

ADVS State Veterans/Military Legislation Update

55th Arizona Legislature, First Regular Session

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

SB = Senate Bill

SCM = Senate Concurrent Memorial

SCR = Senate Concurrent Resolution

SR = Senate Resolution

HB = House Bill

HCM = House Concurrent Memorial

HCR = House Concurrent Resolution

HJR= House Joint Resolution

HR = House Resolution

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Bills Impacting Veterans/Military

Senate Bills

[SB 1024 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 \$21,422.91 from the SMMRF to ADOA in FY22 to alter or modify the Enduring Freedom Memorial to add additional names to the memorial.

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

Major Actions: 11 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on 19 Jan 2021.**

[SB 1143 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. Wendy Rogers, R-Dist. 6

Major Actions: 13 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Technology and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Transportation & Technology on 21 Jan 2021.**

[SB 1149 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.

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

Major Actions: 13 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Commerce and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Commerce Committee on 20 Jan 2021.**

[SB 1161 technical correction; military; special plates](#)

Makes a technical correction pertaining to military support special plates.

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

Major Actions: 14 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Rules Committee.

[SB 1172 veterans' home facility; Mohave County](#)

Appropriates \$25,000,000 from the State General Fund in FY22 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. 5

Major Actions:

[SCR 1006 military personnel; technical correction](#)

Makes a technical change to replace, "soldier, seaman, or Marine in the Army or Navy" with "military personnel."

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

Major Actions: 12 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Rules Committee.

House Bills

HB 2003 military justice; technical correction

Makes a technical correction.

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

Major Actions:

HB 2109 bingo; conduct; licenses

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.

Increases the threshold amount for cash prizes to be paid by check from amounts over \$150 to amounts over \$1,100.

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

Major Actions: 14 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the House Commerce Committee on 19 Jan 2021.**

HB 2128 state licensing; fee waivers

Requires that the occupational licensing fee be waived for any active duty military service member and the member's spouse or for any Veteran if the individual is applying for that specific licens in this stte for the first time.

Primary Sponsor(s): Representative Joanne Osbourne, R-Dist. 13

Major Actions:

HB 2217 appropriation; Chinle veterans nursing home

Appropriates \$9,000,000 from the State General Fund in FY22 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:

HB 2219 appropriations; capital projects; Navajo Nation

- Appropriates \$1,444,100 from the State General Fund in FY22 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 FY22 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:

[HB 2235 appropriations; Native American veterans; renovations](#)

- Appropriates \$200,000 from the State General Fund to the Department of Veterans' Services in FY22 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 FY22 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 FY22 to be distributed to the Hopi Tribe for a veterans' home renovation program.

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

Major Actions:

[HB 2243 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.

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

Major Actions:

[HB 2272 consumer credit; military; federal law](#)

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:

[HB 2288 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:

[HB 2297 military leaves of absence; duration](#)

Bases the allowable military leave period for officers and employees of this state, any county, city or town or any agency or political subdivision of this state or a county, city or town on the average total of regularly scheduled hours worked in a biweekly period as follows:

- A full-time officer or employee who works two thousand eighty hours annually is entitled to up to one hundred twenty hours of military leave annually and up to two hundred forty hours in any two consecutive years.
- An officer or employee who is regularly scheduled to work more than two thousand eighty hours annually is entitled to fifteen days of military leave each fiscal year based on the total number of hours in the individual's regularly scheduled biweekly hours.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Kevin Payne, R-Dist. 21

Major Actions:

Bills that Impact the ADVS Administratively

Senate Bills

[SB 1051 ASRS; employer payments; ineligible contributions](#)

Clarifies requirements for the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) relating to the payment of ineligible contributions.

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

Major Actions: 11 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Finance Committee on 20 Jan 2021.**

[SB 1063 administrative review of agency decisions](#)

Requires that a trial reviewing a final administrative decision of specified regulating agencies be a de novo trial, if demanded by an appellee other than the agency. Requires a court, in a review of a final administrative decision brought by or against a regulated party, to decide all questions of fact without deference to any previous determination.

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

Major Actions: 11 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees.

[SB1066 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: 11 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Transportation & Technology and Rules Committees. Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Transportation & Technology Committee on 21 Jan 2021.

SB 1112 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:

House Bills

HB 2008 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: 11 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 13 Jan 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Government & Elections Committee with a vote of 13-0-0.

HB 2009 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: 11 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 13 Jan 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Government & Elections Committee with a vote of 13-0-0-0.

[HB 2014 GRRC; petition to request review](#)

States that a person may petition the Governors Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) to review an existing practice, substantive policy statement or final rule of the Citizens Clean Elections Commission (Commission).

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

Major Actions: 11 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 13 Jan 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Government & Elections Committee with a vote of 7-6-0-0.

[HB 2242 agency actions; procedures; fee awards](#)

Increases the maximum allowable amount of court fees that may be awarded to the prevailing party in certain cases against the state or a city, town or county. Modifies statutory requirements relating to occupational licensees and applicants for occupational licensure.

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

Major Actions: