

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

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Bills Impacting Veterans/Military

Senate Bills

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

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.

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.

[SB 1040 G&F; veterans; hunting; fishing; licenses](#)

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

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

Major Actions: 10 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Natural Resources, Energy & Water and Rules Committees.

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. **Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on 25 Jan 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: First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Technology and Rules Committees.

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. Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Commerce Committee on 26 Jan 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. Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Finance Committee on 26 Jan 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. Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Education Committee on 25 Jan 2022.

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

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.

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.

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.

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

- 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.

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. **Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Natural Resources, Energy & Water Committee on 26 Jan 2022.**

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. **Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee on 27 Jan 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.

SB 1263 housing trust fund; shelter services

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

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

Major Actions:

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:

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.

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. **Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Finance Committee on 26 Jan 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:

House Bills

[HB 2062 military; purple heart; VLT exemptions](#)

- 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.

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.

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. 14

Major Actions: 18 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the House Government & Elections on 26 Jan 2022.**

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:

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:

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 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.

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.

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.

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

- 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.

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.

[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

[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:

[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:

[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:

[HB 2504 technical correction; military affairs](#)

Makes technical corrections.

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

Major Actions:

[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:

[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:

[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:

Bills that Impact the ADVS Administratively

Senate Bills

[SB 1053 religious exemption; vaccine; violation; classification](#)

Subjects an employer who does not provide a reasonable accommodation to an employee who provides notice that taking the COVID-19 vaccination due to sincerely held religious beliefs, practices or observances to a Class 2 misdemeanor.

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.

[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:

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. **Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Appropriation Committee on 25 Jan 2022**

SB 1242 nursing care; assisted living; regulation

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 institution 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.

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.

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:

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:

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:

House Bills

[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. Scheduled to be heard in the House Judiciary Committee on 26 Jan 2022.

HB 2070 open meetings; capacity; posting; violation

- 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.

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. Scheduled to be heard in the House Government & Elections Committee on 26 Jan 2022.

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 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:

HB 2316 misconduct involving weapons; public places

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

- A public event or public establishment that is a secure facility;
- The licensed premises of a public event or public establishment that has a liquor license under A.R.S. Title 4;
- A state, county or municipal judicial department, 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.

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. **Scheduled to be heard in the House Government & Elections Committee on 26 Jan 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. Shawna Bolick, R-Dist. 20

Major Actions:

[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:

[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 an 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:

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

- 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.

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

Major Actions:

HB 2453 governmental entities; mask requirement; 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): Rep. Neal Carter, R-Dist. 8

Major Actions:

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:

HB 2498 COVID-19; vaccination requirements; prohibition

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.

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

Major Actions:

HB 2587 public records; point of contact

- 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.

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

Major Actions: