

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

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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.

24 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety, Appropriations and Rules Committees.

SB 1076 low-income multifamily housing; valuation

Requires a county assessor to value qualifying low-income multifamily residential rental property using an income-based method. Classifies, as class 4 property, low-income multifamily residential rental properties that are valued using the statutory income-based method.

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

Major Actions: 20 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees. 27 Jan 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Finance Committee with a vote of 7-2-1-0. 01 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. 02 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 04 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 27-2-1-0. 05 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the House. 23 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the House Ways & Means Committee on 03 Mar 2021.**

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.

24 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees.

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.

24 Feb 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 Mar 2021.

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

Inserts the correlating resolution for the conditional enactment.

Adopted Senate Floor Amendment

- Updates the exemption amount for widows, widowers, persons with a disability and veterans with a service or nonservice-connected disability to reflect the present-day amount of \$4,117, which is statutorily required to be increased based on the average annual percentage increase in the Gross Domestic Product price deflator.
- Updates the exemption amount for property used in trade or in business or for agricultural purposes to reflect the present-day amount of \$195,878.
- Updates the total assessment limit and the household income limit to reflect the present-day amounts.

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 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. 24 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole.

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. 16 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 27-3-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

SB 1327 tax credit; affordable housing

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

Adopted Senate Floor Amendment

Changes the repeal date for the Affordable Housing Tax Credit from January 1, 2029, to January 1, 2028.

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

Major Actions: 25 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 8-2-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 15 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. **17 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 17-13-0-0. Transmitted to the House.**

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. **17 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 22-8-0-0. Transmitted to the House.**

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.

Adopted Strike-Everything Amendment

Subject: task force; G&F; veterans; licenses

Establishes the Veterans’ Assistance for Licensing Outdoor Recreation Task Force consisting of the following members:

- Three member of the Senate, two of whom are appointed by the President of the Senate and one of whom is appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.
- Three member of the House of Representatives, two of whom are appointed by the Speaker of the House and one of whom is appointed by the Minority Leader of the House.
- The Director of Game & Fish or the Director’s designee.
- One representative of a statewide organization representing Veterans who is appointed by the President of the Senate.
- One representative of a statewide organization focusing on wildlife conservation or wildlife management who is appointed by the Speaker of the House.

Requires the Task Force to make recommendations regarding hunting and fishing license fee reductions for Veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

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. 17 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Natural Resources, Energy & Water Committee with a vote of 5-4-0-0. **Scheduled for Senate Rules on 01 Mar 2021.**

SB 1411 technical correction; military affairs

Makes a technical correction.

Adopted Senate Committee Strike Everything Amendment

Subject: unemployment insurance

- Increases the maximum weekly unemployment benefit amount (WBA) to:
 - \$320 on the general effective date; and
 - \$400 beginning July 1 following the date the Department of Economic Security (DES) determines Arizona meets the federal criteria to receive an interest-free unemployment insurance loan.
- Increases the amount an individual may earn with no reduction to their WBA (income disregard) from \$30 to \$160
- Increases the state unemployment tax taxable wage limit from \$7,000 to:
 - \$8,000 in calendar year 2022; and
 - \$9,000 in calendar year 2023

Prescribes requirements for the DES to obtain employment and income information and reduces, effective January 1, 2022, the maximum duration of benefits, if Arizona's unemployment rate is less than six percent.

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

Major Actions: 27 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Rules Committee. 16 Feb 2021- Assigned to the Senate Appropriations Committee. 23 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended/Strike Everything” recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 9-1-0-0. **24 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.**

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. 15 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 16 Feb 2021- Passed

Democrat and Republican Caucus. 18 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 30-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

24 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 01 March 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.

Adopted Committee Amendment

Makes a technical correction.

Adopted Senate Floor Amendment

Makes a technical change.

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. 18 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the Senate Judiciary Committee with a vote of 8-0-0. 22 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. **25 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole.**

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. 17 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Finance Committee with a vote of 7-0-3-0. 22 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. **24 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole.**

SB 1794 historic race wagering

Allows historic race wagering to be conducted on a commercial live-racing permittee's racetrack or an additional wagering facility that meets requirements.

Adopted Senate Committee Amendment

Adds bill language from **SB1797** which 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. David Gowan, R-Dist. 14

Major Actions: 03 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 23 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation with a vote of 5-4-1-0. 24 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.

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. 17 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the Senate Commerce Committee with a vote of 6-3-0-0. 23 Feb 2021- HELD in the Senate Appropriations Committee. Amended on to [SB1794](#).

SB 1802 Diné; indigenous code talkers; holiday

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

Adopted Senate Floor Amendment

- Renames the holiday "National Diné, Hopi and Indigenous Code Talkers Day"
- Requires, if National Diné, Hopi and Indigenous Code Talkers Day falls on a day other than Sunday, the Sunday following August 14 to be observed as the holiday.
- Makes a technical change.

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

Major Actions: 03 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government Committee. 15 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Government Committee with a vote of 7-0-1-0. 22 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 25 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole.

SCR 1006 military personnel; technical correction

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

[Adopted Senate Committee Strike Everything Amendment](#)

Subject: special session; election

Subject to voter approval, constitutionally requires the Legislature to hold a special session following a presidential election for the purpose of reviewing or investigating the results of the election before certifying the results of the selection of presidential electors. Asserts the Legislature has the sole authority to appoint the presidential electors who will cast the state's votes in the Electoral College.

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

Major Actions: 12 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Rules Committee. 16 Feb 2021- Assigned to the Senate Appropriations Committee. 23 Feb 2021- Discussed and HELD by the Senate Appropriations 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](#)

Subject to voter approval, constitutionally exempts the property of a veteran with a service-connected disability, the veteran's spouse or the unmarried surviving spouse of a veteran with a service-connected disability from property tax

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. 17 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Finance Committee with a vote of 5-3-2-0. 22 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. Scheduled for Senate Committee of the Whole on 01 Mar 2021.

House Bills

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.

18 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Commerce and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Commerce Committee on 03 Mar 2021.**

HB 2128 state licensing; fee waivers

Requires that the occupational licensing fee be waived for any active duty military service member and the member’s spouse or for any Veteran if the individual is applying for that specific 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.

Adopted House Floor Amendment

- Removes veterans from the current language and includes honorably discharged veterans who have not been discharged for more than two years;
- Appropriates \$250,000 from the state General Fund each fiscal year to ADOA to reimburse any agency on a first-come, first-serve basis for fees that an agency waived; and
- Requires agencies to apply to ADOA for the reimbursement of the waived fees.

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. 15 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee with a vote of 9-5-0-0. 22 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. Passed Majority and Minority Caucus. **24 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole.**

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.

18 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on 03 Mar 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 14-0-0-0. 01 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules Committee. 02 Feb 2021- Passed House Minority Caucus. 09 Feb 2021- Passed House Majority Caucus. 23 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 59-0-1-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

24 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee on 04 Mar 2021.**

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.

18 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government 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.

Adopted House Floor Amendment

- Mandates the plate design include a standard symbol that is designated and placed in a location designated by ADOT
 - Clarifies the symbol must indicate the special plate is from this state
- Strikes the standardization language which required the following:
 - One area on the plate that is a three inch square and that is set aside for a logo or message
 - One area on the bottom of the plate that is set aside for a message.

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. 24 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 24 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 43-15-2-0. 25 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the Senate.

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.

Adopted House Floor Amendment

- Mandates the plate design include a standard symbol that is designated and placed in a location designated by ADOT
 - Clarifies the symbol must indicate the special plate is from this state
- Strikes the standardization language which required the following:
 - One area on the plate that is a three inch square and that is set aside for a logo or message
 - One area on the bottom of the plate that is set aside for a message.

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. 24 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. **24 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 40-18-2-0. 25 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the Senate.**

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. 15 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee with a vote of 13-1-0-0. 22 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. Passed Majority and Minority Caucus. **24 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 59-0-1-0. 25 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the Senate.**

HB 2489 appropriation; affordable housing

Appropriates \$25,000,000 from the state General Fund in FY 2022 to the Housing Trust Fund.

Adopted Appropriations Amendment

- Reduces the appropriation to \$5 million.
- Requires the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) to use the monies to award grants for mortgage down payment assistance, services for homeless youth and families and emergency shelter beds. Stipulates ADOH must submit an expenditure plan to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) before awarding any grants.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. César Chávez, D-Dist. 29

Major Actions: 27 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 15 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 6-2-1-0. 22 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Appropriations Committee with a vote of 12-1-0-0. **23 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus.**

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. 15 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. 16 Feb 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 23 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 59-0-1-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

24 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees.

HB 2562 tax credit; affordable housing.

Establishes an affordable housing tax credit (tax credit) against insurance premium taxes and income taxes. Requires the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) to issue \$8,000,000 in tax credits in any calendar year. Repeals added statutes related to the tax credit program on January 1, 2029.

Fiscal Note:

It is estimated that HB 2562 will reduce General Fund revenues by \$(8.0) million in FY 2024. This reduction reflects use of the first full year of credits which are allocated in tax year (TY) 2022 and claimed in TY 2023. The revenue loss would gradually increase to an annual impact of \$(56.0) million in TY 2030, which reflects the use of 7 installments of credits allocated from TY 2022 through TY 2028.

Adopted House Floor Amendment

Lowers the delayed repeal date from December 31, 2028 to December 31, 2027.

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

Major Actions: 26 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Appropriations and Rules Committees. 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. 18 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole.

HB 2694 VLT and registration fee exemptions

- Adds a VLT and registration fee reduction for veterans with a disability other than 100% that is equal to the percent of the veteran's disability.
- Adds a VLT and registration fee exemption for a veteran who is a bona fide purple heart recipient and their surviving spouse until remarriage or death.
- Requires a person claiming the purple heart exemption or fee reduction to present satisfactory proof of the VA financial aid or government compensation.

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. 15 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. 16 Feb 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 18 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 18 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 59-1-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

23 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary 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. 15 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Land, Agriculture & Rural Affairs with a vote of 6-4-0-1. 22 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole.

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. 22 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 56-3-1-0. 25 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the Senate.

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. 15 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. 16 Feb 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 23 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 54-4-2-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

24 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees.

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. 15 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. 16 Feb 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus.

[HB 2805 unemployment insurance; benefits; tax base](#)

Increases the taxable wage base, unemployment weekly benefit amount and income disregard cap beginning January 1, 2022 as follows:

- Taxable wage base from in excess of \$7,000 to in excess of \$8,000 beginning January 1, 2022.
- Unemployment weekly benefit amount from \$240 to \$300 beginning January 1, 2022.
- Income disregard amount from \$30 to \$160.

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

Major Actions: 09 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety and Rules Committees. 15 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee with a vote of 14-0-0-0. 22 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 50-9-1-0. 25 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the Senate.

[HB 2820 dietitian nutritionists; licensure](#)

Establishes licensure requirements for dietician nutritionists and outlines requirements for the Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services and provides that a license issued to any member of the National Guard or the U.S. Armed Forces Reserves does not expire while the member is serving on federal active duty and is extended 180 days after the member returns from federal active duty if the member notifies the Director of their active duty status.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Alma Hernandez, D-Dist. 3

Major Actions: 08 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 15 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-1. 22 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 39-20-1-0. 25 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the Senate.

[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. 17 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Transportation Committee with a vote of 11-0-0-1. 22 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 43-16-1-0. 25 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the Senate.

[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. 15 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee with a vote of 14-0-0-0. 22 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 59-0-1-0. 25 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the Senate.

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

States that Arizona consents to the sale of certain land to the United States for use by the United States Department of Veteran 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. 15 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” Recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee with a vote of 13-0-0-1. 22 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 24 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 47-12-1-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

[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. 15 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House

Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee with a vote of 14-0-0-0. 22 Feb 2021- 22 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 41-18-1-0. 26 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the Senate.

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.

23 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the House Government & Elections Committees on 03 Mar 2021.**

SB 1063 administrative review of agency decisions

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

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

Major Actions: 11 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 08 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Government Committee with a vote of 5-3-0-0. 15 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 16 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. **24 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole.**

SB 1066 state agencies; technology plans; deadline

Requires budget units to submit IT plans to ADOA on or before May 15, rather than September 1, of each year and allows the legislative and judicial departments of state government to continue submitting IT plans to ADOA for informational purposes by September 1, rather than May 15, of each year.

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

Major Actions: 11 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Transportation & Technology and Rules Committees. 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 30-0-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

23 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections Committee.
Scheduled to be heard in the House Government & Elections Committees on 03 Mar 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. 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. 16 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 16-14-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

24 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Appropriations and Rules Committees.

SB 1116 state permitting dashboard

Requires the Governor to appoint a State Permitting Director (Director) and requires the Director to establish an online permitting dashboard that displays the progress of state authorizations for participating projects. Outlines requirements for eligible projects, the permitting dashboard and dispute resolution.

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

Major Actions: 12 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 01 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Government Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 16 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 29-1-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

24 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Appropriations and Rules Committee.

SB 1352 ASRS; employer; member; contribution.

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): Sen. David Livingston, R-Dist. 22

Major Actions: 26 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees. 10 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Finance Committee with a vote of 9-0-1-0. 15 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 16 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 18 Feb 2021- Substituted with HB2008. Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 30-0-0-0.

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 Senate Floor Amendment

- Grants health care institutions and associated staff who render CPR as prescribed immunity from civil liability, if the CPR was provided in good faith and consistent with related certification standards.
- Specifies that the liability exclusion is not applicable to a person who acts with gross negligence.
- Makes conforming changes.

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. 15 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. 16 Feb 2021- Passed Senate and Democrat Caucus. 22 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. 23 Feb 2021- Passed Third Read with a vote of 25-5-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

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.

[Adopted Senate Committee Amendment](#)

Revises the rebuttable presumption by stating a person or provider is presumed to have acted in good faith if the person or provider adopted and implemented reasonable policies related to the public health pandemic.

Removes the end date of December 30, 2022, for acts or omissions that may give rise to a claim.

Revises definitions of professional and institution.

[Adopted Senate Floor Amendment](#)

Removes the qualifying term directly or indirectly as it relates to allegations of injury or death caused by health professional or health care institution acts or omissions.

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. 15 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 22 Feb 2021- Retained on the Committee of the Whole calendar. 24 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. **24 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 18-12-0-0. Transmitted to the House.**

[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. 15 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Government Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 22 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 24 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. **25 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 27-1-2-0. Transmitted to the House.**

[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. **15 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Transportation & Technology Committee with a vote of 5-4-0-0.**

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. 18 Feb 2021- Substituted for [SB1352](#). Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 30-0-0-0.

[HB 2009 budget units; encumbrance documents; exception](#)

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

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

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

22 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees.
Scheduled to be heard in the House Government Committee on 01 Mar 2021.

[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.

18 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees.

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. 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. 12 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the Senate.

18 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee on 04 Mar 2021.**

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. Transmitted to the Senate.

18 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Government Committee on 01 Mar 2021.**

HB 2433 state agencies; cash payment; acceptance

Requires each state agency or authorized agent of a state agency to accept cash 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. 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.

18 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees.

[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. 15 Feb 2021- Withdrawn from the Commerce Committee and re-assigned to the Government & Elections Committee. 17 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee with a vote of 13-0-0-0.

[HB 2535 mandatory reporting; vulnerable adults; penalties](#)

An emergency measure modifying the conditions regarding required reporting of abuse, neglect and exploitation of vulnerable adults involving sexual offenses. Establishes failure to report abuse, neglect and exploitation of vulnerable adults involving sexual offenses as a class 6 felony.

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

Major Actions: 28 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services, Judiciary and Rules Committees. 11 Feb 2021- Withdrawn from the House Health & Human Services Committee. 17 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Judiciary Committee with a vote of 9-0-0-1. 22 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 23 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 23 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 59-0-1-0. 24 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the Senate.

[HB 2543 state permitting dashboard.](#)

Requires the Governor to appoint a State Permitting Director (Director) and requires the Director to establish an online permitting dashboard that displays the progress of state authorizations for participating projects. Outlines requirements for eligible projects, the permitting dashboard and dispute resolution.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Justin Wilmeth, R-Dist. 15

Major Actions: 28 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 17 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee with a vote of 7-5-1-0.

[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. 15 Feb 2021-Passed House Rules. 16 Feb 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 23 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 24 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 31-29-0-0. 25 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the Senate.

[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, no later than July 1, 2022, 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.
- 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.

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.

18 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees.

HB 2622 nonretaliation policies; health care institutions

- Prohibits a third-party contractor of a health care institution from retaliatory action against a health professional.
- Makes the period of time before there is a rebuttable presumption six months.
- Defines third-party contractor as an entity that contracts with a health care institution to provide health care services in the health care institution by contracting or hiring health professionals

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.

18 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Health & Human Services Committee on 03 Mar 2021.

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.

Adopted Committee Amendment

Makes technical and clarifying changes.

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. 17 Feb 2021- HELD in the House Government & Elections Committee. 18 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee with a vote of 7-6-0-0. **23 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus.**

