

ADVS State Veterans/Military Legislation Update

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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. 04 Feb 2021- Substituted for HB2243. Passed House Third Read with a vote of 46-13-0-0-1. **12 Feb 2021- Signed by the Governor.**

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. 02 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 10-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. **11 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 28-1-0-0. Transmitted to the House.**

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.

Adopted Committee Amendment

Makes a technical and clarifying change.

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. 03 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Finance Committee with a vote of 8-2-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Majority and Minority Caucus.

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. 01 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Transportation & Technology Committee with a vote of 9-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Majority and Minority Caucus. Scheduled for Senate Third Read on 15 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. 02 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 9-0-1-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Majority and Minority Caucus. 11 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole.

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.

Fiscal Note

Per the JLBC fiscal note, it is estimated that SB 1359 will decrease annual General Fund individual income tax revenues by \$(48.3) million beginning in FY 2022. However, if more military retirees are attracted to the state as a result of the exemption, the revenue reduction could be partially offset from additional tax collections to the General Fund.

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. Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Natural Resources, Energy & Water Committee on 17 Feb 2021.

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. 09 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 8-0-2-0. **Scheduled for Senate Rules on 15 Feb 2021.**

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. **Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee on 18 Feb 2021.**

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: 01 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Finance Committee on 17 Feb 2021.**

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: 01 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees.

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: 01 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees.

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: 01 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees.

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: 01 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees.

SB 1797 fantasy sports betting; event wagering

Makes numerous changes to statutes related to gaming including, after the conditions for enactment of this legislation are met, authorizing the Arizona State Lottery Commission to establish and operate a single "electronic keno game" and a single "mobile draw game" on a centralized computer system controlled by the lottery that allows a player to place wagers, view the outcome of a game and receive winnings over the internet, including on personal electronic devices. The bill further specifies that an electronic keno game may be operated only within an "authorized keno location," defined as a physical facility with a specified gaming license that is a fraternal organization, veterans' organization, racetrack enclosure, or wagering facility where pari-mutuel wagering is conducted.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. T.J. Shope, R-Dist. 8

Major Actions: 03 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Commerce, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 10 Feb 2021- HELD in the Senate Commerce Committee. **Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Commerce Committee on 17 Feb 2021.**

SB 1802 Diné; indigenous code talkers; holiday

Establishes August 14 as "National Diné and Indigenous Code Talkers Day."

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

Major Actions: 03 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government Committee.

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. 03 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Finance Committee with a vote of 8-2-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Majority and Minority Caucus.

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. Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Finance Committee on 17 Feb 2021.

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.

Fiscal Note

Per the JLBC Fiscal Note, HB 2128 would reduce licensing revenue and General Fund revenue; however, due to a lack of distributional data on Arizona veterans' occupations, they are unable to estimate the magnitude of this impact.

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. 01 Feb 2021- HELD in the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee. **Scheduled to be heard in the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee on 15 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. 01 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules Committee. 02 Feb 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 04 Feb 2021- Substituted with SB1149. Passed House Third Read with a vote of 46-13-0-0-1. **12 Feb 2021- Signed by the Governor.**

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. 01 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee with a vote of 14-0-0-0. 03 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Appropriations Committee with a vote of 12-1-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. **11 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 50-10-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate.**

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 14-0-0-0. 01 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules Committee. 02 Feb 2021- Passed House Minority Caucus. **09 Feb 2021- Passed House Majority Caucus.**

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. 03 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee with a vote of 12-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Majority and Minority Caucus. **11 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 59-0-1-0. Transmitted to the Senate.**

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: 01 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety and Rules Committees.

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. 03 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Transportation Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-4. 08 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Majority and Minority Caucus.

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. . 03 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Transportation Committee with a vote of 9-0-0-3. 08 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Majority and Minority Caucus.

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. Scheduled to be heard in the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee on 15 Feb 2021.

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. 08 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee with a vote of 14-0-0-0. Scheduled for House Rules on 15 Feb 2021.

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.

Adopted Committee Amendment

Removes language regarding theaters of war and provides a reduced VLT and registration fee at the percent equal to the Veteran's disability rating specifying that if the Veteran has a disability rating of 100%, the VLT and registration fee is exempt.

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

Major Actions: 02 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees. 10 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the House Transportation Committee with a vote of 11-0-0-0. **Scheduled for House Rules on 15 Feb 2021.**

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: 02 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees.

HB 2702 federal government; land acquisition; consent

Requires consent of the Governor and State Legislature before any Arizona lands transfer to a federal agency if the transfer negatively affects state or local property tax rolls but, specifies that this process does not apply to a trustee's deed or mortgage that is insured or held by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Veterans Affairs or the Federal Housing Administration.

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

Major Actions: 02 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Land, Agriculture & Rural Affairs and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the House Land, Agriculture & Rural Affairs on 15 Feb 2021.**

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: 01 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 08 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee with a vote of 13-0-0-1. **10 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Appropriations Committee with a vote of 13-0-0-0.**

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: 03 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means and Rules Committees.

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: 02 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Land, Agriculture & Rural Affairs and Rules Committees, 08 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Land, Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee with a vote of 9-2-0-0. **Scheduled for House Rules on 15 Feb 2021.**

HB 2772 fantasy sports betting; event wagering.

Makes numerous changes to statutes related to gaming including, after the conditions for enactment of this legislation are met, authorizing the Arizona State Lottery Commission to establish and operate a single "electronic keno game" and a single "mobile draw game" on a centralized computer system controlled by the lottery that allows a player to place wagers, view the outcome of a game and receive winnings over the internet, including on personal electronic devices. The bill further specifies that an electronic keno game may be operated only within an "authorized keno location," defined as a physical facility with a specified gaming license that is a fraternal organization, veterans' organization, racetrack enclosure, or wagering facility where pari-mutuel wagering is conducted.

Adopted Committee Amendment

- Revises the manner in which a fantasy sports contest operator and an event wagering facility operator identifies a person as having an obligation owed by a state agency and requires the operators to transfer amounts withheld for such obligations to ADG.
- Includes certain Indian tribes to the definition of event wagering operator.
- Specifies an owner, operator, promoter or Indian tribe that qualifies for an event wagering operator license and appoints a designee to be licensed is not responsible for the conduct of its designee.
- Extends the time from 30 days to 60 days in which ADG has to issue licenses relating to event wagering.
- Makes clarifying changes

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

Major Actions: 03 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce and Rules Committees. 09 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the House Commerce Committee with a vote of 9-1-0-0. **Scheduled for House Rules on 15 Feb 2021.**

HB 2883 empowering charitable organizations special plates

Establishes the Empowering Charitable Organizations special plates if by December 31, 2021, a person pays \$32,000 to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for implementation.

Additionally, establishes the Empowering Charitable Organizations Special Plates Fund consisting of donations from the Empowering Charitable Organizations special plates.

Monies from the fund shall be annually allocated to a non-profit organization that is headquartered in Arizona and have a mission to improve lives in the greater Tucson community by empowering charitable organizations with resources to carry out their missions of assisting Veterans and active duty military members who are based in the southern part of this state.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Andrés Cano, D-Dist. 3

Major Actions: 11 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees.

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: 03 Feb 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 15 Feb 2021.**

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: 03 Feb 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 15 Feb 2021.**

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: 03 Feb 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 15 Feb 2021.

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. 08 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Government Committee with a vote of 5-3-0-0. Scheduled for Senate Rules on 15 Feb 2021.

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. 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. 01 Feb 2021- Passed out of Senate Third Read with a vote of 30-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

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. 02 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 7-3-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. **Scheduled for Senate Third Read on 15 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. 04 Feb 2021- Substituted for HB2290. Passed House Third Read with a vote of 59-0-0-0-1. **12 Feb 2021- Signed by the Governor.**

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 congregant or residential care and the health care institutions' 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.

Adopted Committee Amendment

Makes a technical correction.

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. 10 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the Senate Health & Human Services Committee. **Scheduled for Senate Rules on 15 Feb 2021.**

SB 1377 civil liability; public health pandemic

Establishes, retroactive to March 11, 2020, civil liability standards for specified acts or omissions during a state of emergency for a public health pandemic.

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

Major Actions: 26 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees. 11 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the Senate Judiciary Committee. **Scheduled for Senate Rules on 15 Feb 2021.**

SB 1636 legislative drafting requirements; repeal

Repeals, retroactive to July 1, 2021, the requirement that all new programs or committees established by the Legislature include a termination date and removes the statutory termination date for numerous programs, committees and councils including but not limited to the following:

- The Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for Military Veterans Advisory Committee; and
- The Post-9/11 Veteran Education Relief Advisory Committee.

Becomes effective on the general effective date, retroactive to July 1, 2021.

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

Major Actions: 03 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Government Committee on 15 Feb 2021.**

SB 1687 governmental entities; social media; prohibition

Prohibits a governmental entity, at any level, from using a social media platform for any official or governmental purpose. Additionally, prohibits a governmental entity from giving or controlling a social media account to or for an elected official.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Ugenti-Rita, R-Dist. 23

Major Actions: 03 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Transportation & Technology and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Transportation & Technology Committee on 15 Feb 2021.**

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. 04 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. **04 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 31-28-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate.**

[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.

Adopted Committee Amendment

Makes a clarifying change.

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. 02 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Commerce Committee with a vote of 9-1-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Democrat and Republican Caucus. 11 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Committee of the Whole. **11 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 59-1-0-0.**

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.

HB2265 rulemaking; expedited process; rule expiration

Allows an agency to file a Notice of Intent (notice) with the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) if seeking to expire a rule or rules and outlines procedural requirements.

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

Major Actions: 25 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 03 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee with a vote of 13-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. **11 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 60-0-0-0.**

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. 01 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules Committee. 02 Feb 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 04 Feb 2021- Substituted with SB1141. Passed House Third Read with a vote of 59-0-0-1. **12 Feb 2021- Signed by the Governor.**

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.

Adopted House Floor Amendment

Removes checks from what each state agency or their authorized agent must accept to pay an amount due.

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

Major Actions: 26 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 03 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee with a vote of 13-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 11 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. **11 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 59-0-1-0. Transmitted to the Senate.**

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. **Scheduled to be heard in the House Government & Elections Committee on 17 Feb 2021.**

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:
 - Security personnel, or
 - Biometric, coded or employee-restricted entry to limit access.

Adopted Committee Amendment

Adds a prosecutorial office or facility to the list of locations that misconduct involving weapons still applies to.

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. 01 Feb 2021- W/D from the House Judiciary Committee and re-assigned to the House Government & Elections Committee. 10 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee with a vote of 7-6-0-0. **Scheduled for House Rules on 15 Feb 2021.**

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.

Adopted Committee Amendment

- Stipulates that the specified penalties do not apply to a person who does not have the ability to form the culpable mental state because of a mental disability.

- States language relating to the workplace violence prevention plan does not apply to the Arizona State Hospital (ASH) or other licensed facility under the jurisdiction of the ASH superintendent.
- Defines mental disability.

[Adopted House Floor Amendment](#)

Changes the required time frame for healthcare employers to implement a workplace violence prevention plan from 6 months after the effective date of the bill, to: not later than July 1, 2022

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. 01 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 7-2-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Majority and Minority Caucus. 11 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. **11 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 42-17-1-0. Transmitted to the Senate.**

[HB 2622 nonretaliation policies; health care institutions](#)

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

[Adopted Committee Amendment](#)

Changes the period of time before there is a rebuttable presumption from 180 days to six months.

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. 01 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from in the House Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 9-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 11 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. **11 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 59-0-1-0. Transmitted to the Senate.**

[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: 01 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees.

[HB 2759 rulemaking; petitions; GRRC](#)

Requires the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) to review the practice, policy, rule, or requirement on receipt of a petition to review an existing agency practice, substantive policy statement, final rule, or regulatory licensing requirement that the petitioner alleges violates state law, is not authorized by statute, is unduly burdensome or is not demonstrated to be necessary to fulfill a public health, safety or welfare concern.

NOTE: Currently, GRRC is required to review the petition only if the practice, policy, rule or requirement applied to a profession for which the average wage in that profession in Arizona does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for a family of four.

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

Major Actions: First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the House Government & Elections Committee on 17 Feb 2021.**

HB2814 office of administrative hearings; repeal

Repeals the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Rusty Bowers, R-Dist. 25

Major Actions: 08 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Judiciary and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the House Judiciary Committee on 17 Feb 2021.**

HB 2848 minimum staff ratios; nursing homes

Outlines minimum direct care staff to resident ratios for nursing care institutions in this state.

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

Major Actions: 11 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees.