

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

SB = Senate Bill	HB = House Bill
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Bills Impacting Veterans/Military

Senate Bills

[SB 1034 veterans; disabilities; property tax exemption](#)

As Introduced:

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

Adopted Finance Committee Amendment

Inserts the correlating resolution for the conditional enactment.

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

Major Actions: 10 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations, Finance and Rules Committees. 16 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" Recommendation from the Senate Finance Committee by a vote of 8-1-1-0. 22 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 10-0-0-0. 23 Feb 2022- Deemed "Proper for Consideration" by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. **24 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole.**

SB 1040 G&F; veterans; hunting; fishing; licenses (NOW: purple heart; hunting licenses)

As Introduced:

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.

Senate Appropriations Committee Strike Everything Amendment

S/E Title: Purple Heart; hunting; licenses

- Provides a reduced fee of up to 25% less than the full license fee to a Veteran who has been a resident of this state for one year or more immediately before applying for the license and who received compensation from the United States government for a service-connected disability; and
- Provides a license for a reduced fee that is one half of the full license fee to a person who has been a resident of this state for one year or more immediately before applying for the license and who submits satisfactory proof to the Department that the person is a bona fide Purple Heart medal recipient.

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

Major Actions: 10 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Natural Resources, Energy & Water and Rules Committees. 26 Jan 2022- Withdrawn from the Senate Natural Resources, Energy & Water Committee. Reassigned to the Appropriations Committee. 22 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended/Strike Everything" recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 10-0-0-0. 23 Feb 2022- Deemed "Proper for Consideration" by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 24 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 24-4-2-0.

SB 1041 appropriation; hyperbaric oxygen therapy; veterans

Appropriates \$3,640,000 from the State General Fund in FY23 to the Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for Military Veterans fund.

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

Major Actions: 10 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 25 Jan 2022- Received a "Do Pass" Recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 9-0-1-0. 31 Jan 2022- Deemed Proper for Consideration by Senate Rules Committee. 01 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 03 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 26-2-2-0. Transmitted to the House.

23 Feb 2022- 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 28 Feb 2022.**

SB 1059 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:

SB 1061 army scholarship special plates

- Establishes the Army Scholarship special plates if by December 31, 2022, a person pays \$32,000 to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for implementation.
- Requires the Director of Department of Veterans' Services to establish a separate subaccount in the Veterans' Donation Fund (VDF) for the deposit of donations received through the purchase of Army Scholarship plates.
- Mandates that monies from the VDF subaccount shall be annually allocated to a non-profit foundation that:
 - Has been in existence for at least twenty years;
 - Has a mission that includes providing college scholarships to sons, daughters of those who have served honorably in the United States Army and spouses of enlisted soldiers on active duty in the United States Army;
 - Envisions increasing its fundraising and visibility to encourage more applicants to apply for scholarships and to provide larger scholarships to an increasing number of deserving applicant to both:
 - Reward Army families for the sacrifices that Army soldiers make every day to serve their nation;
 - Help the spouses and children of Army soldiers become leaders in society; and
 - Awards scholarship monies to:
 - Children of former United States Army members who were killed while serving in the United States Army or who received an honorable discharge or medical discharge.
 - Children of regular active duty, active duty reserve or active duty National Guard United States Army members in good standing.

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

Major Actions: 10 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Technology and Rules Committees. 14 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Transportation and Technology Committee by a vote of 8-0-1-0. 21 Feb 2022 deemed "Proper for Consideration" by Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 23 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 27-1-2-0. **24 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the House.**

SB 1066 raffles; nonprofits; length of existence

Reduces the time that a nonprofit organization must be in existence continuously in this state immediately before conducting a raffle from five years to one year.

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

Major Actions: 10 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Commerce and Rules Committees. 02 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Commerce Committee by a vote of 9-0-0-0. 07 Feb 2022- Deemed "Proper for Consideration" by the Senate Rules Committee. 08 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 15 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. 16 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 28-0-2-0. 17 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the House.

23 First Read and assigned to the House Commerce and Rules Committees. Scheduled to be heard in the House Commerce Committee on 01 Mar 2022.

SB 1095 property tax exemptions; statutory conformity

- Conditional on the voter approval of S.C.R. _____, exempts, from property tax, the property of veterans with service or nonservice-connected disabilities who are Arizona residents.
- Inserts the correlating resolution for the conditional enactment.
- 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: 10 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees. 26 Jan 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Finance Committee by a vote of 9-0-1-0. 31 Jan 2022- Deemed Proper for Consideration by Senate Rules Committee. 01 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 08 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 27-0-3-0. Transmitted to the House.

23 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means and Rules Committees. Scheduled to be heard in the House Ways & Means Committee on 02 Mar 2022.

SB 1115 in-state student status; veterans

- Removes the requirement for covered individuals to enroll in a course at a public institution of higher learning within three years of being discharged to receive in-state tuition, in accordance with changes made through the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 (P.L. 116-315 [Sec. 1005]) .
- Include individuals receiving educational assistance under Chapter 35, The Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) program, in-state tuition, in accordance with changes made through the Colonel John M. McHugh Tuition Fairness for Survivors Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-68)
- Makes a clarifying change; and
- Contains an emergency clause.

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

Major Actions: 10 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Education and Rules Committees. 25 Jan 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Education Committee by a vote of 8-0-0-0. 31 Jan 2022- Deemed Proper for Consideration by Senate Rules Committee. 01 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 03 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 28-0-2-0. Transmitted to the House.

23 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Education and Rules Committee. Scheduled to be heard in the House Education Committee on 01 Mar 2022.

SB 1117 insurance fees; disclosure

As Introduced:

Replaces the requirement for an insured to agree to fees and service charges in writing with the requirement that an insurance producer disclose fees and service charges in writing.

Proposed Senate Appropriations Committee Strike Everything Amendment Version #1

S/E Title: affordable housing; project unit

Removes the 200-unit cap for affordable rental housing property to qualify for a property tax exemption.

Proposed Senate Appropriations Committee Strike Everything Amendment Version #2

S/E Title: affordable housing; project unit

Raises the cap for affordable rental housing property to qualify for a property tax exemption from 200 units to 600 units.

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

Major Actions: 10 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committee. 17 Feb 2022- Withdrawn from the Senate Finance Committee and reassigned to the Senate Appropriations Committee. 22 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended/Strike Everything (Version #1) from the Senate Appropriations by a vote of 9-0-1-0. 23 Feb 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.

SB 1124 concealed weapons permit; fee; applications

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: 11 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary, Appropriations and Rules Committees.

SB 1129 housing trust fund; transitional housing

As Introduced:

Requires the Department of Housing to annually distribute not more than \$1,000,000 from the Housing Trust Fund to organizations that operate or seek to operate transitional housing for the purpose of acquiring property or renovating existing property. The organizations must meet all of the following:

- Require Residents to sign a contract that requires the resident to be sober, maintain employment and attend mandatory life skills classes and meetings.
- Offer courses that promote life skills.
- Provide a pathway to long-term housing.

Adopted Senate Appropriations Committee Amendment

Requires a resident to sign a contract that requires a resident to be sober verified by a random on-site drug testing and to seek and maintain employment.

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

Major Actions: 11 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 08 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 7-3-0-0. 14 Feb 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. 15 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 17 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. 23 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 16-13-1-0. **24 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the House.**

SB 1131 empowerment scholarship accounts; qualified students

Adds a child of a parent who is a Veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States to the definition of “Qualified Student” for the purposes of empowerment scholarship eligibility.

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

Major Actions: 11 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Education and Rules Committees. **08 Feb 2022- FAILED to pass out of the Senate Education Committee by a vote of 4-4-0-0.**

SB 1140 tribal nations; veterans’ services; appropriation

Appropriates \$2,200,000 and 20 FTE positions from the State General Fund in FY23 to the 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 one hundred miles or more from the nearest U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs service center.

Contains an intent clause stating that the Legislature intends that the monies appropriated for this purpose be collected and identified from revenues collected on Indian reservations in this state.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Theresa Hatathlie, D-Dist. 7

Major Actions: 12 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees.

SB 1141 Lukachukai veterans’ multipurpose complex; appropriation

Appropriates \$500,000 from the State General Fund in FY23 to the 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. Theresa Hatathlie, D-Dist. 7

Major Actions: 12 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees.

SB 1142 Fort Defiance veterans cemetery; appropriation

Appropriates \$30,000 from the State General Fund in FY23 to the 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. Theresa Hatathlie, D-Dist. 7

Major Actions: 12 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees.

[SB 1170 G&F; tags; permits; transfers; refunds \(NOW: G&F; tags; permits; voter registration\)](#)

As Introduced:

- Allows for the transfer of a Game & Fish license or permit to a minor child whose parent was:
 - Killed in action while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States;
 - Killed in the course and scope of employment as a peace officer; or
 - Killed in the course and scope of employment as a professional firefighter who is a member of a state, federal, tribal, city, town, county, district or private fire department.
- Allows the Commission to prescribe a manner of refunding the cost of a big game permit to the following individuals:
 - An active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is ordered to leave this state during the time period in which the big game permit or tag is valid for the taking of wildlife.
 - A peace officer who is assigned to special duty during the time period in which the big game permit or tag is valid for the taking of wildlife.
 - A professional firefighter who is a member of a state, federal, tribal, city, town, county, district or private fire department and who is assigned to special duty during the time period in which the big game permit or tag is valid for the taking of wildlife.

[Adopted Senate Natural Resources, Energy & Water Committee Amendment](#)

Expands the definition of qualified organization to include a nonprofit organization that affords opportunities and experiences to minor children whose parents were killed in action while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces or in the course and scope of employment as peace officers or professional firefighters.

[Adopted Senate Committee of the Whole Amendment](#)

- Requires the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) to provide:
 - assistance with voter registration when accepting applications for a hunting, fishing or trapping license (license); and
 - an applicant with an online license application with a link to the Arizona Department of Transportation's voter registration webpage.
- Requires each AZGFD office that accepts applications for a license in person to provide a voter registration form to an applicant.
- Requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to provide AZGFD with voter registration forms and instructions to applicants to mail completed voter registration forms to the SOS.
- Requires the SOS to forward completed registration forms to the appropriate county recorder to determine eligibility of an applicant and add the names of eligible applicants to the voter registration rolls. Prohibits voter registration information that is public information and generated from applicants for a license from providing any public indication of the source of the registrations.
- Specifies that persons who act to register applicants for a license to vote are not deputy registrars. Defines department and license.

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

Major Actions: 13 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Natural Resources, Energy & Water and Rules Committees. 26 Jan 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the Senate Natural Resources, Energy & Water Committee by a vote of 9-0-0-0. 31 Jan 2022- Deemed Proper for Consideration by Senate Rules Committee. 01 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 09 Feb 2022- RETAINED on the Committee of the Whole calendar. 23 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the Senate

Committee of the Whole. 24 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 21-7-2-0. 25 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the House.

SB 1212 Veterans' services department; commission; continuation

Continues the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services and Arizona Veterans' Service Advisory Commission for 8 years for the purpose of assisting Veterans and the surviving spouses, minor children and heirs of Veterans.

Contains a retroactive date of July 1, 2022.

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

Major Actions: First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees. 27 Jan 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation by the Senate Judiciary Committee by a vote of 8-0-0. 31 Jan 2022- Deemed Proper for Consideration by Senate Rules Committee. 01 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 03 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 28-0-2-0. Transmitted to the House.

23 Feb 2022- 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 28 Feb 2022.

SB 1249 homeowners' associations; uniformed service flag

Prohibits a planned community or condominium home owners' associations from banning the display of a flag of the uniformed services by the unit or home owner on that owner's property.

NOTE: Current statute allows the display of the United State Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard. SB1249 replaces the enumeration with "flag of the uniformed services."

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

Major Actions: 20 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 03 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Government on by a vote of 7-0-0-0. 07 Feb 2022- Deemed "Proper for Consideration" by the Senate Rules Committee. 08 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 10 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 28-0-2-0. Transmitted to the House.

SB 1263 housing trust fund; shelter services

As Introduced:

Requires monies transferred from the Arizona industrial development authority to the Housing Trust Fund to be used to support emergency and transitional homeless shelters.

Adopted Senate Appropriations Committee Amendment

Specifies that at least fifty percent of the monies transferred from the Arizona Industrial Development Authority must be used to support emergency and transitional homeless shelter services.

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

Major Actions: 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 15 Feb 2022- HELD in the Senate Appropriations Committee. 22 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of

10-0-0-0. 23 Feb 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.

SB 1284 affording housing; appropriation

- Appropriates \$25,000,000 from the General Fund to the Housing Trust Fund in FY23.
- Stipulates that if a landlord receives monies from the appropriation made as payment for rent owed to the landlord by a tenant, the landlord may not file, finalize or enforce any action against the tenant for the unpaid rent.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Stephanie Stahl Hamilton, D-Dist. 10

Major Actions: 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Appropriations and Rules Committees.

SB 1350 national guard; active duty; requirements

Prohibits the release of the Arizona National Guard (ANG) from this state into active duty combat unless the United States Congress has passed an official declaration of war or has taken an official action pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 15, Constitution of the United States, to explicitly call forth the ANG for the enumerated purposes of executing the last of the union, repelling an invasion or suppressing an insurrection.

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

Major Actions: 25 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees.

SB 1406 excused military absence; higher education

As Introduced:

Prescribes rights and protections for a student attending an Arizona public university, community college or private university (higher education institution) who is ordered, or whose spouse is ordered, to state or federal reserve component duty with the Arizona National Guard, U.S. Armed Forces Reserves or any other state's national guard (reserve duty).

Adopted Senate Education Committee Amendment

- Extends the outlined protections to the spouse of a member of the Arizona National Guard, U.S. Armed Forces Reserves or any other state's national guard who is ordered to reserve duty.
- Applies the outlined protections regardless of whether the student is attending classes in person or online and whether the person serving reserve duty is stationed in or outside of Arizona.
- Requires a student to provide documentation of reserve duty to teaching faculty as prescribed.
- Qualifies the authorization for a student to receive an incomplete to depend on:
 - when the member is ordered to state or federal reserve duty; and
 - the individual student's needs.
- Specifies that a student continuing and completing a course for full credit must be in accordance with any academic unit or institution's requirements.

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

Major Actions: 26 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Education and Rules Committees. 15 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Education Committee by a vote of 8-0-0-0. 21 Feb 2022 deemed “Proper for Consideration” by Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. **23 Feb 2022-**

Retained on the Senate Committee of the Whole calendar. **Scheduled for House Committee of the Whole on 28 Feb 2022.**

SB 1497 Arizona America250 commission

As Introduced:

- Establishes the Arizona America250 Commission to plan develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States and the impact of the citizens of this state on the nation's past, present and future.
- States that the Commission will consist of 11 members who represent specific communities including one member who represents the Veteran community.
- Outlines the duties of the Commission to include that in their planning and coordination, they must emphasize the service and sacrifices of Veterans who have secured and preserved American independence and freedom and encourage citizens of this state to honor them.
- Contains a repeal date of October 1, 2026.

Adopted Senate Government Committee Amendment

Changes the Commission's repeal date from October 1, 2026, to October 1, 2027.

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

Major Actions: 27 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 07 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the Senate Government Committee. 14 Feb 2022- Deemed "Proper for Consideration" by the Senate Rules Committee. 15 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 17 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. 23 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 24-4-2-0. **24 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the House.**

SB 1531 housing trust fund; unclaimed property

As Introduced:

Requires 55% percent of monies collected on the sale of abandoned property to be deposited into the Housing Trust Fund and stipulates that 40% of the monies deposited must be used exclusively for the development of eligible and viable housing in rural areas.

Adopted Senate Appropriations Committee Strike Everything Amendment

S/E Title: housing trust fund; appropriation

Appropriates \$100,000,000 from the monies allocated to this state from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in FY23 to the Housing Trust Fund.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Lela Alston, D-Dist. 24

Major Actions: 31 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 22 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended/Strike Everything" recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 10-0-0-0. **23 Feb 2022- Deemed "Proper for Consideration" by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.**

SB 1581 technical correction; industrial development; insurance

As Introduced:

Makes technical correction.

Proposed Senate Appropriations Committee Strike Everything Amendment

S/E Title: department of housing; homelessness

- Allows the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) to distribute grants to a municipality or county to establish a sanctioned camping site for homeless individuals. Appropriates \$50,000,000 from monies allocated to Arizona from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) to ADOH.
- Requires a municipality or county and the sanctioned camping site, in order to be eligible to receive a grant, to comply with the following:
 - provide sanitary facilities, potable water and on-site security and implement a progressive engagement case management model;
 - be integrated into the local coordinated entry system for homeless services;
 - set low barriers to entry for potential homeless residents;
 - allow homeless individuals to camp and store personal property in areas designated by the operator of the sanctioned camping site; and
 - establish rules for the safety of the residents, including mental health or substance abuse evaluations and allows an individual to be removed for a violation of these rules
- Requires a homeless outreach team to:
 - be composed of law enforcement officers or contracted security officers and social service and mental health professionals;
 - work to move individuals that are sleeping and camping in public or private places not fit for human habitation into homeless services, shelters or sanctioned camping sites; and
 - enforce all state and local laws banning camping and sleeping in public and implement policies to move homeless individuals through drug or mental health courts, whenever possible.
- Stipulates that any grant to a nonprofit organization for establishing or supporting homeless outreach teams is contingent on the nonprofit organization entering into an agreement with the local jurisdiction's law enforcement agency to establish a homeless outreach team.

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

Major Actions: 01 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Rules Committee. 15 Feb 2022- Additionally assigned to the Senate Appropriations Committee. 22 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended/Strike Everything” recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 9-1-0-0. 23 Feb 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.

SB 1606 state monument; memorial repair fund

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 in addition to using the monies to maintain, repair, recondition or relocate monuments and memorials.

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

Major Actions: 01 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees.

SB 1607 state guard; volunteers

Adds establishing a chain of command and a process by which individuals may volunteer and report for duty with the Arizona state guard into the rules that govern the administration and organization of the Arizona state guard.

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

Major Actions: 01 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 17 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Judiciary

Committee by a vote of 7-0-1-0. 21 Feb 2022 deemed “Proper for Consideration” by Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 23 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 28-0-2-0. **24 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the House.**

SB 1634 municipal real property; sale; valuation

As Introduced:

Mandates that real property of a city or town that has a total assessed value for the current year net assessed value subject to taxation in a prior year, the value of which exceeds two and one-half percent of the locally assessed real property value of a city or town as stated in the annual levy limit worksheet provided by the county assessor’s office cannot be sold unless first authorized by the voters in a special election.

Proposed Senate Appropriations Committee Strike Everything Amendment

S/E Title: affordable housing; municipalities

Requires a municipality with a population of more than 100,000 persons, by July 1, 2023, to develop at least 4 of 22 prescribed strategies to incentivize affordable housing. Allows a municipality with a population of fewer than 100,000 persons to develop any of the prescribed strategies to incentivize affordable housing. Outlines reporting requirements.

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

Major Actions: 01 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees. 17 Feb 2022- Withdrawn from the Senate Finance Committee and reassigned to the Senate Appropriations Committee. **22 Feb 2022- HELD in the Senate Appropriations Committee.**

SB 1655 appropriation; housing assistance; elderly

Appropriates the sum of \$7,000,000 from the state General Fund in FY23 to the Department of Economic Security to distribute to Area Agencies on Aging for housing assistance for persons who are at least sixty years of age.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Lela Alston, D-Dist. 24

Major Actions: 02 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees.

SCR 1009 property tax exemption; veterans; disabilities

Amends the Arizona Constitution to allow the Legislature to provide 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: 10 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 16 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” Recommendation from the Senate Finance Committee by a vote of 8-2-1-0. 22 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 10-0-0-0. 23 Feb 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. **24 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 25-3-2-0.**

SCR 1011 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: 10 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees. 26 Jan 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from Senate Finance Committee by a vote of 7-3-0-0. 31 Jan 2022- Deemed Proper for Consideration by Senate Rules Committee. 01 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 09 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 17-12-1-0. Transmitted to the House.

23 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means and Rules Committees.
Scheduled to be heard in the House Ways & Means Committee on 02 Mar 2022.

SCR 1026 military personnel; technical correction

Makes a technical correction by replacing, “soldier, seaman, or marine in the Army or Navy,” with “military personnel.”

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

Major Actions: 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Rules Committee.

House Bills

HB 2062 military; purple heart; VLT exemptions

As Introduced:

- Provides a reduced vehicle license tax (VLT) and registration fee for a Veteran for a personally owned vehicle or a Veteran and another party owning a vehicle if the Veteran has a service-connected disability rating from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Specifies that the percentage of the reduction in the VLT and registration fee must equal the percentage of the service-connected disability rating.
- Stipulates that the fee reduction only applies to one vehicle and only if all of the following apply :
 - The Veteran is a bona fide Purple Heart medal recipient who was awarded the Purple Heart medal for injuries sustained in any of the following theaters of operation:
 - World War II beginning in 1939 and ending in 1945;
 - The Korean War beginning in 1950 and ending in 1953;
 - The Vietnam War beginning in 1955 and ending in 1975;
 - The Multinational Intervention in Lebanon beginning in 1982 and ending in 1984;

- The Invasion of Grenada in 1983;
- The Invasion of Panama beginning in 1989 and ending in 1990;
- The First United States Intervention in the Somali Civil War beginning in 1992 and ending in 1995;
- The Bosnian War beginning in 1992 and ending in 1995;
- The Kosovo War beginning in 1998 and ending in 1999;
- The War in Afghanistan beginning in 2001;
- The Iraq War beginning in 2003 and ending in 2011;
- The American-led Intervention in Syria beginning in 2014.
- Operation Desert Shield beginning August 2, 1990 and ending January 17, 1991;
- Operation Desert Storm beginning January 17, 1991 and ending on February 24, 1991;
- Operation Desert Sabre beginning February 24, 1991 and ending February 28, 1991.
- The Veteran was honorably discharged from the U.S. Military.
- The Veteran has a service-related disability rating from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs of at least 30 percent and not more than 90 percent.
- Upon initial registration, the Veteran presents the Veterans' certificate of release or discharge from the U.S. Department of Defense to verify the Veterans military service and an honorable discharge.

Adopted House Transportation Committee Amendment

- Exempts a veteran who is a bona fide purple heart recipient who has been honorably discharged, from a VLT or registration fee for a personally owned vehicle; and
- Removes the requirement for Purple Heart recipients receiving a VLT exemption to have served in specified theaters of operation.

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

Major Actions: 18 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees. 09 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the House Transportation Committee by a vote of 12-0-0. 22 Feb 2022- Deemed "Constitutional & Proper" by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 7-0-1. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. Passed House Third Read by a vote of 59-0-1-0.

HB 2087 memorial; American Revolution; patriots' plaque

- Authorizes the Department of Administration to provide for the placement in Wesley Bolin Plaza of a Daughters of the American Revolution memorial plaque dedicated to commemorating the patriots of the American Revolution on the 250th anniversary of the United States.
- Specifies that public monies are not authorized for the costs of the memorial and that all fundraising and contracts for artistic design and construction of the memorial are the sole responsibility of the proponents.
- Contains a repeal date of January 1, 2027.

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

Major Actions: 18 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 26 Jan 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Government & Elections by a vote of 9-0-4-0. 31 Jan 2022- Deemed "Constitutional & Proper" by the House Rules Committee by a vote of 8-0-0-0. 01 Feb 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 03 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 57-1-2-0. 04 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

17 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees.

HB 2104 community property award; convicted spouse

States that a spouse making division of property payments to a convicted spouse may petition the court to cancel the ongoing payment.

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

Major Actions: 18 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Judiciary and Rules Committees. 26 Jan 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 9-0-0-1. 31 Jan 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee by a vote of 8-0-0-0. 01 Feb 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 03 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 59-0-1-0. 04 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

17 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

HB 2143 ACJC; victim compensation fund; allocation

Adds the following costs as eligible and allowable in a claim for compensation through the Victim Compensation and Assistance Fund administered by the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission:

- Native American ceremony or burial expenses that are considered reasonable and customary funeral expenses; and
- Mental health counseling and care that are provided by a person who is an employee of or contracted with a tribal health care organization, the Indian Health Services, and Veterans Administration provider or an urban Indian health program.

Primary Sponsor(s): Representative Jennifer Jermaine, D-Dist. 18

Major Actions: 31 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety and Rules Committees.

HB 2147 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, 2023.

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

Major Actions: 25 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety and Rules Committees.

HB 2148 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:

HB 2149 homeowners' associations; military flags

Prohibits a planned community or condominium home owners' associations from banning the display of a flag of a branch of the United States military by the unit or home owner on that owner's property.

NOTE: Current statute already allows the display of the United State Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard. HB2149 replaces the enumeration with "flag of a branch of the United State military".

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

Major Actions:

HB 2195 housing trust fund; unclaimed property

Requires that 55% of proceeds from the sale of abandoned property be deposited into the Housing Trust Fund.

Stipulates that 40% of the proceeds described above must be used exclusively for the development of eligible and viable housing in rural areas.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Powers-Hannley, D-Dist. 9

Major Actions: 20 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means, Appropriations and Rules Committees.

HB 2210 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, D-Dist. 28

Major Actions:

HB 2223 emergency; military affairs; national guard

Makes various changes relating to the administration of the Arizona National Guard. Provides tuition reimbursement for spouses and dependents of national guardsmen and for Department of Emergency and Military Affairs employees.

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

Major Actions: 24 Jan First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety and Rules Committee. 07 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee by a vote of 15-0-0-0. 21 Feb 2022- Deemed Constitutional & Proper by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 23 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 52-7-1-0. **24 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.**

HB 2260 medical marijuana; medical condition

Adds post traumatic stress for Veterans to the list of qualifying conditions for the purposes of obtaining a medical marijuana card.

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

Major Actions:

HB 2320 veterans' organization; leased property; classification

- Classifies property, buildings and fixtures that are leased to a Veterans' organization as [Class Nine property](#).
- Stipulates that if only part of the parcel or improvements is leased to a Veterans' organization and primarily used or held for Veterans' organization operations, only the portion so leased qualifies as Class Nine property.
- Requires the Veterans' organization to annually with the Assessor an affidavit that it:
 - Continues to use or hold the property primarily for the Veterans' organization operations; and
 - Is the sole economic beneficiary of the classification of the property as Class Nine.
- Provides a property tax exemption for property, buildings and fixtures that are owned by a Veterans' organization, that are leased to a Veterans' organization and that are primarily used for Veterans' organization operations.
- Defines "Veterans' organizations" as a United States Veterans' Organization that qualifies as a charitable organization and that is recognized under 501c3 or 501c19 of the internal revenue code.

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

Major Actions: 20 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means, Military Affairs & Public Safety and Rules Committees. 02 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Ways & Means Committee by a vote of 6-0-4-0. 14 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee by a vote of 15-0-0-0. 22 Feb 2022- Deemed Constitutional & Proper by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-1. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. Passed House Third Read by a vote of 59-0-1-0.

HB 2325 schools; instruction; 9/11 education day

- Designates September 11, in each year as 9/11 Education Day.
- Specifies that 9/11 Education Day is not a legal holiday.
- Stipulates that if 9/11 Education Day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or other day when a public school is not in session, the preceding or following school day will be observed in the public school as the holiday.
- Requires the State Board of Education to develop a list of recommended resources relating to age-appropriate education on the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 that align with the academic standards prescribed by the Board.
- Directs each public school in this state to dedicate a portion of the school day to age-appropriate education on the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, on 9/11 Education Day each year.

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

Major Actions: 20 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Education and Rules Committees. 15 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Education Committee by a vote of 7-3-0-0. 21 Feb 2022- Deemed "Constitutional & Proper" by the House

Rules Committee with a vote of 15-0-0-0. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 23 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. Passed House Third Read by a vote of 39-20-1-0. **24 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.**

HB 2344 military affairs commission; continuation

Continues the Military Affairs Commission for 8 years for the purposes of monitoring military issues in this state, including matters affecting the military installations in this state.

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

Major Actions: 20 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety and Rules Committees. 31 Jan 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee by a vote of 15-0-0-0. 07 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitution and in Proper Form” by the House Rules Committee. 08 Feb 2022- Passed House Minority and Majority Caucus. 10 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 56-0-4-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

17 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee. **Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee on 03 Mar 2022.**

HB 2354 tuition; family; post-traumatic stress; suicide

As Introduced:

- Requires the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) and Community College District (District), after verification by the Arizona Peace Officers memorial Board, the Arizona Fallen Firefighter Memorial Committee or the Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services, to provide tuition waiver scholarships to a child or spouse of a person who meets the following criteria:
 - The person:
 - Was a Veteran of the United States Armed Forces or serving or previously served as a peace officer, firefighter or member of the United States Armed Forces at the time of the person’s death;
 - It is not a requirement that the person was employed as a peace officer or firefighter or was serving on active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces at the time of the person’s death.
 - Was a resident of this state at the time of the person’s death;
 - Suffered a post-traumatic stress (PTS) injury in the line of duty; and
 - Died by suicide.
- Specifies that a person meets the above requirements on the effective date of this Act is eligible to receive a tuition waiver scholarship as prescribed regardless of the date on which the eligible person’s parent or spouse suffered the PTS injury and died by suicide.

Adopted House Committee of the Whole Amendment

Adds documentation from the Department of Veterans Affairs that a veteran suffered from a post-traumatic stress injury as sufficient evidence that a child or spouse of the veteran is eligible for a tuition waiver scholarship.

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

Major Actions: 20 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety and Rules Committees. 14 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee by a vote of 15-0-0-0. 21 Feb 2022- Deemed Constitutional & Proper by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 15-0-0-0. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. **24 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. Passed House Third Read by a vote of 58-1-1-0.**

HB 2360 appropriation; military; discharge; tribal ceremonies

Appropriates \$1,000,000 from the State General Fund in FY23 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: 26 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Military Affairs & Public Safety, Appropriations and Rules Committees.

HB 2454 statutory conformity; property tax exemptions

- Conditional upon voter approval at the next General Election, exempts, from property tax, the property of veterans with service or nonservice-connected disabilities who are Arizona residents.
- Inserts the correlating resolution for the conditional enactment
- 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 \$4,200, 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 \$220,000.
- Updates the total assessment limit and the household income limit to reflect the present-day amounts.

Primary Sponsor(s): Representative Neal Carter, R-Dist. 8

Major Actions: 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means and Rules Committees. 09 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Ways & Means Committee by a vote of 9-0-0-1. 14 Feb 2022- Deemed "Constitutional & Proper" by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-1. 15 Feb 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 17 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 52-5-2-1. 18 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

21 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees.

HB 2468 veteran housing; unclaimed property locators

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: 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 07 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee by a vote of 9-6-0-0.

HB 2496 student activity fees; conscience exemption

- Requires the Arizona Board of Regents to adopt rules to govern the Board's tuition and academic fee setting process that provide an exemption from the requirement to pay student activity fees if the payment of the student activity fees would violate the student's conscience or if the student meets the following criteria:
 - A student who is a Veteran and who recently returned from service;
 - A student who was recently married or who recently became a parent who does not participate in student activities;
 - A student who objects to the student activity fees on religious or moral grounds;
 - A student who demonstrates financial hardship; or
 - A student who is on campus only part time.
- Defines "student activity fees" as any fee that is charged to students by a public university and that is used to support and facilitate the expression and activities of students or student organizations.

Primary Sponsor(s): Representative Jake Hoffman, R-Dist. 12

Major Actions: 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Education and Rules Committees.

HB 2504 technical correction; military affairs

Makes technical corrections.

Primary Sponsor(s): Representative Ben Toma, R-Dist. 22

Major Actions:

HB 2610 G&F; permits; tags; transfers

- Removes the requirement that a veteran must have a service-connected disability to receive a transferred big game permit.
- Allows a big game permit to be transferred to a gold star child.
- Requires a gold star child who receives a transferred big game permit and is under 14 to complete an approved hunter education course.

Primary Sponsor(s): Representative Judy Burges, R-Dist. 1

Major Actions: 31 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Natural Resources, Energy & Water and Rules Committees. 01 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Natural Resources, Energy & Water by a vote of 12-0-0-0. 07 Feb 2022- Deemed "Constitutional & Proper" by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2022- Passed House Minority and Majority Caucus. 17 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 57-1-2-0. 18 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

21 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Natural Resources, Energy & Water and Rules Committees.

HB 2664 military and transitional housing; fund

- Establishes the Military and Transitional Housing fund consisting of monies allocated from any federal sources, including monies provided by affordable housing legislation and unused or undesignated stimulus monies or infrastructure monies.

- Requires monies to be spent on approval of the Governor for developing newly constructed transitional housing, in cooperation with Veteran owned and operated non profit organizations and for-profit organizations in this state, for military members.
- Prohibits fund monies being spent on unoccupied hotels and motels designated for homeless Veterans.
- Specifies that fund monies may only be used for military members who will be separating or who have recently separated from the military.
- Allows fund monies to be spent on purchasing and constructing transitional housing facilities for military members who are transitioning into civilian life.

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

Major Actions: 07 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 14 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee by a vote of 15-0-0-0. 23 Feb 2022- Withdrawn from the House Appropriations Committee. **Scheduled for House Rules Committee on 28 Feb 2022.**

[HB 2665 veterans; disability; exemption; property tax](#)

Exempts a primary residential homestead owned by certain disabled veterans from property taxes.

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

Major Actions: 03 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means and Rules Committees. 14 Feb 2022- Withdrawn and reassigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee. 14 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee by a vote of 13-0-0-1-1. 22 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 6-1-0-1. 22 Feb 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. **24 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. Passed House Third Read by a vote of 58-0-1-1.**

[HB 2674 municipal zoning; by right housing](#)

As introduced:

- Declares housing supply and affordability are matters of statewide concern and preempts any contrary, inconsistent or more restrictive laws or ordinances.
- Prohibits a municipality from regulating, restricting or limiting residential zoning, construction or development standards, except as authorized by statute and asserts regulation of housing within residential zoning districts is not subject to further regulation by a city, town or political subdivision.
- Mandates, by January 1, 2023, a municipality to allow:
 - The construction of 8 single-family dwelling units per acre or 12 two-family dwelling units per acre on specified land;
 - The construction of multifamily dwelling units on specified land, with prescribed development standards; and
 - The construction of single-family, two-family and multifamily units to certain densities and development standards on specified land, unless the development is adjacent to any site that is an existing industrial use.
- Appropriates \$89,000,000 from the state General Fund in FY 2023 to the Housing Trust Fund for low-income housing needs.

[Proposed House Appropriations Committee Strike Everything Amendment](#)

S/E Title: housing supply study committee

- Establishes the Study Committee that consists of the Director of ADOH or their designee, five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and four members appointed by the President of the Senate.
- Details items for the Study Committee to review, compile and solicit.
- Directs the Study Committee, by December 31, 2022, to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate and Director of ADOH.
- Repeals the Study Committee on July 1, 2023.
- Appropriates \$300,000 from the state General Fund in FY 2023 to the Study Committee.
- Contains an emergency clause.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Steve Kaiser, R-Dist. 15

Major Actions: 03 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 16 Feb 2022- Withdrawn from the House Commerce Committee. 21 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended/Strike Everything” recommendation from the House Appropriations Committee by a vote of 10-3-0-0. 22 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee by a vote of 7-0-0-1. Scheduled for House Caucus. 23 Feb 2022- Retained on the House Committee of the Whole calendar. **Scheduled for House Committee of the Whole on 28 Feb 2020.**

[HB 2741 state licensing; fee waiver](#)

- Requires any agency that issues a an occupational license to waive initial licensing fees, for first time applicants, for any spouse of an active-duty service member and any honorably discharged veteran who had been discharged within two years of submitting the application; and
- Appropriates \$300,000 from the state General Fund to the Arizona Department of Administration each fiscal year to reimburse any agency that waives initial licensing fees.

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

Major Actions: 08 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 14 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee by a vote of 15-0-0-0. 21 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Appropriations Committee by a vote of 13-0-0-0. 22 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-1. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. **24 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 52-7-1-0.**

[HB 2745 tuition scholarships; spouses of veterans](#)

- Establishes the Spouses of Military Veterans Tuition Scholarship Fund (Fund).
- Instructs ABOR, subject to available monies, to use Fund monies to award tuition scholarships to any person who:
 - Enrolls in an in-state public university or a community college;
 - Is the spouse of an honorably discharged United States Armed Forces veteran;
 - Is entitled to classification as an in-state student;
 - Is an Arizona resident at the time of applying for a tuition scholarship and continues to be an Arizona resident while receiving a tuition scholarship;
 - Completes and submits the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for each year that the person receives a tuition scholarship;
 - Complies with the standards of satisfactory academic progress as established by the university or community college; and

- Completes a Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act release form for each university or community college in which the person is enrolled.
- Appropriates \$10,000,000 from the state General Fund (GF) in FY 2023 to the Fund.

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

Major Actions: 08 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Education, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 15 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Education Committee by a vote of 10-0-0-0.

[HB 2823 tuition waiver; veterans; felonies; eligibility](#)

As Introduced:

Removes the stipulation that a person who is a member or former member of the United States armed forces who received a Purple Heart citation, was a resident of the State of Arizona or was stationed in Arizona at the time of the injury that resulted in the Purple Heart citation and has a disability rating of 50% or more, is ineligible for a tuition waiver scholarship if that person has been convicted of a felony.

Adopted House Committee of the Whole Amendment

Stipulates an otherwise qualified member or former member of the United States armed forces is ineligible for a tuition waiver scholarship if convicted of a class 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 felony, providing eligibility to those convicted of a Class 6 felony.

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

Major Actions: 09 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety and Rules Committees. 14 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee by a vote of 15-0-0-0. 21 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by House Rules Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. Passed House Third Read by a vote of 42-17-1-0.

[HCR 2017 constitutional property tax exemption; consolidation](#)

Upon approval of the voters, provides several property tax exemptions to include the property of an honorably discharge Veteran of the uniformed services of the United States who is a resident of this state and who has a service or nonservice connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor.

Primary Sponsor(s): Representative Neal Carter, R-Dist. 8

Major Actions: 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means and Rules Committees. 09 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Ways & Means Committee by a vote of 8-0-0-2. 14 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-1. 15 Feb 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 17 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 51-7-2-0. 18 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

21 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees.

[HCR 2027 property tax; exemption; disability; veterans](#)

Subject to voter approval, amends the Constitution of Arizona to grant disabled veterans an exemption from property taxes on their primary residential homestead.

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

Major Actions: 03 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means and Rules Committees. 14 Feb 2022- Withdrawn from the House Ways & Means Committee and reassigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee. 14 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee by a vote of 14-0-0. 22 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-1. 22 Feb 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. **24 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. Passed House Third Read by a vote of 54-4-1-1.**

[HR 2002 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: 31 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety and Rules Committees.

[HR 2003 honoring military interpreters](#)

Resolves that the members Arizona House of Representatives honor the foreign interpreters who have consistently aided the United States military and commend them for their heroic efforts to preserve freedom worldwide.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Steve Kaiser, R-Dist. 15

Major Actions: 31 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety and Rules Committees.

Bills that Impact the ADVS Administratively

Senate Bills

[SB 1052 medical procedures; prohibitions](#)

Prohibits government entities and persons doing business in Arizona from requiring a resident to submit to a medical procedure, including a vaccination, if a potential complication may be the individual's death.

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

Major Actions: 10 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. **09 Feb 2022- HELD in the Senate Health & Human Services Committee.**

SB 1053 religious exemption; vaccine; violation; classification

Subjects, to a class 2 misdemeanor, a person who knowingly violates the statutory requirement on an employer to provide a reasonable accommodation to an employee who notifies the employer of sincerely held religious beliefs, practices or observances that prevent the employee from taking the COVID-19 vaccination..

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

Major Actions: 10 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Commerce and Rules Committees. 16 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Commerce Committee by a vote of 5-3-1-0. 21 Feb 2022 deemed “Proper for Consideration” by Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 23 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 16-12-2-0. **24 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the House.**

SB 1096 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: 10 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees.

SB 1127 state agencies; payments; cryptocurrency

Allows a state agency to enter into an agreement with a cryptocurrency issuer to provide a method to accept cryptocurrency as a payment method of fines, civil penalties or other penalties, rent, rates, taxes, fees, charges, revenue, financial obligations and special assessments to pay any amount due to that agency or this state.

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

Major Actions: 11 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance, Government, and Rules Committee.

SB 1175 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. David Gowan, R-Dist. 14

Major Actions: 13 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 25 Jan 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Appropriation Committee by a vote of 5-4-1-0. 31 Jan 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by Senate Rules Committee. 01 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 09 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 16-13-1-0. Transmitted to the House.

SB 1203 health care institutions; architectural plans

Removes the requirement that a health care institution license application include architectural plans and specifications and instead requires a notarized attestation from a licensed architect that verifies architectural plans meet or exceed Department of Health Services (DHS) standards.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Tyler Pace, R-Dist. 25

Major Actions: 18 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 16 Feb 2022- HELD in the Senate Health & Human Services Committee. 21 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Health & Human Services Committee by a vote of 7-0-1-0. 23 Feb 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 24 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 28-0-2-0.

SB 1241 gift clause; violation; limitation

Requires an action against a public entity or public employee that alleges a violation of the Gift Clause of the Arizona Constitution to be brought within 30 days after the cause of action accrues and not afterward.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Tyler Pace, R-Dist. 25

Major Actions: 20 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Commerce and Rules Committees. 16 Feb 2022- HELD in the Senate Commerce Committee.

SB 1242 nursing care; assisted living; regulation

As Introduced:

Directs the Board of Examiners of Nursing Care Institution Administrators and Assisted Living Facility Managers, in addition to any other requirements, to require each applicant for initial nursing care instruction administrator or assisted living facility manager certification to submit a full set of fingerprints to the Board for a state and federal criminal history records check.

Adopted Senate Committee of the Whole Amendment

Defines felony involving violence or financial fraud for the purposes of licensing of nursing care institution administrators and certification of assisted living facilities managers.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Tyler Pace, R-Dist. 25

Major Actions: 20 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 02 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Health & Human Services Committee by a vote of 8-0-0. 07 Feb 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. 08 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 10 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. 14 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 27-1-2-0. Transmitted to the House.

23 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. Scheduled to be heard in the House Health & Human Services on 28 Feb 2022.

SB 1297 visitation; religious counselors; health facilities

- Prevents a healthcare facility from prohibiting a patient or resident of the facility from receiving in-person visitation with a religious counselor during a public health emergency on the request of the patient or resident or, if incapacitated, the patient or resident’s legally authorized representative, including a family member of the patient or resident.
- Specifies that a healthcare facility may prohibit in-person visitation with religious counselors during a public health emergency if federal law or a federal agency requires the health care facility to prohibit in-person visitation during that period.

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

Major Actions: 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees.

SB 1298 government mask mandate; prohibition

Prohibits a governmental entity from imposing any requirement to wear a mask or face covering anywhere on the governmental entity’s premises, except where long-standing workplace safety and infection control measures that are unrelated to COVID-19 may be required.

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

Major Actions: 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 10 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Government Committee by a vote of 4-3-0-0. 21 Feb 2022 deemed “Proper for Consideration” by Senate Rules

Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 23 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 16-12-2-0. **24 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the House.**

SB 1311 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, 2023, 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): Sen. Nancy Barto, R-Dist. 15

Major Actions: 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 16 Feb 2022- HELD in the Senate Health & Human Services Committee. 21 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the the Senate Health & Human Services Committee by a vote of 6-1-1-0. **23 Feb 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.**

SB 1346 state employees; vaccination inquiries prohibited

Prohibits this state, any state agency or any contractor for this state from sending its employees to inquire about a person’s vaccination status on a door-to-door basis.

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

Major Actions: 25 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 14 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Government Committee by a vote of 4-2-1-0. 21 Feb 2022 deemed “Proper for Consideration” by Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 23 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 17-11-2-0. **24 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the House.**

SB 1414 vaccine requirements; employers; prohibition

Prohibits any government entity or any person doing business in this state from requiring an employee to receive a vaccination for COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19 and defines *government entity* as this state and any political subdivision of this state that received and uses tax revenues.

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

Major Actions: 07 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Commerce and Rules Committees.

SB 1443 solid waste; long-term care facilities

Applies, to long-term care facilities, the requirements of municipalities for the delivery of recycling and solid waste management services.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Tyler Pace, R-Dist. 25

Major Actions: 26 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Natural Resources, Energy & Water and Rules Committees.

SB 1567 vaccinations; prohibitions; evidence of immunity

As introduced: Prohibits this state and its governmental entities and business affiliations from requiring any person to receive a vaccination for COVID-19 for any variant of COVID-19 or to possess any evidence certifying vaccination or immunity status and from discriminating against any person based on not receiving a COVID-19 vaccination or failing to possess evidence certifying vaccination or immunity status.

Adopted Health & Human Services Committee Strike-Everything Amendment

Prohibits private employers, including health care institutions, from requiring any full-time, part-time or contract employee to be vaccinated for COVID-19 without providing an exemption for religious beliefs, including sincerely held moral or ethical beliefs. Establishes the Health Care Professionals Religious Exemption Fund (Fund). Establishes the Health Care Professional Religious Exemption Committee (Committee) and prescribes Committee requirements.

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

Major Actions: 01 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 09 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended/Strike Everything” recommendation by a vote of 5-3-0-0. 21 Feb 2022 deemed “Proper for Consideration” by Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat Caucus. HELD in Republican Caucus.

SB 1641 health care institutions; civil penalties

Increases, from \$500 to \$1000, the maximum civil penalty assessed for violation of health care institution statutes and rules.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Tyler Pace, R-Dist. 25

Major Actions: 01 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 16 Feb 2022- HELD in the Senate Health & Human Services Committee. 21 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Health & Human Services Committee by a vote of 7-0-1-0. 23 Feb 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 24 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 28-0-2-0.

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HB 2020 vaccination mandates; exemptions

Provides exemption eligibility from any vaccination requirement for COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19 that is being enforced in this state if the person can produce documented test results that demonstrate the person has one of the following:

- Antibodies to COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19;
- A positive test for COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19; or
- A positive T-cell immune response to COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Steve Kaiser, R-Dist. 15

Major Actions:

HB 2029 vaccinations; evidence of immunity; prohibitions

- Prohibits this state and its governmental entities and business affiliations from doing either of the following:
 - Requiring any person to receive a vaccination for COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19 or to possess a COVID-19 immunity passport, immunity pass or other evidence certifying vaccination or immunity status; and
 - Discriminating against any person based on not receiving a vaccination for COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19 or failing to possess a COVID-19 immunity passport, immunity pass or other evidence certifying vaccination or immunity status.
- Prohibits this state and its governmental entities from entering into a contract or giving a loan, granting or any other disbursement of taxpayer monies to a business affiliation that requires a person to receive a vaccination for COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19 or to possess a COVID-19 immunity passport, immunity pass or other evidence certifying vaccination or immunity status.
- Provides an exemption to health care institutions that are treating patients who have COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19 and that determine that a direct threat exists that cannot be eliminated or reduced by reasonable accommodation.
- Requires the health care institution to determine whether an individual poses a direct threat based on the individualized assessment of the individual's present ability to safely perform the essential functions of the job.
- Outlines requirements that the assessment must entail.
- Provides a definition of terms.

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

Major Actions:

HB 2043 employer liability; COVID-19 vaccine requirement

- Stipulates that, if an employer denies a religious exemption and requires a person to receive a COVID-19 vaccination as a prerequisite to or requirement for maintaining employment, the employer is liable to the person for damage that result from a significant injury that is caused by receiving the COVID-19 vaccination.

- Awards a prevailing claimant actual damages, court costs and reasonable attorney fees or statutory damages of \$500,000, whichever is greater and allows the claimant to recover exemplary damages.
- Specifies that the above rights and remedies supplement any other rights and remedies provided by law, including workers' compensation claims and common law rights.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Quang Nyugen, R-Dist. 1

Major Actions: 12 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Judiciary and Rules Committees. 26 Jan 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 6-4-0-0. 31 Jan 2022- HELD in House Rules Committee. 07 Feb 2022- Deemd "Constitutional & Proper" by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 5-3-0-0. 08 Feb 2022- Passed House Minority and Majority Caucus. 17 Feb 2022- Retained on the House Committee of the Whole Calendar. 24 Feb 2022- Retained on the House Committee of the Whole Calendar.

HB 2049 fingerprint requirements; care facilities

- Clarifies that volunteers or contracted persons of residential care institutions, nursing care institutions or home health agencies providing certain services, including *direct* supportive services must have a valid fingerprint clearance card or apply for a fingerprint clearance card within 20 working days of volunteer or contracted work.
- Prohibits a volunteer or contracted person from continuing to provide specified services including *direct* supportive services if the person's fingerprint clearance card has been suspended or revoked.
- States that an employee, volunteer or contractor of a residential care institution, nursing care institution or home health agency that is eligible for a good cause exception and provides documentation of applying for it but has not received a decision is exempt from fingerprinting requirements if they provide specified services under direct visual supervision.
- Removes the following requirements:
 - That an owner or employee of a residential care institution, nursing care institution or home health agency provide direct supervision of a volunteer providing specified services to residents or patients unless the volunteer has a valid fingerprint clearance card;
 - That employees of a residential care institution, home health agency or nursing care institutions, are not required to meet the fingerprint and criminal records check requirements again if that person remains employed by the same employer or changes employment within two years after satisfying fingerprinting requirements; and
 - A person who has received approval before May 7, 2001 and remains employed by the same employer is not required to apply for a fingerprint clearance card.
- Defines *direct supportive services* as:
 - Services other than home health services that provide direct individual care and that are not provided in a common area of a health care institution, including
 - Assistance with ambulating, bathing, toileting, grooming, eating and getting in and out of a bed or chair.
 - Assistance with self-administration of medication.
 - Janitorial, maintenance, housekeeping or other services provided in a resident's room.
 - Transportation services, including van services.
 - Specifies that direct supportive services do not include services provided by a person contracted directly by a resident or the resident's family in a health care institution.

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

Major Actions: 12 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 31 Jan 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the

House Health & Human Services Committee by a vote of 9-0-0-0. 07 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2022- Passed House Minority and Majority Caucus. 14 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 14 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 54-2-4-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

14 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees.

[HB 2070 open meetings; capacity; posting; violation](#)

As Introduced:

- Requires all public bodies, for the purposes of public meetings, to provide for a reasonable amount of seating to accommodate the anticipated attendance of all persons desiring to attend the deliberations and proceedings.
- Provides that the agenda posted for the public meeting must include notice of the time that the public will have physical access to the meeting place.
- Stipulates that any head of a public body that violates the seating accommodation or notice of time that the public will have physical access to the meeting place requirements is liable for a civil penalty.

[Adopted House Government & Elections Committee Amendment](#)

States that, when feasible, public bodies must provide a reasonable amount of seating for the public to attend.

[Adopted House Committee of the Whole Amendment](#)

Specifies that all public bodies must provide for an amount of seating to accommodate the reasonably anticipated attendance of people desiring to attend the deliberations and proceedings.

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

Major Actions: 18 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 26 Jan 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee by a vote of 7-6-0-0. 31 Jan 2022- Deemed Constitutional & Proper by the House Rules Committee by a vote of 5-3-0-0. 01 Feb 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 03 Feb 2022- Retained on the House Committee of the Whole calendar. 14 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 23 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 31-28-1-0. **24 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.**

[HB 2120 injury reports; medical treatment](#)

Limits the injuries that are reported by employers and physicians as it pertains to workers’ compensation to only those requiring *medical treatment* and specifies that *medical treatment* does not include any onetime, short-term treatment by nonmedical staff that requires little technology or training to administer, including treatment of minor scratches, cuts, burns and splinters and other issues that ordinarily do not require medical care

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Steve Kaiser, R-Dist. 15

Major Actions: 18 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce and Rules Committees. 15 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Commerce Committee by a vote of 9-0-0-1. 21 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House

Rules Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 23 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 59-0-1-0. **24 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.**

[HB 2121 workers' compensation; medical-only loss](#)

Specifies, for claims involving medical-only loss, any experience rating adjustment will be applied as a reduction to the employer's experience modification calculation and defines medical-only loss as loss that has no indemnity value reflecting lost wages.

[Adopted House Commerce Committee Amendment](#)

Makes a clarifying change.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Steve Kaiser, R-Dist. 15

Major Actions: 18 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce and Rules Committees. 15 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the House Commerce Committee by a vote of 9-0-0-1. Scheduled for the House Rules Committee on 21 Feb 2022. 21 Feb 2022- Deemed "Constitutional & Proper" by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 23 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. Passed House Third Read by a vote of 59-0-1-0. **24 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.**

[HB 2145 governmental entities; ransomware payment; prohibition](#)

- Prohibits this state or a political subdivision of this state from making a payment to remove or decrypt ransomware from the system files of this state or a political subdivision.
- Requires this state or a political subdivision of this state to immediately notify the director of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security if a ransomware attack occurs on the system files of this state or the political subdivision.
- Defines *political subdivision* and *ransomware*.

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

Major Actions: 18 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees.

[HB 2146 data security breach; notification](#)

[As Introduced:](#)

Revises reporting requirements for computer security breaches of companies that own, maintain or license unencrypted or unredacted computerized personal information to include notifying the Director of AZDOHS.

[Adopted House Committee of the Whole Amendment](#)

- Clarifies that a person is not precluded from submitting the same data breach notification, to both the Arizona Attorney General and the Arizona Department of Homeland Security, if the two agencies have not developed a common form.
- Removes the requirement to notify the Director of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security if the data breach affects less than 1,000 individuals.

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

Major Actions: 18 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce and Rules Committees. 25 Jan 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Commerce

Committee by a vote of 9-1-0-0. 31 Jan 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 5-3-0-0. 01 Feb 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 03 Feb 2022- Retained on the House Committee of the Whole Calendar. 17 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 17 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 58-0-2-0. 18 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

21 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Technology and Rules Committees.

HB 2198 employee termination; COVID-19 vaccine; compensation

- Entitles an employee who is terminated for not receiving a COVID-19 vaccine as a condition of employment to receive the following:
 - Severance compensation paid by an employer in the amount of the employee’s annual salary in one lump sum or installment payments over twelve months; and
 - Reemployment with the employer at the same or similar position held on the date the employee was terminated and a reasonable accommodation provided by the employer to the employee.
- Contains a retroactive date of December 1, 2021.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Steve Kaiser, R-Dist. 15

Major Actions: 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce and Rules Committees. 01 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Commerce Committee by a vote of 5-4-1-0. 07 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 5-3-0-0. 08 Feb 2022- Passed House Minority and Majority Caucus. **Scheduled for House Committee of the Whole on 28 Feb 2020.**

HB 2316 misconduct involving weapons; public places

As Introduced:

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, prosecutorial office or facility, 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 Government & Elections Committee Amendment

Adds an entity that operates a federal reclamation project to a place that misconduct involving weapons still applies.

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

Major Actions: 19 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 02 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee by a vote of 7-5-0-1. 07 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2022- Passed House Minority and Majority Caucus. 17 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 17 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 31-28-1-0. 18 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

21 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees. Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee on 03 Mar 2022.

HB 2356 employers; businesses; COVID-19 vaccine record

- Stipulates that a public or private employer that requires employees to receive a COVID-19 vaccine as a condition of employment must accept either of the following:
 - A COVID-19 vaccination record; or
 - A COVID-19 antibody test.
- Stipulates that any business that requires patrons to present documentation regarding a COVID-19 vaccination status must accept either of the following:
 - A COVID-19 vaccination record; or
 - A COVID-19 antibody test.

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

Major Actions: 20 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce and Rules Committees.

HB 2371 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. Shawwna Bolick, R-Dist. 20

Major Actions: 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 02 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee by a vote of 13-0-0-0. 07 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2022- Passed House Minority and Majority Caucus. 17 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 58-0-2-0. 18 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

21 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees.

HB 2386 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: 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees.

HB 2387 minimum staff ratios; nursing homes

Establishes minimum staffing ratios in nursing care institutions as follows:

- One certified nurse aide to every eight residents for the day shift.
- One direct care staff member to every ten residents for the evening shift.
- One direct care staff member to every fourteen residents for the night shift.

Defines “direct care staff member” as a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse or certified nurse aide who is acting in accordance with that individual’s authorized scope of practice and pursuant to documented employee time schedules.

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

Major Actions: 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees.

HB 2389 rulemaking review; time frame

- Changes the time period from one year to six months for an agency that the Legislature has granted a onetime rulemaking exemption to review a rule adopted by an agency to determine whether the rule should be amended or repealed.
- Repeals the requirement for an agency to publish otherwise exempt rules or provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the rules.
- Modifies the time period that an agency must propose an amendment or repeal of a rule to no earlier than 90 days after GRRC determines the rule to be materially flawed.

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

Major Actions: 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 09 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee by a vote of 11-0-0-2. 14 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-1. 15 Feb 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 17 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 49-9-2-0. 18 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

21 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees.

HB 2397 emotional abuse; vulnerable adults

- Modifies the definition of *abuse* to include *emotional abuse*.
- Defines *emotional abuse* as a pattern of ridiculing or demeaning a vulnerable adult, making derogatory remarks to a vulnerable adult, verbally harassing a vulnerable adult or threatening to inflict physical or emotional harm on a vulnerable adult.

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

Major Actions: 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 07 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation by a vote 9-0-0-0. 14 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-1. 15 Feb 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 17 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 49-9-2-0. 18 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

21 Feb 2022- 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 02 Mar 2022.**

[HB 2412 open meetings; digital recordings](#)

As Introduced:

- Directs all public bodies to provide for a digital recording of all their meetings in addition to the statutorily required written minutes.
- Instructs each public body to additionally post the digital recording of a meeting on its website no later than five working days after the meeting, rather than three days.
- Removes the requirements related to specific meeting recordings and descriptions of legal actions by a public body of a city or town with a certain population.
- Modifies the time period for any required posting to remain on the applicable website to three years after the date of the posting, rather than one year.
- Makes technical and conforming changes.

[Adopted House Government & Elections Committee Amendment](#)

- Requires the meeting recordings to be audio visual rather than digital.
- Specifies that public bodies must provide for the taking of written minutes or a recording of executive sessions.
- Stipulates that the public body must include on its website the audio visual recording or a direct link of the audio visual recording.
- Asserts that the audio visual recording and minutes of the meeting must be available for public inspection no later than 24 hours after the meeting.

[Adopted House Committee of the Whole SUBSTITUTE Amendment to the G&E Committee Amendment](#)

- Specifies that all public bodies must provide for an audio or audiovisual recording of all their meetings.
- Directs all public bodies to provide for the taking of written minutes or a recording of executive sessions.
- Allows public bodies the option of posting a direct link of the audio or audiovisual recording on their website.
- Stipulates that the audio or audiovisual or direct link of the recording must be posted on its website no later than three working days after the meeting.
- Specifies that the minutes must be posted for public inspection no later than three working days after approval of the minutes.

- Requires an entity that is formed for the purpose of protecting or providing services to agricultural lands or crops to provide for the taking of written minutes and allows the entity to provide for an audio or audiovisual recording of meetings.
- Instructs an entity providing for the taking of written minutes to make the minutes available for public inspection no later than three working days following approval of the minutes and allows the posting of the minutes on its website, if applicable.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Jacqueline Parker, R-Dist. 16

Major Actions: 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 02 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee by a vote of 8-5-0-0. 07 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2022- Passed Minority and Majority Caucus. 17 Feb 2022- Retained on the House Committee of the Whole Calendar. Scheduled for House COW on 22 Feb. **23 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. Passed House Third Read by a vote of 34-25-1-0. 24 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.**

[HB 2449 care facilities; clergy visitation](#)

As Introduced:

- Requires that if a care facility visitation policy allows in-person visitation of any kind, the care facility must allow a clergy member to visit a patient who request an in-person visit or consents to be visited in person for religious purposes by the clergy member, including during a declared state of emergency.
- Defines *care facility* as an assisted living center, an assisted living facility/center/home, hospice, a nursing care institution or a residential care institution.
- Defines *patient* as a person living at or receiving inpatient services from a care facility.
- Contains an emergency clause.

Adopted House Judiciary Committee Amendment

- Changes the term *care facility* to *health care institution* and the term *patient* to *resident*.
- Allows the resident's legal representative to request clergy visitation for the resident.
- Amends language relating to liability.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Quang Nguyen, R-Dist. 1

Major Actions: 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Judiciary and Rules Committees. 09 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 10-0-0-0. 14 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 5-3-0-0. 15 Feb 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 17 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 17 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 57-2-1-0. 18 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

21 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees.

[HB 2453 governmental entities; mask requirement; prohibition](#)

As Introduced:

Prohibits a governmental entity from imposing any requirement to wear a mask or face covering anywhere on the governmental entity's premises, except where long-standing workplace safety and infection control measures that are unrelated to COVID-19 may be required.

[Adopted House Committee of the Whole Amendment](#)

Exempts a healthcare institution established pursuant to statute from the prohibition on a mask requirement.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Neal Carter, R-Dist. 8

Major Actions: 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 02 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee by a vote of 7-6-0-0. 07 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 5-3-0-0. 08 Feb 2022- Passed House Minority and Majority Caucus. 17 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 17 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 31-28-1-0. 18 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

21 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committee. **Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Government Committee on 28 Feb 2022.**

[HB 2475 employers; COVID-19 vaccine mandate; prohibition](#)

- Prohibits an employer from requiring an employee to receive the COVID-19 vaccine as a condition of employment, promotion or any form of compensation.
- Allows an employer to provide a onetime financial incentive to employees who receive the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Requires an employer in violation to pay statutory damages in the amount of \$20,000 per violation and entitles a prevailing plaintiff to reasonable attorney fees and costs.

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

Major Actions: 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Judiciary and Rules Committees.

[HB 2498 COVID-19; vaccination requirements; prohibition](#)

As Introduced:

Prohibits any government entity from requiring a resident of this state to receive a vaccination for COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19.

Defines government entity as this state or any political subdivision of this state that receives and uses tax revenues.

[Adopted House Committee of the Whole Amendment](#)

Specifies that the prohibition of a government entity to require a resident of this state to receive a vaccination for COVID19 or any variant of COVID-19 does not apply to a health care institution that is owned or operated by a government entity in this state.

Primary Sponsor(s): Representative Jake Hoffman, R-Dist. 12

Major Actions: 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 02 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee by a vote of 7-5-0-1. 14 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-1. 15 Feb 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. **24 Feb 2022- Motion passed to placed HB2498 on Additional Committee of the Whole. Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Additional Committee of the Whole. Passed House Third Read by a vote of 31-28-1-0.**

HB 2505 procurement; information disclosure; bidders

Requires the director of the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) to provide a question and answer period for interested parties and bidders outside of the procurement process.

Primary Sponsor(s): Representative Ben Toma, R-Dist. 22

Major Actions: 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committee. 02 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee by a vote of 13-0-0-0. 07 Feb 2022- Deemed "Constitutional & Proper" by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2022- Passed House Minority and Majority Caucus. **10 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 56-0-4-0. Transmitted to the Senate.**

HB 2587 public records; point of contact

As Introduced:

- Requires any entity who is subject to a public records request to provide the name, telephone number and email address of the employee who is authorized and able to provide the information requested with the information being made available to the public on the website maintained by the entity.
- Directs an employee who is authorized and able to provide the information requested to reply within five business days acknowledging receipt of the request.

Adopted House Committee of the Whole Amendment

- Adds the option of a department that is able to process the public records request.
- Allows the public records request to be forwarded to an employee or department that is authorized and able to provide the information requested.
- Exempts from the five-business day response time an entity that maintains a centralized online portal for submission of public records requests that provides receipt on submission of a request.

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

Major Actions: 26 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 02 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Government & Elections by a vote of 7-1-4-1. 14 Feb 2022- Deemed "Constitutional & Proper" by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-1. 15 Feb 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 23 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. Passed House Third Read by a vote of 49-10-1-0. **24 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.**

HB 2599 administrative hearings; GRRC

As Introduced:

Makes various revisions relating to reviewing agency rules and appealable agency actions. Establishes a dispute resolution process for disputes involving an interim agency action.

Adopted House Commerce Committee Amendment

Codifies certain provisions of the Governor's Executive Order (2021-02) relating to occupational and professional licensure and agency rulemaking.

Adopted House Committee of the Whole Amendment

Excludes the Judiciary from the definition of regulating entity and state agency, regarding occupational licensure and agency rulemaking.

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

Major Actions: 31 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce and Rules Committees. 15 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Commerce Committee by a vote of 10-0-0-0. 21 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 22 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. Passed House Third Read by a vote of 59-0-1-0. 23 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

24 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Commerce and Rules Committees.

HB 2611 vaccinations; masks; requirements; enforcement prohibition

Prohibits any governmental entity or any person doing business in this state from enforcing a student without parental consent or on an employee any requirement that the person receive a vaccination for COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19 or wear a mask.

Primary Sponsor(s): Representative Judy Burges, R-Dist. 1

Major Actions: 31 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Judiciary and Rules Committees.

HB 2635 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, 2023, 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): Representative Amish Shah, D-Dist. 24

Major Actions: 01 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 14 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Health & Human Services Committee by a vote of 9-0-0-0. 21 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 23 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 56-3-1-0. **24 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.**

