



Arizona Department of Veterans' Services

State Veterans/Military Legislation Update
State of Arizona- Fifty-sixth Legislature, First Regular Session 2023

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(Notations in Red represent new information or final action.)

Helpful Information

SB = Senate Bill

SCM = Senate Concurrent Memorial

SCR = Senate Concurrent Resolution

SR = Senate Resolution

HB = House Bill

HCM = House Concurrent Memorial

HCR = House Concurrent Resolution

HJR= House Joint Resolution

HR = House Resolution

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Bills Impacting Veterans/Military

Senate Bills

SB1113 Bill Title: Property tax exemption; veterans

Amends ARS Sections 42-11111 & 42-22253 relating to property tax exemptions. Provides clarification that the property of a veteran with a service or non-service connected disability with a VA rating of 100% is fully exempt from taxation and additional clarifications surrounding exemptions on property of a widow or widower, a person with a total and permanent disability, and veterans with a service or non-service connected disabilities.

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Rogers

Major Actions:

2023-01-23 Senate Senate read second time
2023-01-19 Senate Assigned to Senate RULES Committee
2023-01-19 Senate Assigned to Senate GOV Committee
2023-01-19 Senate Introduced in Senate and read first time

SB1114 Bill Title: Appropriation; hyperbaric oxygen therapy; veterans

Appropriates the sum of \$3,640,000 from the state general fund in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the hyperbaric oxygen therapy for military veterans fund

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Rogers

Major Actions:

2023-01-24 **Senate Senate read second time**
2023-01-23 Senate Assigned to Senate RULES Committee
2023-01-23 Senate Assigned to Senate MAPS Committee
2023-01-23 Senate Assigned to Senate APPROP Committee
2023-01-23 Senate Introduced in Senate and read first time



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SB1145 Bill Title: Student activity fees; conscience exemption

Amends ARS Section 15-1626 relating to the Arizona Board of Regents. Creates an exemption from the requirement to pay student activity fees if the payment of such fees would violate the students conscience or at minimum meets one of the listed requirements: veterans recently returned from service, recently married or recently became a parent, objects to activities on religious or moral grounds, demonstrates financial hardship, is on campus only part-time.

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Hoffman

Major Actions:

2023-01-26 Senate Senate read second time
2023-01-25 Senate Assigned to Senate RULES Committee
2023-01-25 Senate Assigned to Senate ED Committee
2023-01-25 Senate Introduced in Senate and read first time

SB1206 Bill Title: Military veteran spouses; tuition scholarships

Amends ARS Section 15-1809 relating to tuition scholarships. Expands the spouses of military veterans' tuition scholarship to be used at any degree-granting postsecondary institution in this state.

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Gowan

Major Actions:

Hearing: Feb 2 @ 2:00 pm in SHR 1
2023-01-24 Senate Introduced

SB1230 Bill Title: Tax exemptions; affidavit

Amends ARS Sections 42-5009, 42-11104, 42-11109, 42-11110, 42-11111, 42-11131, 42-11132, 42-11132.01, 42-11132.02, 42-11152 and 42-11153 relating to tax exemptions. Requires certain organizations to file tax exemption affidavits. Requires a widow or widower, a person with a total and permanent disability or a veteran with a disability to file tax exemption affidavits on an annual basis. Changes language to not allow an individual to be entitled to property tax exemptions under more than one category as a widow or widower, a person with a total and permanent disability or a veteran with a disability even if the individual is eligible for an exemption in more than one category. Property, buildings and fixtures that are owned by a veterans' organization, that are leased to a veterans' organization and that are primarily used for the operations of the veterans' organization operations are exempt from taxation and are required to file tax exemption affidavits. Requires parties to notify the county assessor if there is an event that disqualifies the person or property from exemption.

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Mesnard

Major Actions:

2023-01-26 Senate Assigned to Senate RULES Committee
2023-01-26 Senate Assigned to Senate FIN Committee
2023-01-26 Senate Introduced in Senate and read first time

SB1319 Bill Title: VLT exemption; veteran amputees

Amends ARS Section 20-5802 relating to vehicle license taxes. Creates a vehicle tax and registration exemption for veterans with a lower limb amputation and at least 40% disability rating.

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Diaz

Major Actions:

2023-01-26 Senate Introduced

SCR1006 Bill Title: Death benefits; assault; first responders

Enacts and orders the submission to the People of a Measure relating to First Responders- "Back the Blue Act". Upon approval of the voters and proclamation of the Governor, through December 2032, an additional 2% surcharge will be added on every fine, penalty, and forfeiture imposed and collected by the courts for criminal offenses. Creates the



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“State supplemental benefit fund” and payment of death benefit of \$250,000 to the first responder’s surviving spouse or evenly split amongst surviving children. Further defines “first responder” to include Arizona National Guard Members on state active duty and correctional officers employed by Arizona Department of Corrections. Intent is to increase the criminal penalties against persons who assault first responders in this state and to increase the death benefits for the families of first responders who are killed in the line of duty in this state. Directs the Secretary of the State to submit this proposition to the voters at the next General Election.

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Gowan

Major Actions:

2023-01-25 Senate Senate MAPS Committee action: Do Pass Amended, voting: (5-2-0-0) NO Vote: Gabaldon & Farnsworth
2023-01-23 Senate Senate read second time
2023-01-19 Senate Assigned to Senate RULES Committee
2023-01-19 Senate Assigned to Senate MAPS Committee
2023-01-19 Senate Assigned to Senate APPROP Committee
2023-01-19 Senate Introduced in Senate and read first time

House Bills

HB2017 Bill Title: Public officers; residency requirements

Amends ARS Section 38-201 relating to Public Officer Qualifications to add that every officer shall be at least eighteen years of age, a citizen of the United States and a resident of this state, except that the deputy of assistant of an elected officer is not required to be a resident of this state. Further clarifies that a person is not eligible for employment by or service for this state or a political subdivision of this state, including all boards and commissions of this state or a political subdivision of this state and all multitember governing bodies of departments, agencies, institutions and instrumentalities of THIS state or political subdivisions of this state unless the person has registered with the selective service system if required by the federal military selective service act.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Dunn

Major Actions:

2023-01-18 House House GOV Committee action: Do pass, voting: (9-0-0-0-0-0)
2023-01-10 House House read second time
2023-01-09 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-09 House Assigned to House GOV Committee
2023-01-09 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2064 Bill Title: Property tax exemption; disability; qualifications

Amends ARS Section 42-11111- Limits the use of a property tax exemption for widows, widowers, and person with a total or permanent disability and veterans with a disability to only one exemption category. Defines competent medical authority and person with a total and permanent disability (Sec.1).

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Carter (R)

Major Actions:

2023-01-25 House House WM Committee action: Do pass, voting: (9-1-0-0-0-0) – No vote: Blattman
2023-01-18 House House read second time
2023-01-17 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-17 House Assigned to House WM Committee
2023-01-17 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2084 Bill Title: Landlord tenant; housing assistance; waiver

Amends ARS Sections 33-1370 and 33-1371 relating to the Arizona Residential Landlord and Tenant Act:



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- To include any payment made by a faith-based organization, a community action agency program or a nonprofit entity as a defined "housing assistance payment".
- A landlord's acceptance of a housing assistance payment constitutes an acceptance of a partial payment of rent and a waiver of a landlord's right to terminate the rental agreement for breach of the rental agreement by the tenant for failure to pay rent for the rental period covered by the partial payment.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Ortiz

Major Actions:

2023-01-24 House House read second time
2023-01-23 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-23 House Assigned to House COM Committee
2023-01-23 House Assigned to House MOE Committee
2023-01-23 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2085 Bill Title: Rental housing; income source discrimination

Amends ARS Title 33, Chapter 10, and Article 1 by adding Section 33-1319.01 relating to the Arizona Residential Landlord and Tenant Act. Prescribes protections for tenants' against discrimination for source of income and enforcement against landlords for unlawful practice. Defines "source of income" as benefits or subsidy programs including section 8 housing vouchers, housing assistance, public assistance, emergency assistance, veterans' benefits, social security, retirement programs, and other programs administered by federal, state and local programs.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Ortiz

Major Actions:

2023-01-24 House House read second time
2023-01-23 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-23 House Assigned to House MOE Committee
2023-01-23 House Assigned to House GOV Committee
2023-01-23 House Assigned to House COM Committee
2023-01-23 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2089 Bill Title: Military veterans; surviving spouses; scholarships

Amends ARS Section 15-1809 relating to classification of students for tuition purposes. Expands eligibility for the spouses of military veterans tuition scholarship fund to include surviving spouses who have not remarried and requires the Arizona Department of Veterans' services verify the person is a surviving spouse that has not remarried.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Payne

Major Actions:

Pending: House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee
Hearing: Jan 30 @ 2:00 pm in HHR 1
2023-01-18 House House read second time
2023-01-17 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-17 House Assigned to House MAPS Committee
2023-01-17 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2090 Bill Title: Emergency and military affairs; continuation

Continues the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs and the State Emergency Council for eight years with a retroactive date of July 1, 2023.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Payne

Major Actions:

2023-01-23 House House MAPS Committee action: Do Pass, voting: (15-0-0-0-0)
2023-01-18 House House read second time



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2023-01-17 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-17 House Assigned to House MAPS Committee
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HB2113 Bill Title: Student loan services; Licensure

Amends ARS Title 6 by adding Chapter 18 relating to student loans. Creates Student Loan Servicer Licensing and associated authority, oversight, enforcement etc. Defines "servicing", student education loan", student loan borrower", "student loan services" and "licensee". Additionally creates the position of Student Loan Ombudsmen with the Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions. This act is effective only on the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature and is effective immediately on the signature of the governor or, if the governor vetoes this act, on the subsequent affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members of each house of the legislature.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Salman

Major Actions:

2023-01-23 House House read second time
2023-01-19 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-19 House Assigned to House ED Committee
2023-01-19 House Assigned to House RA Committee
2023-01-19 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2130 Family and medical leave; coverage

Amends ARS Title 23, Chapter 2, by adding Article 8.2 relating to employment practices. Creates the "family Medical Leave Program" and establishes the "Family Medical Leave Insurance Fund" with a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026. Establishes protections for defined persons and events covered under family medical leave to include eligibility, length of benefits, retaliation, etc. Includes "qualifying exigency leave as leave based on a need arising out of a covered individual's family member's active duty service or notice of an impending call or order to active duty in the armed forces to include: providing for the care or other needs of the military member's child or other family member, making financial or legal arrangements for the military member, attending counseling, attending military events or ceremonies, spending time with the military member during a rest and recuperation leave or following the return from deployment, and making arrangements following the death of the military member.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Salman

Major Actions:

2023-01-24 House House read second time
2023-01-23 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-23 House Assigned to House COM Committee
2023-01-23 House Assigned to House HHS Committee
2023-01-23 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2136 Bill Title: Homeless; restrooms; water; statewide preemption

Amends ARS Title 9 Chapter 4, Article 8 by adding Section 9-500.49 and ARS Title 11, Chapter 2, Article 4, by adding Section 11-269.27 relating to municipal and county services requiring both entities to provide 24-hour daily access to public restrooms and potable water maintained by them for use by homeless individuals.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Salman

Major Actions:

2023-01-19 House House read second time
2023-01-18 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
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2023-01-18 House Assigned to House MOE Committee
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HB2170 Bill Title: Provisional concealed weapons permit

Amends ARS Sections 13-3102 and 13-3112 and amends ARS Title 13 Chapter 31 by adding Section 13-3123 and amends Section 41-1722 relating to firearms. Allows the Department of Public Safety to issue provisional concealed weapons permits. Defines qualifications, application, civil penalties, reports, applicability, etc. Evidence of current military service or honorable discharge or general under honorable conditions from the United States Armed Forces by providing a DD214 or certificate of completion from basic training qualifies as demonstration of competence with a firearm and completion of a training program for application purposes.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Nguyen

Major Actions:

2023-01-18	House	House read second time
2023-01-17	House	Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-17	House	Assigned to House JUD Committee
2023-01-17	House	Introduced in House and read first time

HB2193 Bill Title: Underage persons; possession; ownership; firearms

Amends ARS Sections 13-3108, 13-3109, and 13-3111 relating to firearms. Prohibits a person under the age of 21 from knowingly possessing or carrying on their person within their immediate control or on a means of transportation of a firearm in any place that is open to the public or on any street or highway or on any private property. Exceptions are identified for those accompanied by a parent, grandparent, guardian, certified hunting safety instructor or certified firearms safety instructor with consent of the parent, guardian or grant parent and on private property owned or leased by the person's parent, grandparent or guardian. Outlines additional exceptions, to include that this rule does not apply to persons who are 18, 19, or 20 years of age and active members of the US Armed Forces, including the Arizona National Guard or US Reserve Component.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Longdon

Major Actions:

2023-01-24	House	House read second time
2023-01-23	House	Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-23	House	Assigned to House JUD Committee
2023-01-23	House	Introduced in House and read first time

HB2195 Bill Title: Criminal justice data collection; system

Amends ARS Section 41-2408 and Title 41, Chapter 21, Article 1 by adding Section 41-2414 and appropriating monies relating to the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission for the creation of a state, county and municipal open data system with a delayed effective of January 1, 2024. Requires criminal justice agencies and law enforcement agencies in the state to submit identified data points, including if the individual is a current or former member of the US Armed Forces, into the system for alleged offenders, victim, defendants, inmates, and probationers. Additional data points required for agency service provider, events or services, results.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Nguyen

Major Actions:

2023-01-18	House	House read second time
2023-01-17	House	Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-17	House	Assigned to House JUD Committee
2023-01-17	House	Introduced in House and read first time

HB2182 Bill Title: Firearm sales; transfers; background checks

Amends ARS Title 13, Chapter 31 by adding Section 13-3123 relating to firearms. Restricts the selling and transferring of firearms unless the person is a licensed firearms dealer, the purchaser or transferee is a licensed firearms dealer or a licensed firearms dealer facilitates the transfer. Requires the dealer to conduct background



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checks on purchaser or transferee. Outlines exemptions, to include members of the Armed Forces and National Guard transferring or receiving a firearm as required in the operation of official duties.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Longdon

Major Actions:

2023-01-24 House House read second time
2023-01-23 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-23 House Assigned to House JUD Committee
2023-01-23 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2222 Bill Title: Driver license fees; homeless exemptions

Amends ARS Title 28, Chapter 2, Article 4, by adding Section 28-414, amending Sections 28-3002, 28-3165 and 28-6993 and appropriates monies relating to the Department of Transportation. Allows the Department of Transportation to enter into an agreement with a 501c3 organization that works to end homelessness in Arizona to help people do the following: acquire, at no cost to them, replacement personal identification documents, have secure personal identification document storage. Establishes the "Personal Identification Document Fund" administered by the Department of Transportation subject to appropriation and public/private donations to support the 501c3 identified. Amends the word "veteran" and replaces with "person" in statutes.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Gress

Major Actions:

Pending: House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
Hearing: Feb 1 @ 2:00 pm in HHR 3
2023-01-23 House House read second time
2023-01-19 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-19 House Assigned to House APPROP Committee
2023-01-19 House Assigned to House TI Committee
2023-01-19 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2225 Bill Title: ADOA; alternative routes applications

Amends ARS Title 41, Chapter 4, Article 1 by adding Section 41-710.02 relating to the Department of Administration- "Arizona Works Project Act". Requires the Director to evaluate all state employee positions and identify positions suitable for skilled through alternative routes applicants, identify positions on the state job portal positions that are suitable for those with post-secondary degrees and those that are suitable for skilled alternative routes applicants. Defines "skilled through alternative routes applicant" as an individual who has developed skills through job training, community college, and military service or apprenticeship programs.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Gress

Major Actions:

Pending: House Government Committee
Hearing: Feb 1 @ 10:00 am in HHR 3
2023-01-19 House House read second time
2023-01-18 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-18 House Assigned to House GOV Committee
2023-01-18 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2252 Bill Title: Inmates; documentation; workforce reentry

Amends ARS Title 41 Chapter 11, Article 1 by adding Section 41-1610.03, relating to the Department of Corrections (DOC). Requires DOC to provide inmates who intend to remain in this state with relevant documentation to assist the inmate in obtaining employment – non operating identification license, driver's license, birth certificates, social security card, and other workforce development documentation. Included is the requirement for DOC to provide any inmate



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who has served in the U.S. Military with the contact information for the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services and the ADVS Veteran Benefits Guide.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Wilmeth (R)

Major Actions:

2023-01-24 House House COM Committee action: Do Pass Amended, voting: (10-0-0-0-0-0)
2023-01-19 House House read second time
2023-01-18 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-18 House Assigned to House COM Committee
2023-01-18 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2259 Bill Title: Parking requirements; affordable housing; prohibition

Amends ARS Title 9, Chapter 4, Article 6 by adding Section 9-416.18 and amends ARS Title 11, Chapter 6, Article 2 by adding Section 11-820.04 relating to planning and zoning. Restricts municipalities and counties from adopting land use regulations, plan provisions, imposing conditions for building or permit approval that requires a specific number of parking spaces per residential dwelling if the unit is designated as affordable housing. Affordable housing is defined to include (f) Department of Veterans' Services grants used to serve residents with incomes of less than eighty percent of the area median income.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Cano

Major Actions:

2023-01-24 House House read second time
2023-01-23 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-23 House Assigned to House COM Committee
2023-01-23 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2320 Bill Title: National guard; active duty combat

Amends Title 26, Chapter 1, Article 3 by adding Section 26-164 relating to the National Guard- "Defend the Guard Act". 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: Rep. Kolodin

Major Actions:

2023-01-19 House House read second time
2023-01-18 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-18 House Assigned to House MAPS Committee
2023-01-18 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2336 Bill Title: Tuition; family; posttraumatic stress; suicide

Amends ARS Section 15-1808 relating to postsecondary institutions. 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;



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- 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: Rep. Shah

Major Actions:

2023-01-26 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-26 House Assigned to House MAPS Committee
2023-01-26 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2337 Bill Title: Dietitian nutritionists; licensure

Amends ARS Sections 32-1901, 36-414 and amends ARS Title 36 Chapter 4, Article 1 by adding Section 36-416.01 and amending Title 36 by adding Chapter 42 relating to nutritionists. Establishes licensing requirements, qualifications, application, continuing education, etc. for dietitian nutritionists and creation of an advisory committee. Provides certain licensing extensions to members of the Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve components to prevent expiration while on duty and extends license and renewals 180 days.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Shah

Major Actions:

2023-01-19 House House read second time
2023-01-18 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-18 House Assigned to House RA Committee
2023-01-18 House Assigned to House HHS Committee
2023-01-18 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2396 Bill Title: Student activity fees; conscience exemption

Amends ARS Section 15-1626 relating to the Arizona Board of Regents. Creates an exemption from the requirement to pay student activity fees if the payment of such fees would violate the students conscience or at minimum meets one of the listed requirements: veterans recently returned from service, recently married or recently became a parent, objects to activities on religious or moral grounds, demonstrates financial hardship, is on campus only part-time.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Smith

Major Actions:

2023-01-19 House House read second time
2023-01-18 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-18 House Assigned to House ED Committee
2023-01-18 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2486 Bill Title: Clinical research; psilocybin; grants; appropriation

Amends ARS Title 36, Chapter 2 by adding Article 5 and repealing Title 36, Chapter 2 Article 5 and appropriates monies relating to research grants. The sum of \$30,000,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the Department of Health Services for psilocybin research grants. Creates research grants to evaluate the effect of whole mushroom psilocybin on treating post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety, obsessive compulsive disorder, chronic pain, etc. and prioritizes using veterans, first responders, and persons from underserved communities as research subjects. Establishes the psilocybin research advisory council within the Department of Health Services and defines qualifications of members, to include one member who is a military veteran.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Payne

Major Actions:

2023-01-23 House House read second time



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2023-01-19 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
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2023-01-19 House Assigned to House HHS Committee
2023-01-19 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2542 Bill Title: Cosmetology licensure interstate compact

Amends ARS Title 32, Chapter 5 by adding Article 7 relating to cosmetology. Creates an interstate compact and commission for cosmetology licensure. Allows active duty military personnel and their spouses to practice cosmetology services in Arizona if license is in good standing in their home state. Legislation only applies if at least seven other states enact similar language.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Dunn

Major Actions:

2023-01-26 House Introduced

HCM2001 Bill Title: Postal Service; urging continued independence

A concurrent memorial urging the United States Congress to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains independent- identifies USPS as the nation's second largest employer of veterans.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Salman

Major Actions:

2023-01-26 House Assigned to House RULES Committee

2023-01-26 House Assigned to House GOV Committee

2023-01-26 House Introduced in House and read first time

HCR2017 Bill Title: Property tax; exemption; primary residence

A concurrent resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Arizona amending Article IX, Section 2 relating to property tax exemptions. Allow the legislature to exempt the primary residence of a resident of this state that is not subject to a mortgage, deed of trust, or other similar encumbrance. Applies to tax years after December 31, 2024. Directs the Secretary of the State to submit this proposition to the voters at the next General Election.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Jones

Major Actions:

2023-01-24 House House read second time

2023-01-23 House Assigned to House RULES Committee

2023-01-23 House Assigned to House WM Committee

2023-01-23 House Introduced in House and read first time

HCR2025 Bill Title: Death Benefit; assault; first responders

Enacts and orders the submission to the People of a Measure relating to First Responders- "Back the Blue Act". Upon approval of the voters and proclamation of the Governor, through December 2032, an additional 2% surcharge will be added on every fine, penalty, and forfeiture imposed and collected by the courts for criminal offenses. Creates the "State supplemental benefit fund" and payment of death benefit of \$250,000 to the first responder's surviving spouse or evenly split amongst surviving children. Further defines "first responder" to include Arizona National Guard Members on state active duty and correctional officers employed by Arizona Department of Corrections. Intent is to increase the criminal penalties against persons who assault first responders in this state and to increase the death benefits for the families of first responders who are killed in the line of duty in this state. Directs the Secretary of the State to submit this proposition to the voters at the next General Election.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Payne

Major Actions:



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2023-01-24 House House read second time
2023-01-23 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
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2023-01-23 House Introduced in House and read first time

Bills that Impact the ADVS Administratively

Senate Bills

SB1020 Bill Title: Open meetings; capacity; posting; violation

Amends ARS Section 38-431.01 and 38-431.02 relating to public meetings and procedures. Requires public bodies to provide for an amount of seating sufficient to accommodate anticipated attendance and requires the agenda include notice of the time the public will have access to the meeting place.

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Kavanagh

Major Actions: NONE (01/29/2023)

SB1031 Bill Title: Public employees; employment; termination

Amends ARS Title 41, Chapter 57, Article 1 by adding Section 41-5902 relating to vaccination status. Prohibits a state agency or political subdivision of this state from terminating an employee based on the employee's vaccination status or political affiliation. Entities that violate are subject to a civil penalty equivalent to 10% of their budget from the prior fiscal year.

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Kern

Major Actions:

2023-01-11 Senate Senate read second time
2023-01-10 Senate Assigned to Senate RULES Committee
2023-01-10 Senate Assigned to Senate HHS Committee
2023-01-10 Senate Introduced in Senate and read first time

SB1166 Bill Title: Public employers, postsecondary degree requirements

Amends ARS Title 41, Chapter 4, Article 4 by adding Section 41-755 relating to the State Personnel Board- the "Expanding Public Sector Opportunities Act". Prohibits public employers from rejecting applicants based solely on not having a postsecondary degree and requires that baseline requirements for experience for each job posting must be determined. Outlines exemptions, notices, appeals and compliance actions, etc. Defines public employer as any state agency, board and commission. Contains a delayed effective date of December 31, 2023.

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Kaiser

Major Actions:

Pending: Senate Commerce Committee

Hearing: Feb 1 @ 8:00 am in SHR 1

2023-01-25 Senate Senate read second time
2023-01-24 Senate Assigned to Senate RULES Committee
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SB1367 Bill Title: National guard; active duty; requirements



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Amends Title 26, Chapter 1, Article 3 by adding Section 26-164 relating to the National Guard- "Defend the Guard Act". 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: Sen. Rogers

Major Actions:

2023-01-27 Senate Introduced

House Bills

[HB2190](#) Bill Title: health professions; fingerprint cards; websites

Amends numerous statutes to require health care professionals requiring state initial licensure, license renewal, a reciprocal license, license reinstatement, or any type of limited license to possess a valid fingerprint card. Contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2024.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Longdon

Major Actions:

2023-01-24 House House read second time
2023-01-23 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-23 House Assigned to House HHS Committee
2023-01-23 House Introduced in House and read first time

[HB2144](#) Bill Title: Open meetings; capacity; posting; violation

Amends ARS Section 38-431.01 and 38-431.02 relating to public meetings and procedures. Requires public bodies to provide for an amount of seating sufficient to accommodate anticipated attendance and requires the agenda include notice of the time the public will have access to the meeting place.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Dunn

Major Actions:

2023-01-25 House House GOV Committee action: Do Pass Amended, voting: (6-3-0-0-0) No Vote: Bravo, Longdon, Peshlakai
2023-01-18 House House read second time
2023-01-17 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-17 House Assigned to House GOV Committee
2023-01-17 House Introduced in House and read first time

[HB2128](#) Bill Title: Employers; employee salary history; prohibitions

Amends ARS Title 23, Chapter 2, Article 1 by adding Section 23-207 relating to employment practices. Prohibits an employer from screening a prospective employee based on the prospective employee's previous wage or salary history, including benefits or other compensation.

Primary sponsor: Rep. Salman

Major Actions:

2023-01-24 House House read second time
2023-01-23 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-23 House Assigned to House COM Committee
2023-01-23 House Introduced in House and read first time



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HB2129 Bill Title: Wage disclosure; employee rights

Amends numerous statues related to employment practices – the “Wage Antidiscrimination Act”. Prohibits employers from requiring nondisclosure agreement denying the employee the right to disclose wage information or as a condition of employment, inquiring about wage or salary history before negotiating with and making the prospective employee an offer, and requires employers to give an employee handbook with notices regarding this section, etc.

Primary sponsor: Rep Salman

Major Actions:

2023-01-24 House House read second time
2023-01-23 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-23 House Assigned to House COM Committee
2023-01-23 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2131 Bill Title: Overtime pay

Amends ARS Title 23, Chapter 2, Article 7 by adding Section 23-361.03 relating to the payment of wages. Qualifies individual employed in an administrative, executive, or professional capacity to be compensated on a salary basis in an amount per week by an amount set by the Industrial Commission of Arizona. Does not apply to teachers, licensed medical professional, licensed attorneys, etc. Requires the Commission to adjust the salary amount every three years starting January 1, 2026.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Salman

Major Actions:

2023-01-24 House House read second time
2023-01-23 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-23 House Assigned to House COM Committee
2023-01-23 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2143 Bill Title: Rulemaking review; time frame

Amends ARS Section 41-1095 relating to rulemaking review by decreasing the amount of time for one-time rulemaking exemption from one year to six month to determine if the rule adopted under the exemption should be amended or appealed. Reduces the amount of time the council may require the agency to propose an amendment or repeal of the rule from six months to 90 days.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Dunn

Major Actions:

2023-01-25 House House GOV Committee action: Do Pass, voting: (9-0-0-0-0-0)
2023-01-18 House House read second time
2023-01-17 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-17 House Assigned to House GOV Committee
2023-01-17 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2173 Bill Title: Nursing homes; advisory council

Amends ARS Title 36, Chapter 4, Article 7 by adding Section 36-447.03 relating to nursing care institutions. Establishes the Nursing Care Institution Advisory Council. Requires the advisory council receive assistance and services from any state, county, or municipal department, board, commission or agency required for their purposes.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Longdon

Major Actions:

2023-01-24 House House read second time
2023-01-23 House Assigned to House RULES Committee



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2023-01-23 House Assigned to House HHS Committee
2023-01-23 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2250 Bill Title: Minimum staff ratios; nursing homes

Amends ARS Title 36, Chapter 4, Article 7 by adding Section 36-447.03 relating to nursing care institutions. Establishes minimum staffing ratios for nursing instructions. Requires one CNA for every 8 residents on day shift, one direct care staff member for every 10 residents for evening shift and at least one half of all direct care staff members must be CNAs and perform CAN duties, and one direct care staff member for every 14 residents for the night shift and each direct care staff member must perform CNA duties. Defines "direct care staff member" as registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, and certified nurse aide. Provides additional guidance on census expansion and staffing ratio calculations

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Longdon

Major Actions:

2023-01-19 House House read second time
2023-01-18 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-18 House Assigned to House COM Committee
2023-01-18 House Assigned to House HHS Committee
2023-01-18 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2330 Bill Title: Post-traumatic stress injury day

Amends ARS Title 1, Chapter 3, Article 1 by adding Section 1-323 relating to holidays. Establishes June 27 of each year as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Day.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Quinonez

Major Actions:

2023-01-19 House House read second time
2023-01-18 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-18 House Assigned to House GOV Committee
2023-01-18 House Assigned to House HHS Committee
2023-01-18 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2364 Bill Title: Lobbyist; gift ban

Amends ARS Sections 41-1232.02 and 41-1232.03 relating to registration and regulation of lobbyists. Increases the total gift value from \$10 to \$20 that a principal or lobbyist or any other person acting on behalf of a principal or lobbyist can give to a state officer or state employee and restricts a state officer or state employee from accepting gifts with a total value more than \$20. Increases the total gift value from \$10 to \$20 that a public body, designated public lobbyist or authorized public lobbyist or any other person acting on behalf of the public body, designated public lobbyist can give to any member of the legislature and restricts a member of the legislature from accepting gift with a total value more than \$20 from a public body, designated public lobbyist, or authorized public lobbyist.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Sun

Major Actions:

2023-01-23 House House read second time
2023-01-19 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
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HB2360 Bill Title: Arizona community impact statement



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Amends ARS Title 41, Chapter 8, Article 1 by adding Section 41-1302 relating to Legislative Council. If requested by a Member of the Legislature, Legislative Council will prepare a community impact statement in how certain demographic groups would be impacted by bills or other measures. Requires state departments, agencies, boards and commissions to cooperate and provide required information within a reasonable timeframe.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Ortiz

Major Actions:

2023-01-23 House House read second time
2023-01-19 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-19 House Assigned to House RA Committee
2023-01-19 House Assigned to House GOV Committee
2023-01-19 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2377 Bill Title: Public officers; lobbying; prohibition

Amends ARS Sections 38-504 relating to the conduct of the office. Clarifies and defines prohibitions and establishes timelines to public officers and employees to include: not representing another person for compensation before any public agency, not disclosing or use for personal profit information acquired in the course of their duties performing government business, using public position to secure any valuable thing or benefit that would not ordinarily accrue or provide improper influence, etc.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Biasiucci

Major Actions:

Pending: House Regulatory Affairs Committee
Hearing: Feb 1 @ 2:00 pm in HHR 5
2023-01-23 House House read second time
2023-01-19 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-19 House Assigned to House RA Committee
2023-01-19 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2517 Bill Title: Government documents; sex identification

Amends ARS Title 1, Chapter 5, Article 1 by adding Section 1-503 relating to state documents. Prohibits any agency, board, commission, or department of this state or a political subdivision of this state to use gender identifiers on documents other than male or female.

Primary sponsor: Rep. Parker

Major Actions:

2023-01-23 House House read second time
2023-01-19 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-19 House Assigned to House GOV Committee
2023-01-19 House Introduced in House and read first time

HB2249 Bill Title: Nursing care institutions; medical directors

Amends ARS Title 36, Chapter 4, Article 7 by adding Section 36-447.03 relating to nursing care institutions. Requires medical directors of nursing care institutions to be certified as medical director by the American Board of Post-acute and Long Term Care Medicine or equivalent organization within five years of contract start or initial hire.

Primary sponsor: Rep. Longdon

Major Actions:

2023-01-26 House House read second time
2023-01-25 House Assigned to House RULES Committee
2023-01-25 House Assigned to House HHS Committee



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