gold Star child is under 14 years of age, the child must satisfactorily complete the Arizona hunter education course or another comparable hunter education course that is approved by the Director of Game and Fish.

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

Major Actions: 12 Feb 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veterans Affairs and Rules Committees. 19 Feb 2020- W/D from the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee and re-assigned to the House Natural Resources, Energy & Water Committee. 18 Feb 2020- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Natural Resources, Energy & Water Committee with a vote of 11-0-0-0.

[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. 17 Feb 2020- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Military & Veterans Affairs with a vote of 7-0-0-0.

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. 10 Feb 2020- Passed Senate Rules. 11 Feb 2020- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 13 Feb 2020- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 18-12-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

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. 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 1211 administrative rules; expiration; legislative extension

Repeals all administrative rules on July 1, 2022, unless extended by an agency through the statutory rulemaking process. Repeals the Arizona Administrative Code (AAC) each year, beginning July 1, 2023, unless continued by the Legislature for up to one year.

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

Major Actions: 22 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 10 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Government Committee with a vote of 4-3-0-0.

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. 10 Feb 2020- Passed Senate Rules. 11 Feb 2020- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 13 Feb 2020- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 29-1-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

SB1220 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. 10 Feb 2020- Passed Senate Rules. 11 Feb 2020- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 13 Feb 2020- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 30-0-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

SB 1291 emergency assistance; falls; liability

Exempts a person from civil liability for providing emergency care or assistance to a person who has fallen, under specified circumstances.

[Adopted Strike Everything Amendment](#)

Exempts a person from civil liability for providing emergency care or assistance to a person who has fallen, under specified circumstances. Requires skilled nursing and assisted living facilities to provide fall prevention and recovery training to facility staff.

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

Major Actions: 27 Jan 2020- First read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services Committee. 20 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 6-1-1-0.

SB 1664 civil liability; gun free zones

Holds a 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.

Adopted Committee Amendment

Removes the allows for the court to award treble damages to a person who is harmed in a gun-free zone established by a government entity if certain criteria is met. Makes a conforming change to the definition of “gun-free zone”.

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

Major Actions: 05 Feb 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees. 13 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” Recommendation from Senate Judiciary Committee with a vote of 4-3-0-0. 17 Feb 2020- Passed Senate Rules Committee. 18 Feb 2020- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.

House Bills

HB 2053 executive sessions; security plans

Adds the discussion of security related issues of buildings and technology to the list of allowable purposes to hold an executive session.

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

Major Actions: 13 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Technology, Government and Rules Committees. 22 Jan 2020- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Technology Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-0. 30 Jan 2020- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Government Committee with a vote of 11-0-0-0.

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. Transmitted to the Senate.

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. 10 Feb 2020- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 38-22-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

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.
 - Stipulates that facility staff who are certified in fall recovery must be available at all times.

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.

Adopted Committee Amendment

Adds an immunity clause and removes adult foster care homes and group homes from the bill.

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. 20 Feb 2020- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the House Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 7-2-0-0.

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 11-0-0-0. 17 Feb 2020- Passed House Rules. 18 Feb 2020- Passed Majority and Minority Caucus.

HB 2529 nonretaliation policies; health care institutions

Specifies that a health care institution or any of its third-party contractors is prohibited from retaliatory actions against a health professional for making a report.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Amish Shah, D-Dist. 24

Major Actions: 28 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services, Commerce and Rules Committee. 06 Feb 2020- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 9-0-0-0. 11 Feb 2020- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Commerce Committee with a vote of 6-1-1-1. 17 Feb 2020- Passed House Rules. 18 Feb 2020- Passed Majority and Minority Caucus.

HB 2538 health care workers; assault; prevention

- States that it is aggravated assault if a person commits an assault knowing or having reason to know that the victim is a health care worker while engaged in the health care worker's duties and makes it a class 5 felony if the assault involves a physical injury.
- Requires health care employers to develop, implement and maintain a written workplace violence prevention plan that must be available at all times to all health care workers and contractors.
- Requires health care employers to investigate a workplace violence incident as soon as practicable and review the circumstances of the incident, solicit input from all of those involved, and document the findings, recommendations and corrective measures taken for each investigation conducted.
- Requires health care employers to provide training and education to its health care workers who may be exposed to workplace violence.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Amish Shah, D-Dist. 24

Major Actions: 29 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Judiciary and Rules Committees. 21 Feb 2020- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Judiciary Committee with a vote of 6-3-1-0.

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. 10 Feb 2020- Passed House Rules. 11 Feb 2020- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. **17 Feb 2020- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 31-29-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate.**