

ADVS State Veterans/Military Legislation Update

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

SB = Senate Bill

SCM = Senate Concurrent Memorial

SCR = Senate Concurrent Resolution

SR = Senate Resolution

HB = House Bill

HCM = House Concurrent Memorial

HCR = House Concurrent Resolution

HJR= House Joint Resolution

HR = House Resolution

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Senate Bills

SB 1036- union civil war memorial

Would authorize the building of a Union Civil War Memorial in Wesley Bolin Plaza at the State Capitol without the use of public monies. The State may not facilitate fund-raising for establish a fund for the monument.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Sylvia Allen, R-Dist. 6

Major Actions:

SB 1074- voter identification; VA; student identification

Would add a valid Veterans Administration health identification card issued by the VA and a valid accredited Arizona university or college identification card to ID currently legally used to vote.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Martin Quezada, D-Dist. 29, et al

Major Actions: 12 January 2016-First Read and assigned to Senate Public Safety, Military and Technology (PSMT) Committee, Senate Government Committee and Senate Judiciary Committee.

SB 1114- appropriations; veterans' services; veterans' home

Would appropriate \$10-million in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 to the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services for the State's 35% share of a veterans' home in Flagstaff.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Sylvia Allen, R-Dist. 6

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Major Actions: 14 January 2016-First Read and assigned to Senate Appropriations Committee and Senate Public Safety, Military and Technology (PSMT) Committee.

SB 1164- G&F; licenses; veterans

Would require Arizona Game & Fish to add a bonus point for honorably discharged veterans in the pool for hunting licenses.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Barbara McGuire, D-Dist. 8

Major Actions:

SB 1166- service animals; certification; registration; identification

Would require licensure and registration of service animals by a statewide or national organization that requires at least one year initial training and yearly testing to maintain certification of the animal. Also requires the animal wearing a vest bearing training information and the service animal handler must carry a photo ID of the animal. Would also allow public places to exclude service animals if the animal is out of control and the handler does not take effective action to control the animal and if the animal is not house broken.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Barbara McGuire, D-Dist. 8

Major Actions:

SB 1167- service animals; abuse; prohibited ownership

Would prohibit people convicted of the following offenses from adopting, fostering, owning or otherwise caring for a service animal: animal cruelty; recklessly leaving an animal in an automobile when possible harm may ensue; allowing a dog under a person's custody or control to interfere or harm a service animal; animal fighting; cockfighting; equine tripping.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Barbara McGuire, D-Dist. 8

Major Actions:

SB 1212- national guard; peace officers; appointment

Would permit the State Adjutant General to appoint a member of the Arizona National Guard to peace officer status those who have served as a law enforcement officer in any branch of service or as a special agent within the Department of Defense. Currently, only those who have been awarded a the Army military occupational specialty (MOS) as Military Police or Air Force specialty code as Security Police can be appointed. The appointed person must also complete a course of study prescribed by the Arizona peace officer standards and training board (POST).

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Steve Smith, R-Dist. 11

Major Actions: 21 January 2016-First Read and assigned to the Senate Public Safety, Military and Technology (PSMT) Committee.

SB 1213- adjutant general; national guard rules

Would make technical change to statute allowing the adjutant general to not only make rules, approved by the Governor, for the Department of Military and Emergency Affairs (DEMA) but also for the Arizona National Guard and make such rules effective upon approval by the Governor.

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Major Actions: 21 January 2016-First Read and assigned to the Senate Public Safety, Military and Technology (PSMT) Committee.

SB 1232- purple heart special plate parking

Would allow the State and local jurisdictions to create specially marked public parking places exclusively for Purple Heart plated vehicles.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Catherine Miranda, D-Dist. 27

Major Actions: 21 January 2016-First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation Committee. Tues, 26 Jan 2016-Hearing scheduled in Senate Transportation Committee, 2 pm, SHR 1.

SB 1233- Arizona minority veterans memorial

Would authorize the building of a memorial dedicated to the commemoration of Arizona minority veterans in Wesley Bolin Plaza at the State capitol.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Catherine Miranda, D-Dist. 27

Major Actions: 21 January 2016-First Read and assigned to the Senate Government Committee.

SCR 1002- purple heart state; day

Would declare Arizona a "Purple Heart State" and proclaim December 7, 2016 as Purple Heart Day in Arizona.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Sylvia Allen, R-Dist. 6

Major Actions:

SCR 1007- Arizona veteran family adoption; day

Would proclaim January 21, 2016 as "Arizona Veteran Family Adoption Program Day" in recognition of the mission to reduce the number of foster children in Arizona by matching them with loving and supportive veteran families.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Catherine Miranda, D-Dist. 27

Major Actions:

House Bills

HB 2009- veteran-owned businesses; procurement preference

Would require the Arizona Department of Administration to establish a goal of awarding 1.5% of State contracts to qualified veteran-owned businesses beginning 1 January 2017 and increasing 3% or more for every year after the first year and require the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services to establish a registry of veteran-owned businesses and verify the veteran status and eligibility of businesses seeking to be considered for the registry.

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A qualifying veteran-owned business is one that is at least 51-percent owned by at least one honorably discharged veteran receiving monthly combat-related special compensation. The qualifying veteran would have to control management and daily control of the business, and the home office of the business would have to be in Arizona and not a branch or subsidiary of a foreign company.

Except for construction contracts, a qualifying business would have to use at least 50% of the proceeds of the contract to pay for salaries.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Mark Cardenas, D-Dist. 19

Major Actions:

HB 2019- credited service; military service purchase

Would allow eligible military veterans enrolled in the State/public retirement system for at least five years instead of the current ten years to purchase up to 60 months of completed military service to count toward the public retirement.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. David Stevens, R-Dist. 14

Major Actions: 11 January 2016-First Read and assigned to House Government and Higher Education Committee and House Rules Committee. Thursday, 21 January 2016-Hearing scheduled in House Government and Higher Education Committee, 9 am, HHR 1. 21 Jan 2016-Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in the House Government and Higher Education Committee 8-0-1 not voting.

HB 2033- post-9/11 veteran education relief fund

Would create a Post 9/11 Veteran Education Relief Fund made of "private donations, grants, bequests, and any other monies" to provide, under certain conditions, financial tuition assistance to qualified veterans whose tuition assistance under the Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 has expired. Would create a committee appointed by the Governor to oversee the fund, under the administrative control of the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5, et al

Major Actions: 11 January 2016-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety (MAPS) Committee and House Rules Committee. Thursday, 21 January 2016-Hearing scheduled in House MAPS Committee, 9 am, HHR 5. 21 Jan 2016-Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in the House MAPS Committee, 9-0.

HB 2105- veterans with disabilities; benefits

Would allow Game and Fish to issue complimentary hunting and fishing licenses to veterans rated as at least 25% service-connected disabled; would charge no vehicle license tax or registration fee for veterans rated as at least 25% service-connected disabled; and would provide for free State park passes to veterans rated as at least 25% service-connected disabled.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Phil Lovas, R-Dist. 22

Major Actions: 13 January 2016-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety (MAPS) Committee.

HB 2153- VLT exemption; military members; spouses

Would eliminate the Vehicle License Tax on one vehicle owned by a spouse or surviving dependent of a U.S. military member killed in the line of duty or who died of injuries received in the line of duty.

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Major Actions: 21 January 2016-First Read and assigned to House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and House Rules Committee.

HB 2194- women veteran special plates

Would restrict sale of existing Women Veteran Special Plates to people who can prove they are veterans and/or an immediate family member of a person who has been issued the plate. Currently, monies from the sale of the plates goes into a special fund to benefit homeless women veterans.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Jonathan Larkin, D-Dist. 30, et al.

Major Actions:

HB 2195- unpaid leave; employee; military family

Would require employers provide up to two consecutive work weeks of unpaid leave if an employee makes a written request prior to the leave and has: 1) an immediate family member who is honorably discharged from the U. S. Armed Forces and served in a combat zone within the nine months prior to the family member's leave request or, 2) has an immediate family member currently on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and who served in a combat zone within 90 days prior to the family member's leave request.

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Jonathan Larkin, D-Dist. 30, et al.

Major Actions: 21 January 2016-First Read and assigned to House Commerce Committee and House Rules Committee.

HB 2216- technical correction; veterans

A bill making "technical corrections" to ARS 41-607 dealing with the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services. This bill is a "vehicle" bill, meaning it will be used for a "strike everything" amendment purpose unknown but likely unrelated to veterans.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Anthony Kern, R-Dist. 20

Major Actions:

HB 2323- Native American veterans; tax refund

Would appropriate \$1-million from the State General Fund for a Native American Veteran Income Tax Settlement Fund to reimburse Native American veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who were living within the boundaries of their or their spouse's tribal lands during active military service who may have been exempt from paying State income taxes but had State income taxes withheld from their military pay.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5., et al.

Major Actions: 21 Jan 2015-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety (MAPS) Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and House Rules Committee.

HB 2324- G&F; military spouses; resident licenses

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Would allow spouses of active military members stationed in Arizona to purchase Arizona resident hunting and fishing licenses.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Franklin Pratt, R-Dist. 8, et al.

Major Actions: 21 Jan 2015-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety (MAPS) Committee and House Rules Committee.

HB 2329- appropriations; veterans' services; veterans' home

A companion bill to SB 1114. Would appropriate \$10-million in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 to the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services for distribution to the City of Flagstaff for a veterans' home.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Brenda Barton, R-Dist. 6

Major Actions: 21 Jan 2015-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety (MAPS) Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and House Rules Committee.

HCM 2005- veterans' homes; tribal lands

A concurrent memorial urging the Congress of the United States to amend current federal law to allow VA construction cost reimbursement and per diem payments to tribal veterans' homes on tribal land. Currently, they are not eligible for such payments.

Primary Sponsors: Rep. Albert Hale, D-Dist. 7. ; et al.

Major Actions:

HCR 2001- Arizona veterans hall of fame

A concurrent resolution recognizing the Arizona Veterans' Hall of Fame. This Resolution passed the House but was not transmitted to the Senate in the 52nd Arizona Legislature, First Regular Session. Concurrent Resolutions must be passed by both Houses.

Primary Sponsors: Rep. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5. ; et al.

Major Actions: 19 January 2016-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety (MAPS) Committee and House Rules Committee. Thursday, 28 Jan 2016-Hearing scheduled in House (MAPS) Committee, 9 am, HHR 5.

HCR 2018- post-traumatic stress injury awareness day

A concurrent resolution proclaiming June 27, 2016 as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day in Arizona.

Primary Sponsors: Rep. Jay Lawrence, R-Dist. 23. ; et al.

Major Actions: 19 January 2016-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety (MAPS) Committee and House Rules Committee. Thursday, 28 Jan 2016-Hearing scheduled in House (MAPS) Committee, 9 am, HHR 5.

HCR 2025- purple heart state; day

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Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Bob Thorpe, R-Dist. 6

Major Actions: 19 January 2016-First Read and assigned to House Military Affairs and Public Safety (MAPS) Committee and House Rules Committee. **Thursday, 28 Jan 2016-Hearing scheduled in House (MAPS) Committee, 9 am, HHR 5.**