

## ADVS State Veterans/Military Legislation Update

### 55th Arizona Legislature, First Regular Session

Friday, January 29, 2021

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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

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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. 19 Jan 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 9-0-1-0. 25 Jan 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 26- Passed Democrat and Republican Caucus. **28 Jan 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 28-1-1-0. Transmitted to the House.**

#### [SB 1143 veterans overseas conflicts plates](#)

Establishes the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts special plates if by December 31, 2021, 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. 21 Jan 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Transportation & Technology Committee with a vote of 8-0-1-0. 25 Jan 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 26- Passed Democrat and Republican Caucus. **28 Jan 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 27-2-1-0. Transmitted to the House.**

### **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. 20 Jan 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Commerce Committee with a vote of 9-0-0-0. 25 Jan 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 26- Passed Democrat and Republican Caucus. **28 Jan 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 29-0-1-0. Transmitted to the House.**

### **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:** 19 Jan 2021- First read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on 02 Feb 2021.**

### **SB 1229 technical correction; bingo license; transfer**

Makes a technical correction.

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

**Major Actions: 20 Jan 2021- Frist read and assigned to the Senate Rules Committee.**

**[SB 1260 property tax exemptions; statutory conformity](#)**

Conditional on the voter approval of S.C.R. 1019, exempts, from property tax, the property of veterans with service or nonservice-connected disabilities who are Arizona residents.

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

**Major Actions: 21 Jan 2021- Frist read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committee. Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Finance Committee on 03 Feb 2021.**

**[SB 1262 technical correction; military; school districts](#)**

Makes a technical correction.

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

**Major Actions: 21 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Rules Committee.**

**[SB 1312 veterans; special license plates; design.](#)**

Establishes the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts Auxiliary special plates if by December 31, 2021, 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):** Sen. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5

**Major Actions: 25 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Technology and Rules Committees. Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Transportation & Technology Committee on 01 Feb 2021.**

**[SB 1331 veterans' income tax; exemption](#)**

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, 2020. Contains a retroactive date of January 1, 2021.

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

**Major Actions: 25 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations Committee. Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on 02 Feb 2021.**

**[SB 1359 veterans' income tax; exemption.](#)**

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, 2020. Contains a retroactive date of January 1, 2021.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. Wendy Rogers, R-Dist. 6

**Major Actions:** 26 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees.

**[SB 1360 G&F; veterans; hunting; fishing; licenses](#)**

Allows a Veteran of the Armed Forces who has a complimentary license to transfer a permit or tag to another person for the purpose of assisting the Veteran in the taking of wildlife or taking wildlife on behalf of the Veteran as the Veteran's proxy. Additionally, provides reduced license fees for a Veteran who has been a resident of this state for one year or more immediately before applying for the license and a nonresident license for the same fee as a resident license to a veteran or military member who is not a resident of this state.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. Wendy Rogers, R-Dist. 6

**Major Actions:** 26 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Natural Resources Energy & Water and Rules Committees.

**[SB 1361 concealed weapons permit; fees; application](#)**

Prohibits the Director of the Department of Public Safety from charging an initial or renewal application fee for a concealed weapons permit to a person who has been a resident of this state for at least one year before the date of application and who is currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, is a Veteran with an honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions or is a current or retired peace officer in this state.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. Wendy Rogers, R-Dist. 6

**Major Actions:** 26 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Judiciary and Rules Committees.

**[SB 1363 veterans; surviving spouses; government parking](#)**

Requires each state agency having jurisdiction over street parking or publicly owned and operated parking facility to provide specially designated and marked motor vehicle parking spaces for the exclusive use of Veterans or the Veteran's surviving spouse and outlines requirements for where the parking spaces must be located.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. Wendy Rogers, R-Dist. 6

**Major Actions:** 26 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Technology and Rules Committees.

**[SB 1411 technical correction; military affairs](#)**

Makes a technical correction.

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

**Major Actions:** 27 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Rules Committee.

### **SB 1443 military family relief fund**

- Expands eligibility criteria to include a service member of an applying family who has established residency in this state and be able to provide proof of continuous physical presence in this state for at least twelve months before submitting an application.
- States that the financial need must be a result of the service member's military service.
- Establishes a deployment date requirement of before September 11, 2001 for applications to the Pre-9/11 MFRF subaccount and after September 11, 2001 for applications to the Post-9/11 subaccount.
- Allows the Director to allocate up to ten percent of the donations received for the actual reasonable costs of administering the subaccounts and the financial assistance program including the hiring of an employee to process applications and provide support to the committee
- Defines "established residency" and "continuous physical presence".

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

**Major Actions:** 27 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees.

### **SB 1447 military installation fund; property conveyance**

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

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

**Major Actions:** 27 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees.

### **SB 1559 Native American veterans; tax settlement**

Extends the amount of time that the monies in the Veterans' Income Tax Settlement Fund revert to the State General Fund from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2024 and the amount of time that Arizona Department of Veterans' Services will accept applications from December 31, 2019 to December 31, 2022.

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

**Major Actions:**

### **SB 1560 tribal nations; veterans' services; appropriation**

Appropriates \$2,200,000 and 20 FTE positions from the State General Fund in FY22 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 must be collected and identified from revenues collected on Indian reservations in this state.

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

**Major Actions:**

### **SB1567 Lukachukai veterans' multipurpose complex; appropriation**

Appropriates \$500,000 from the State General Fund in FY22 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:**

### **SB 1568 Fort Defiance veterans cemetery; appropriation**

Appropriates \$30,000 from the State General Fund in FY22 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:**

### **SB 1569 Ganado center building; appropriation**

Appropriates \$976,300 from the State General Fund in FY22 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:**

### **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.

### **SCR 1019 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 and allows the Legislature to exempt the following:

- Property of an educational, charitable or religious association or institution that is not used or held for profit;
- Personal property that is used in a trade or business or for agricultural purposes;
- Cemeteries that are set apart and used to inter deceased human beings;
- The property of a widow or widower who is an Arizona resident;
- Property of an Arizona resident who is at least 18 years-old and has a medically certified total and permanent disability; and
- The property of an honorably discharged veteran who is an Arizona resident with a service or non-service-related disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

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

**Major Actions:** 21 Jan 2021- First read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committee. **Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Finance Committee on 03 Feb 2021.**

### **SCR 1027 property tax exemption; veterans; disabilities**

Amends the Arizona Constitution to allow the Legislature to property tax exemptions on the primary residence owned by a Veteran, Veteran's spouse if certain criteria is met. Directs the Secretary of the State to submit this proposition to the voters at the next General Election.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. Wendy Rogers, R-Dist. 6

**Major Actions:** 28 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees.

## **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. 19 Jan 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Commerce Committee with a vote of 10-0-0-0. 25 Jan 2021- Passed House Rules. 26 Jan 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. **28 Jan 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 59-0-1-0. Transmitted to the Senate.**

### **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 license in this site for the first time.

#### **Proposed Committee Amendment:**

Removes the requirement that the occupational licensing fee be waived for any Veteran if the individual is applying for that specific license in this site for the first time.

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

**Major Actions:** 20 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee on 01 Feb 2021.**

### **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:** 20 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety, Appropriations and Rules Committees.

### **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:** 20 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections, Appropriations and Rules Committees.

### **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: 21 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety, Appropriations and Rules Committees.**

**[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: 20 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce and Rules Committees. 26 Jan 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Commerce Committee with a vote of 9-1-0-0. Scheduled for House Rules Committee on 01 Feb 2021.**

**[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: 25 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce, Military Affairs & Public Safety and Rules Committees.**

**[HB 2288 appropriation; military installation projects](#)**

Appropriates \$5,000,000 from the State General Fund in FY22 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: 26 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety, Appropriations and Rules Committees. Scheduled to be heard in the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee on 01 Feb 2021 and House Appropriations Committee on 03 Feb 2021.**

**[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: 20 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs and Public Safety and Rules Committees. 25 Jan 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee with a vote of 14-0-0. Scheduled for House Rules Committee on 01 Feb 2021**

### **HB 2464 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. Kevin Payne, R-Dist. 21

**Major Actions:**

### **HB 2470 buffalo soldiers memorial; extension**

Provides an extension from October 1, 2023 to October 1, 2025 for the placement of a memorial dedicated to the commemoration of Buffalo Soldiers in Wesley Bolin Plaza.

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

**Major Actions: 27 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. Schedule to be heard in the House Government & Elections Committee on 03 Feb 2021.**

### **HB 2471 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?” and to provide a website address and contact information for ADVS and the Be Connected program to individuals who answer in the affirmative. Contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2022.

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

**Major Actions:**

### **HB 2472 special license plates; veterans design**

Establishes the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts special plates if by December 31, 2021, 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. Richard Andrade, D-Dist. 29

**Major Actions: 27 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees. Scheduled to be heard in the House Transportation Committee on 03 Feb 2021.**

### **HB 2473 veterans; special license plates; design**

Establishes the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts Auxiliary special plates if by December 31, 2021, 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. Richard Andrade, D-Dist. 29

**Major Actions:** 27 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the House Transportation Committee on 03 Feb 2021.**

### **HB 2474 post-traumatic stress injury day**

Establishes June 27 in each year as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Day and specifies that Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Day is not a legal holiday.

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

**Major Actions:** 28 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety and Rules Committees.

### **HB 2514 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. Kelli Butler, D-Dist. 28

**Major Actions:** 28 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services, Commerce and Rules Committees.

### **HB 2515 electronic smoking devices; tobacco sales**

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. Kelli Butler, D-Dist. 28

**Major Actions:** 28 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services, Commerce and Rules Committees.

### **HB 2518 appropriation; Navajo veterans housing**

Appropriates \$2,000,000 from the State General Fund in FY22 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: 28 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety, Appropriations and Rules Committees.**

**[HB 2519 appropriation; military; discharge; tribal ceremonies](#)**

Appropriates \$1,000,000 from the State General Fund in FY22 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: 28 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety, Appropriations and Rules Committees.**

**[HB 2542 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. Justin Wilmeth, R-Dist. 15

**Major Actions: 28 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety and Rules Committees.**

**[HB 2694 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 a bona fide Purple Heart Medal recipient. Provides that this exemption also applies to a surviving spouse of the veteran who is a bona fide Purple Heart Medal recipient until the surviving spouse's remarriage or death. Outlines criteria based on theaters of operation that must be met for a veteran with a disability rating 100% or Purple Heart recipient to receive the VLT and registration fee exemption.

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

**Major Actions:**

**[HB 2701 polling places; identification; early voting](#)**

Makes several changes pertaining to polling places, identification, and early voting including but not limited to allowing a qualified elector to vote by mail only if the elector is physically unable to cast a ballot within the period for early voting, or has a physical disability, is confined to a nursing home or other similar facility, is on military duty or is temporarily residing outside this state.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. John Fillmore, R-Dist. 16

**Major Actions:**

**[HB 2706 appropriation; veterans' services; benefits counselors](#)**

Appropriates \$948,400 from the State General Fund in FY 22 to the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services to hire additional benefits counselors.

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

**Major Actions:**

**[HB 2726 unclaimed property locations; registration](#)**

Establishes the Veteran Housing Trust Fund within the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System consisting of proceeds from the sale of abandoned property in the amount of \$1,000,000 each fiscal year and specifies that monies from the fund must be used solely for housing projects and rental assistance for homeless Veterans.

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

**Major Actions:**

**[HB 2760 military installation fund; property conveyance.](#)**

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

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

**Major Actions:**

**[HCR 2022 Fisher house; service members; supporting](#)**

Resolves that the Members of the Legislature support the construction and operation of a Fisher House near the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Phoenix.

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

**Major Actions:**

**[HJR 2001 private property; sale; veterans administration](#)**

Approves the sale of private real property to the United States of America for an on behalf of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

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

**Major Actions:**

**[HM 2001 military sexual assault; service members](#)**

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:**

## **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. 20 Jan 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Finance Committee with a vote of 9-0-1-0. 25 Jan 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 26- Passed Democrat and Republican Caucus. 28 Jan 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 29-0-1-0. Transmitted to the House.

#### **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.

#### **Adopted Senate Floor Amendment**

Makes a technical correction.

**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. 21 Jan 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Transportation & Technology Committee with a vote of 7-2-0-0. Scheduled for Senate Rules

**Committee on 25 Jan 2021. 25 Jan 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 26- Passed Democrat and Republican Caucus. 28 Jan 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Committee of the Whole. Scheduled for Senate Third Read on 01 Feb 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:** 20 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on 02 Feb 2021.**

### **SB 1141 health care institutions; accreditation; inspections**

Permits the Director of the Department of Health Services (DHS) to accept an accreditation report in lieu of a compliance inspection for all health care institutions.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. Nancy Barto, R-Dist. 15

**Major Actions:** 13 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 20 Jan 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 25 Jan 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 26- Passed Democrat and Republican Caucus. **28 Jan 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 29-0-1-0. Transmitted to the House.**

### **SB 1373 health facilities; duty of care**

Affirms that each health care institution under the licensure of the Department of Health Services and that provides congrant or residential care and the health care institutions’s respective employees, agents and assigns have a duty of care for the residents and requires health care institutions to provide both:

- Basic life support, including initiating immediate CPR before the arrival of emergency medical services to a resident who experiences symptoms or cardiac arrest or cessation of respiration and in accordance with the resident’s advance directives and do-not-resuscitate order. Staff who are certified in CPR must be available at all times.
- First Aid before the arrival of emergency medical services to a resident who experiences emergency illness or injury and to a noninjured resident who has fallen and is unable to

reasonable recover independently and in accordance with the resident's advance directives and do-not-resuscitate order. Staff who are certified in First Aid must be available at all times.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. Nancy Barto, R-Dist. 15

**Major Actions:** 26 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees.

## 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 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. 25 Jan 2021- Passed House Rules. 26 Jan 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. **28 Jan 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 58-0-2-0. Transmitted to the Senate.**

### [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. 25 Jan 2021- Passed House Rules. 26 Jan 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. **28 Jan 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 58-0-2-0. Transmitted to the Senate.**

### [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. **25 Jan 2021- Passed House Rules. 26 Jan 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus.**



### **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:** 21 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the House Commerce Committee on 02 Feb 2021.**

### **HB 2264 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, R-Dist. 18

**Major Actions:** 25 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections, Appropriations and Rules Committees.

### **HB 2290 health care institutions; accreditation; inspections.**

Permits the Director of the Department of Health Services (DHS) to accept an accreditation report in lieu of a compliance inspection for all health care institutions.

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

**Major Actions:** 20 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. **25 Jan 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Health & Human Services with a vote of 9-0-0-0. Scheduled for House Rules Committee on 01 Feb 2021**

### **HB 2433 state agencies; cash payment; acceptance**

Requires each state agency or authorized agent of a state agency to accept cash, checks and money orders to pay any amount due to that agency or agent or this state.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Shawna Bolick, R-Dist. 20

**Major Actions:** 26 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the House Government & Elections Committee on 03 Feb 2021.**

### **HB 2457 lobbyists; conflicts of interest; disclosure**

Prohibits any person from lobbying the legislature for a principal or public body when there is a conflict of interest between one or more of the principals and public bodies represented by that person except when the person has received fully informed written consent from all parties to the conflict of interest who are represented by that person and requires the person lobbying to file a copy of the written consent with the secretary of state within two days after the conflict of interest occurs.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. David Cook, R-Dist. 8

**Major Actions:** 27 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce and Rules Committees.

### **HB 2534 health care institutions; education abuse**

Beginning January 1, 2022, requires each health care institution licensed under the Department of Health Services (DHS) to provide education and training through curriculum developed by DHS and the Department of Economic Security on the following:

- The signs of neglect and abuse, including sexual abuse
- The responsibilities of persons to report suspected neglect or abuse, including sexual abuse
- Whom to contact to report the suspected neglect or abuse; and
- A component that can be provided to families of vulnerable adults.

Contains an Emergency Clause.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Jennifer Longdon, D-Dist. 24

**Major Actions:** 28 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees.

### **HB 2551 misconduct involving weapons; public places**

Allows a person with a valid permit to carry a concealed weapon (CCW) to carry a deadly weapon into a public event or public establishment, with the following exceptions:

- A public event or public establishment that is a secure facility;
- The licensed premises of a public event or public establishment that has a liquor license under A.R.S. Title 4;
- A state, county or municipal judicial department, law enforcement agency or correctional facility;
- An area where firearm possession is prohibited by federal law;
- An educational institution defined in A.R.S. § 13-2911;
- A community college district or a university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Board of Regents;
- Facilities operated by the Arizona State Hospital; or
- A public establishment that is a vehicle or craft.

Defines "Secured Facility" as:

- A public establishment or public event that has security personnel and electronic weapons screening devices at each entrance;
- A public establishment or public event with security personnel who screen each person and require every person carrying a weapon to leave it in temporary and secure storage; or
- The area of a public event or public establishment that is not generally accessible to the public and has: i. Security personnel, or ii. Biometric, coded or employee-restricted entry to limit access.

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

**Major Actions:** 28 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Judiciary and Rules Committees.

### **HB 2620 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:** 27 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the House Health & Human Services Committee on 01 Feb 2021.**

### **HB 2622 nonretaliation policies; health care institutions**

Prohibits a third-party contractor of a health care institution from retaliatory action against a health professional.

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

**Major Actions:** 27 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the House Health & Human Services Committee on 01 Feb 2021.**

### **HB 2627 health facilities; resuscitation; emergency care**

Requires all health care institutions that provide congregate care or residential care to provide CPR training for all staff and requires that staff who are trained in CPR be available at all times.

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

**Major Actions:**