

ADVS State Veterans/Military Legislation Update

Final Report-2014

25 April 2014

**The Arizona Legislature adjourned Sine Die
Second Regular Session: 24 April 24 2014 1:46 a.m.**

Unless stated after the title, the general effective date of the bills in this report and signed by the Governor is 24 July 2014.

Inclusion of any legislation in this report does not constitute endorsement of that legislation by the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services.

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

**PSRMA=Public Safety, Military and Regulatory
Affairs Committee**

Bold red indicates latest action or final disposition.

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Bills that passed and their Legislative History

Senate Bills

SB 1040- leave of absence; auxiliary members **NOW: auxiliary members; leave of absence**

Will authorize leaves of absence for training purposes for public employees who are members of an "auxiliary of the Armed Forces of the United States" such as the Coast Guard Auxiliary or the Civil Air Patrol.

Original Sponsor: Sen. Nancy Barto, R-Dist. 15

Major Actions: 13 Jan 2014-First Read and assigned to the Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee, the Senate Government and Environment Committee, and the Senate Rules Committee. 27 Jan 2014-Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in Senate Government and Environment Committee, 5-1-1 not voting. 29 Jan 2014-Held in Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee.

4 Feb 2014-Melvin amendment limiting leave for public employees who are auxiliary members to 30 days in any two consecutive years was adopted. Given a "Do Pass Amended" recommendation by Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee 4-0-3 not voting. 5 Feb 2014-Reassigned to Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee for purpose of adding a "Strike Everything" amendment. 12 Feb 2014- Strike Everything amendment, same topic, adopted and bill given a "Do Pass Amended" recommendation in Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee 5-0-2 not

Pass Amended recommendation in Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee 6-0-2 not voting. 20 Feb 2014-Given a "Do Pass Amended" recommendation in Senate Committee of the Whole. 24 Feb 2014-Passed Senate 30-0 and transmitted to the House. 26 Feb 2014- First Read in House and assigned to the House PSMRA Committee and House Rules Committee. 12 March 2014-Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in House PSMRA Committee 6-0-2 not voting. 24 March 2014-Out of House Rules Committee 6-0-3 absent. 1 April 2014-Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in House Committee of the Whole. 16 April 2014- Passed House 59-0-1 not voting and returned to the Senate. Transmitted to the Governor. **17 April 2014- Signed by Governor. ACTION COMPLETED.**

SB 1099- Navajo code talkers' day

Will place in statute that each August 14th is Navajo Code Talkers' Day, not a legal holiday.

Original Sponsor: Sen. Carlyle Begay, D-Dist. 7; et al

Major Actions: 21 Jan 2014- First Read and assigned to Senate Government and Environment Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 17 Feb 2014-Given "Do Pass" recommendation in Senate Government and Environment Committee 7-0. 24 Feb 2014-Out of Senate Rules, placed on Consent Calendar. 27 Feb 2014-Passed Senate 30-0 and transmitted to the House. 5 March 2014-First Read in House and assigned to the House Government Committee and House Rules Committee. 18 March 2014-Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in House Government Committee 8-0-1 absent. 24 March 2014-Out of House Rules Committee 6-0-3 absent. 1 April 2014-Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in House Committee of the Whole. 17 April 2014-Passed House 57-0-3 not voting and returned to the Senate.

21 April 2014-Transmitted to the Governor. **23 April 2014-Signed by the Governor. ACTION COMPLETED.**

SB 1312- Vietnam veterans day

Will recognize each 29 March as "Vietnam Veterans Day" in Arizona, not a legal holiday. Would supersede a concurrent resolution passed in 2010 and place the recognition in statute so the Legislature does not have to pass such a bill each year to recognize the day. Twenty-nine March 1973 was the date that U.S. ground forces were removed from RVN under the Paris Peace Accords.

Original Sponsor: Sen. Al Melvin, R-Dist. 11

Major Actions: 3 Feb 2014-First Read and assigned to Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 12 Feb 2014- Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee 5-0-2 not voting. 17 Feb 2014-Out of Senate Rules and placed on Consent Calendar. 20 Feb 2014-Passed Senate 29-0-1 not voting and transmitted to the House. 25 Feb 2014- First Read in House and assigned to the House PSMRA Committee, House Appropriations Committee and House Rules Committee. 12 March 2014-Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in House PSMRA Committee 6-0-2 not voting. 19 March 2014-Given "Do Pass" recommendation in House Appropriations Committee 9-0-2 not voting. 2 April 2014-Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in House Committee of the Whole. 16 April 2014-Passed by House 59-0-1 not voting and returned to the Senate. Transmitted to the Governor. **17 April 2014-Signed by the Governor. ACTION COMPLETED.**

SB 1313- Arizona gold star military medal

Authorizes the creation of the Arizona Gold Star Military Medal to recognize and be awarded to Arizona servicemembers killed in the line of duty or in support of combat operations since Arizona became a state on 14 Feb 1912.

Original Sponsor: Sen. Al Melvin, R-Dist. 11

Major Actions: 3 Feb 2014-First Read and assigned to Senate Commerce, Energy and Military

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SB 1401- United States submarine memorial

Authorizes the building of a memorial dedicated to United States submarine veterans in Wesley Bolin Plaza at the State capitol.

Original Sponsor: Sen. Al Melvin, R-Dist. 11

Major Actions: 4 Feb 2014-First Read and assigned to Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 19 Feb 2014-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee 5-0-2 not voting. 26 Feb 2014- Out of Senate Rules. 27 Feb 2014- Given Do Pass Amended recommendation in Senate Committee of the Whole. Passed Senate 30-0 and transmitted to the House. 4 March 2014-First Read in House and assigned to House PSMRA Committee and House Rules Committee. 12 March 2014-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in House PSMRA Committee 6-0-2 not voting. 2 April 2014-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in House Committee of the Whole. 22 April 2014- Passed House 58-0-2 not voting and returned to the Senate. 23 April 2014- Transmitted to the Governor. **24 April 2014-Signed by Governor. ACTION COMPLETED.**

SCR 1008- commendation; Davis-Monthan air force base NOW: support; military installations

A concurrent resolution recognizing and commending the personnel of Tucson’s Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

Original Sponsor: Sen. Al Melvin, R-Dist. 11

Major Actions: 6 Feb 2014-First Read and assigned to Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 19 Feb 2014- A “Strike Everything” amendment to support all military installations in Arizona adopted in Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee, and given a “Do Pass Amended” recommendation 5-0-2 not voting. 5 Mar 2014-Given “Do Pass Amended” recommendation in Senate Committee of the Whole. 6 March 2014-Passed Senate 27-0-3 not voting and transmitted to the House. 11 March 2014-First Read in House and assigned to House PSMRA Committee and House Rules Committee. 19 March 2014-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in House PSMRA Committee 7-0-1 not voting. 2 April 2014-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in House Committee of the Whole. 17 April 2014- Passed House 58-0-2 not voting and returned to the Senate. **21 April 2014-Transmitted to the Secretary of State. ACTION COMPLETED.**

House Bills

HB 2103- concealed carry permit; qualifications

Authorizes DPS to issue concealed weapons permits to U.S. Citizens or residents of this state, 21 years old or older, OR at least 19 years old who provides evidence of current military service or proof of honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions from the United States

Original Sponsor: Rep. Kelly Townsend, R-Dist. 16, et al.

Major Actions: 22 Jan 2014-First Read and assigned to House PSMRA Committee and House Rules Committee. 5 Feb 2014-Given "Do Pass" recommendation in House PSMRA Committee 5-3. 3 March 2014-Out of House Rules 8-0-1 absent. 10 March 2014- Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in House Committee of the Whole. Passed House 39-18-3 not voting and transmitted to the Senate. 11 March 2014-First Read in Senate and assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 17 March 2014- Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in Senate Judiciary Committee 5-3-1 not voting. 2 April 2014- Consent Calendar. 15 April 2014- Passed by Senate 20-10 and returned to the House. 16 April 2014-Transmitted to the Governor. **17 April 2014-Signed by the Governor. ACTION COMPLETED.**

HB 2135- military affairs commission; continuation

Continues the Arizona Military Affairs Commission to 1 July 2022.

Original Sponsor: Rep. Darin Mitchell, R-Dist. 13, et al.

Major Actions: 22 Jan 2014-First Read and assigned to House PSMRA Committee and House Rules Committee. Wed, 29 Jan 2014-Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in House PSMRA Committee 8-0. 3 Feb 2014-Out of House Rules Committee 6-0-0-3. Placed on Consent Calendar. 11 Feb 2014-Passed House 59-0-1 not voting and transmitted to the Senate. 18 Feb 2014-First Read in Senate and assigned to Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 26 Feb 2014-Given "Do Pass" recommendation in Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee 5-0-2 not voting. 10 March 2014-Out of Senate Rules. 2 April 2014-Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in Senate Committee of the Whole. 9 April 2014-Passed Senate 30-0 and returned to the House. 10 April 2014-Transmitted to the Governor. **15 April 2014-Signed by the Governor. ACTION COMPLETED.**

HB 2150- empowerment scholarships; military families

Exempts children whose parent(s) or guardian(s) are Active Duty members of the United States Armed Forces from certain eligibility requirements of the empowerment scholarship account (ESA) program. Includes children whose military parent or guardian was killed in the line of duty in the definition of an ESA *qualified student*.

Original Sponsor: Rep. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5, et al.

Major Actions: 22 Jan 2014-First Read and assigned to House PSMRA Committee and House Rules Committee. 5 Feb 2014-Given "Do Pass" recommendation in House PSMRA Committee 5-3. 3 March 2014-Out of House Rules 8-0-1 absent. 10 March 2014- Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in House Committee of the Whole. Passed House 39-18-3 not voting and transmitted to the Senate. First Read in Senate and assigned to Senate Education Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 13 March 2014- Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in Senate Education Committee 5-1-3 not voting. 17 March 2014-Out of Senate Rules Committee. 15 April 2014-Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in Senate Committee of the Whole. 17 April 2014-Passed Senate 17-10-3 not voting and returned to the House. Transmitted to the Governor. **23 April 2014- Signed by the Governor. ACTION COMPLETED.**

HB 2204- military applicants; commercial driver licenses

Waives the driving test requirement for class A, B or C licenses for qualified applicants who can prove they were in a military position requiring operation of a commercial motor vehicle within the past 90 days prior to application. Requires applicant to show they were operating a vehicle representative of the commercial motor vehicle the driver applicant now operates or expects to operate, for at least the 2 years immediately preceding discharge from the military.

Original Sponsor: Rep. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5; Rep. Karen Fann, R-Dist. 1

Major Actions: 22 Jan 2014-First Read and assigned to House Transportation Committee and

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HB 2303- permits or tags; transfer; veterans

Permits the Department of Game and Fish to transfer a big game permit or tag from a person who wishes to a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who has a service connected disability.

Original Sponsor: Rep. Frank Pratt, R-Dist. 8; et al.

Major Actions: 22 Jan 2014-First Read and assigned to House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee and House Rules Committee. 27 Jan 2014-Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee, 8-0. 3 Feb 2014-Out of House Rules Committee 6-0-0-3 absent. Placed on Consent Calendar. 10 Feb 2014-Passed full House 57-3, transmitted to the Senate. 5 March 2014-First Read in Senate and assigned to Senate Natural Resources and Rural Affairs Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 12 March 2014- Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in Senate Natural Resources and Rural Affairs Committee 8-0-1 not voting. 17 March 2014-Out of Senate Rules Committee. 15 April 2014- Passed by Senate 30-0 and returned to the House. **16 April 2014- Transmitted to the Governor. Signed by the Governor. ACTION COMPLETED.**

HB 2311- military justice; courts martial

Revises provisions of the Arizona Code of Military Justice.

Original Sponsor: Rep. Justin Pierce, R-Dist. 25; Sen. David Bradley, D-Dist. 10

Major Actions: 28 Jan 2014-First Read and assigned to House PSMRA Committee and House Rules Committee. 5 Feb 2014-Technical amendment adopted and given "Do Pass Amended" recommendation in House PSMRA Committee 8-0. 17 Feb 2014-Out of House Rules 6-0-3 absent. 20 Feb 2014-Given "Do Pass Amended" recommendation in House Committee of the Whole. Passed House 59-0-1 not voting and transmitted to the Senate. 25 Feb 2014-First Read in Senate and assigned to the Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 5 March 2014- Given "Do Pass" recommendation in Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee 6-0-1 not voting. 17 March 2014-Out of Senate Rules Committee. 8 April 2014-Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in Senate Committee of the Whole. 17 April 2014-Passed Senate 17-10-3 not voting and returned to the House. Transmitted to the Governor. **22 April 2014- Signed by the Governor. ACTION COMPLETED.**

HB 2332- unclaimed remains; veterans; burial

Authorizes the holder of the unclaimed cremated remains of a verified veteran to turn them over for burial in a veteran cemetery to a congressionally chartered veteran service organization, a veteran organization recognized by the VA, or a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) charitable organization that is organized for the verification and burial of veterans.

Original Sponsor: Rep. Ethan Orr, R-Dist. 9; et al.

Major Actions: 22 Jan 2014-First Read and assigned to House PSMRA Committee and House Rules Committee. 12 Feb 2014-Technical amended adopted and given "Do Pass Amended" recommendation in House PSMRA Committee 7-0-1 not voting. 18 Feb 2014-Out of House Rules 8-0-1 absent. 27 Feb 2014- Given "Do Pass Amended" recommendation in House Committee of the

Whole. 4 March 2014-Passed House 54-1-5 not voting and transmitted to the Senate. 13 March 2014-First Read in Senate and assigned to Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 19 March 2014- Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee 5-0-2 not voting. 3 April 2014-Out of Senate Rules Committee. Consent Calendar. 15 April 2014- Passed by Senate 29-1 and returned to the House. 16 April 2014- Transmitted to the Governor. **17 April 2014- Signed by the Governor. ACTION COMPLETED.**

HB 2443- hunting and fishing licenses; military

Allows military members on permanent assignment or TDY in Arizona to immediately apply for hunting or fishing license. Currently, there is a 30 day waiting period for servicemembers permanently assigned here.

Original Sponsor: Rep. David Gowan, R-Dist. 14; et al.

Major Actions: 30 Jan 2014-First Read and assigned to House PSMRA Committee and House Rules Committee. 12 Feb 2014-Given “Do Pass” recommendation in House PSMRA Committee 8-0. 18 Feb 2014-Out of House Rules 8-0-1 absent. Placed on Consent Calendar. 25 Feb 2014- Passed House 59-0-1 not voting and transmitted to the Senate. 26 Feb 2014-First Read in Senate and assigned to the Senate Natural Resources and Rural Affairs Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 19 March 2014-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate Natural Resources and Rural Affairs Committee 5-0-4 not voting. 3 April 2014-Out of Senate Rules Committee. 10 April 2014- Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate Committee of the Whole. 16 April 2014- Passed Senate 29-0-1 not voting and returned to the House. Transmitted to the Governor. **17 April 2014- Signed by the Governor. ACTION COMPLETED.**

HB 2457- mental health; veterans courts; establishment

Authorizes the presiding judge of each county superior court to establish a *regional* veterans court. This would allow Justice of the Peace Courts as well as municipal courts in the county to transfer veterans cases to the regional veterans court.

Original Sponsor: Rep. Eddie Farnsworth, R-Dist. 12

Major Actions: 30 Jan 2014-First Read and assigned to House PSMRA Committee and House Rules Committee. 12 Feb 2014-Given “Do Pass” recommendation in House PSMRA Committee 8-0. 18 Feb 2014-Out of House Rules 8-0-1 absent. Placed on Consent Calendar. 25 Feb 2014-Passed House 59-0-1 not voting and transmitted to the Senate. 26 Feb 2014- First Read in Senate and assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 10 March 2014- Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate Judiciary Committee 7-0-2 not voting. 17 March 2014-Out of Senate Rules Committee. 8 April 2014-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate Committee of the Whole. 9 April 2014-Passed Senate 30 to 0 and returned to the House. 10 April 2014- Transmitted to the Governor. **15 April 2014- Signed by the Governor. ACTION COMPLETED.**

HB 2514- combat related special compensation **Retroactive effective date of 29 July 2010**

Prohibits courts from considering service-connected disability benefits for combat-related disabled veterans in divorce proceedings when deciding distribution of property or spousal maintenance. Current statute prohibits same for Title 38 disability.

Original Sponsor: Rep. Kelly Townsend, D-Dist. 16; Rep. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5; et al.

Major Actions: 5 Feb 2014-First Read and assigned to House Judiciary Committee and House Rules Committee. 20 Feb 2014- Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in House Judiciary Committee 8-0. 26 Feb 2014- Out of House Rules 8-0-2 not voting. 3 Mar 2014-Given “Do Pass” recommendation in House Committee of the Whole. 5 Mar 2014-Passed House 58-0-2 not voting and transmitted to the Senate. 11 March 2014-First Read in Senate and assigned to Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 19 March 2014-Given a “Do Pass” recommendation in Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee 4-0-3 not voting. 10 April 2014-Out of Senate Rules Committee. 21 April 2014- Melvin floor amendment adding a **retroactive effective date of 29**

July 2010 adopted and given a "Do Pass Amended" recommendation in Senate Committee of the Whole. 22 April 2014- Passed Senate 28-0-2 not voting and returned to the House. 23 April 2014- House concurred with Senate amendment and final passed 54-0-6 not voting. 24 April 2014- Transmitted to the Governor. **25 April 2014-Signed by the Governor. ACTION COMPLETED.**

HB 2537- pawnbrokers; interest; military members

Increases the interest pawnbrokers may charge from 8 to 13 % per month the first two months, but not more than 11% per month thereafter from the current 6%. Would also require pawnbrokers who receive copies of deployment orders for members of the Arizona National Guard, Active Duty or Reserve military to waive any unpaid interest charges and hold the pledged goods until 60 days after the military member returns from active duty service.

Original Sponsor: Rep. T. J. Shope, D-Dist. 8; Rep. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5; et al.

Major Actions: 3 Feb 2014- First Read and assigned to House Commerce Committee and House Rules Committee. 5 Feb 2014-Given "Do Pass" recommendation in House Commerce Committee 6-3. 10 Feb 2014-Out of House Rules 7-0-0-2. Placed on Consent Calendar. 13 Feb 2014-Retained on the calendar in Committee of the Whole House. 17 Feb 2014-Borrelli technical floor amendment removing "spouses" from benefiting adopted and given a "Do Pass" recommendation in Committee of the Whole House. 18 Feb 2014-Passed by House 38-22 and transmitted to the Senate. 19 Feb 2014- First Read in Senate and assigned to Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 5 March 2014- Given "Do Pass" recommendation in Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee 5-1-1 not voting. 17 March 2014-Out of Senate Rules Committee. 15 April 2014- Passed by Senate 22-8 and returned to the House. 16 April 2014-Transmitted to the Governor. **17 April 2014- Signed by the Governor. ACTION COMPLETED.**

HCM 2001-POWs; MIAs; congressional committee

A Concurrent Resolution urging the United States Congress to establish a select committee on POW and MIA affairs.

Original Sponsor:

Rep. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5; Rep. Paul Boyer, R-Dist. 20; Rep. Doris Goodale, R-Dist. 5; Sen. David Farnsworth, R-Dist.16.

Major Actions: 14 Jan 2014- First Read and assigned to House PSMRA Committee and House Rules Committee. 12 Feb 2014-Given "Do Pass" recommendation in House PSMRA Committee 8-0. 18 Feb 2014-Out of House Rules 8-0-1 absent. Placed on Consent Calendar. 25 Feb 2014- Passed House 59-0-1 not voting and transmitted to the Senate. 26 Feb 2014- First Read in Senate and assigned to Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee and Senate Rules Committee. 12 March 2014-Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in Senate Commerce, Energy and Military Committee 4-0-3 not voting. 17 March 2014-Out of Senate Rules Committee. 8 April 2014-Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in Senate Committee of the Whole. 15 April 2014- Passed by Senate 29-0-1 not voting and returned to the House. **16 April 2014-Transmitted to the Secretary of State. ACTION COMPLETED.**

HM 2001- agent orange exposure; Vietnam veterans

A House Memorial urging the U. S. Congress to restore the presumption of service connection between exposure to Agent Orange and subsequent illnesses contracted by Vietnam veterans.

Original Sponsor: Rep. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5; et al.

Major Actions: 28 Jan 2014-First Read and assigned to House PSMRA Committee and House Rules Committee. 5 Feb 2014-Given "Do Pass" recommendation in House PSMRA Committee 7-0-0-1. 17 Feb 2014- Placed on Consent Calendar. **18 Feb 2014- Passed House 60-0 and Transmitted to the Secretary of State. ACTION COMPLETED.**

HM 2002- burn pits; health risks; veterans

A House Memorial urging the U. S. Congress to recognize the significant health risks connected to open-air burn pit exposure. Deployed units will often dispose of hazardous materials by burning them in open-air pits exposing military personnel to the smoke, etc. generated by the burning.

Original Sponsor: Rep. Mark Cardenas, D-Dist.19; Rep. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5; et al.

Major Actions: 12 Feb 2014-First Read and assigned to House Health Committee. 19 Feb 2014- Given "Do Pass" recommendation House Health Committee 7-1. 3 March 2014-Out of House Rules 8-0-1 not voting. 10 March 2014- Given a "Do Pass" recommendation in House Committee of the Whole. **11 March 2014-Passed House 45-13-2 not voting and transmitted to the Secretary of State. ACTION COMPLETED.**

Bills Introduced but not surviving the process

SB 1328- state parks; disabled veteran's pass (NOW: property; valuation; renewable energy; equipment)

As introduced, would have allowed the Arizona State Parks Board to issue a disabled veteran's pass to all State parks in Arizona at no charge to Arizona veterans at least 30-percent service-connected disabled who have been resident for at least the past twelve months. Used as a vehicle bill for a "Strike Everything" amendment that changed the purpose of the bill.

Original Sponsor: Sen. Don Shooter, R-Dist. 13

Was stricken to turn it into a bill on renewable energy equipment evaluation.

SB 1332- military medal recipients; license plates

Would have created special Arizona license plates for recipients of the Bronze Star; the Silver Star; the Distinguished Service Cross; the Navy Cross; and the Air Force Cross.

Original Sponsor: Sen. Don Shooter, R-Dist. 13

Not heard in Senate committees.

SB 1480- transporting district conversion; schools (NOW) special license plates

As amended, would have authorized the creation of eight new special Arizona license plates including a "Fallen Hero" special license plate in honor of Pat Tillman with monies raised going to the Pat Tillman Foundation for a scholarship program to aid all veterans especially veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Original Sponsor: Sen. Gail Griffin, R-Dist. 14

Failed in Senate after being amended in House to make it a special license plate bill.

House Bills

HB 2038- state parks; disabled veterans' pass

Would have allowed the Arizona State Parks Board to issue a disabled veteran's pass to all State parks in Arizona at no charge to Arizona veterans at least 30-percent service-connected disabled who have been resident for at least the past twelve months

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Original Sponsor: Rep. Doris Goodale, R-Dist. 5

Not heard in House committees.

HB 2146- EMT certification requirements; military applicants

Would have allowed military training, including Reserve and National Guard training, in an Emergency Medical Technician position to completely or partially satisfy State licensing requirements

Original Sponsor: Rep. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5, et al.

Not heard in House committees.

HB 2147- veterans; hiring; tax credit

Would have allowed businesses a tax credit for hiring honorably discharged veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States, who is collecting unemployment at the time of hire, whose job will pay at least the median annual Arizona wage. Credit will be allowed in the first year or partial year of veteran employment. Excludes employer's relatives. Credit would be allowed as lowest of: Ten percent of salary paid during taxable year; \$2,000 per veteran employee; \$4,000 if veteran employee is an honorably separated veteran who served on active duty in the armed forces at any time and who has a service-connected disability or is receiving compensation or disability retirement benefits under laws administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard or United States Public Health Service shall be given a ten point preference in hiring.

Original Sponsor: Rep. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5, et al.

Not heard in House committees.

HB 2177- appropriation; veterans' services; supportive campuses

Would have appropriated \$500,000 to the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services "to establish supportive campuses and to provide resources for veteran benefits counselors". Was meant to be a vehicle bill for a "Strike Everything" amendment that was not offered.

Original Sponsor: Rep. Ethan Orr, R-Dist. 9

Not heard in House committees.

HB 2189- Arizona state militia; age

Would have eliminated the upper age cut-off for membership in the Arizona State militia. Also specified that all "able bodied citizens of the State", over 18 years of age and capable of bearing arms are members of the militia.

Original Sponsor: Rep. Carl Seel, R-Dist. 20

Not heard in House committees.

HB 2190- citizens' marksmanship training program; fund

Would have established the Arizona Citizens' Marksmanship Program to provide firearms training to citizens eligible for membership in the Arizona State Guard and creates a fund comprised of donations and administered by the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA). DEMA would also have the authority to sell firearms and other equipment to promote firearms training.

Original Sponsor: Rep. Carl Seel, R-Dist. 20

Not heard in House committees.

HB 2208- Navajo veterans' housing; appropriation

Would have appropriated \$929,500 to the Navajo Nation for the completion and operation of the Navajo veteran housing project.

Original Sponsor: Rep. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5; Rep. Albert Hale, R-Dist. 7; et al.

Not heard in all House committees to which it was assigned.

HB 2308- tax exemption; veterans; military pensions

Would have exempted the full amount of an honorably discharged veteran's pension/retired pay from Arizona State income tax.

Original Sponsor: Rep. Justin Pierce, R-Dist. 25; Sen. David Bradley, D-Dist. 10

Not heard in House committees.

HB 2402- military retirees; pension exclusion amount

Would have exempted \$3,000 of military retirement/pension from Arizona State income tax in lieu of the current \$2,500 deduction.

Original Sponsor: Rep. David Stevens, R-Dist. 14; et al.

Not heard in House committees.

HB 2475- tax credits; veterans

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

Would also have established a tax credit up to \$2,400 for each honorably discharged unemployed veteran who is not a family member hired by a taxpayer for a maximum of \$150,000.

Original Sponsor: Rep. Mark Cardenas, D-Dist. 12; Rep. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5; et al.

Not heard in Senate.

HB 2499- separating service members; professional licenses

Would have allowed the state to issue a professional license or certification to an honorably discharged veteran if the veteran holds a license or certification at the same level from another state and has separated from the Armed Forces in the preceding 90 days.

Original Sponsor: Rep. Ruben Gallego, D-Dist. 27; Rep. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5; et al.

Not heard in House committees.

HB 2500- professional licensure; reciprocity; military spouses

Would have required a license or certificate to be issued to the spouse of an Active Duty military

would have required a license or certificate to be issued to the spouse of an Active Duty military member within 72 hours after application if a criminal background check is not required and within 120 hours after application if a criminal background check is required if the person is currently licensed or certified at the same level in another state. **Conflicted with HB 2499 above in that they attempt to do two different things in the same existing statute.**

Original Sponsor: Rep. Ruben Gallego, D-Dist. 27; Rep. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5; et al.

Not heard in House committees.

HB 2569- auto title loans; military members

Would have required the Superintendent of Financial Institutions to enforce P.L. 109-364; 120 STAT. 2083; 10 USC Section 987, regarding loans to military members.

Original Sponsor: Rep. Debbie McCune Davis, D-Dist. 30; et al.

Not heard in House committees.

HB 2604- military members; auto title loans

Would also have required the Superintendent of Financial Institutions to enforce P.L. 109-364; 120 STAT. 2083; 10 USC Section 987, regarding loans to military members.

Original Sponsor: Rep. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5; et al.

Not heard in House committees.

HB 2646- veterans; home buyers; grants; appropriation

Would have appropriated \$1-million from the housing trust fund administered by the Arizona Department of Housing for one-time \$5,000 grants to first time home buying Arizona veterans buying a home in Arizona and who listed Arizona as their home of record when they first entered military service.

Original Sponsor: Rep. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5; et al.

Withdrawn by sponsor.

NOTE: AZ Dept. of Housing reached agreement with sponsor. The AzHFA Board of Directors are changing their Home Plus Mortgage Loan Program to increase the closing cost assistance for military personnel to 5% (it's currently 4% for all other applicants). This mirrors what Maricopa County does for military personnel. This does not require any legislation or use of Housing Trust Fund dollars which are already stretched to the limit.

HCM 2002-Navajo code talker trail; highway

A concurrent resolution urging the Arizona Department of Transportation to designate the portion of Interstate 40 between New Mexico and Flagstaff as "The Navajo Code Talker Trail".

Original Sponsor:

Rep. Jamescita Peshlakai, R-Dist. 7; et al.

Not heard in House committees.

HCM 2003-Native American code talker highway

A concurrent resolution urging the Arizona Department of Transportation to designate the portion of State Highway 264 between Tuba City and Window Rock as "Native American Code Talker Highway".

Original Sponsor:

Original Sponsor:
Rep. Jamescita Peshlakai, R-Dist. 7; et al.

Not heard in House committees.

HCM 2004-Native American women veterans highway

A concurrent resolution urging the Arizona Department of Transportation to designate the portion of US Route 160 between New Mexico and the junction of US Route 89 as the “Native American Women Veteran Highway”.

Original Sponsor:
Rep. Jamescita Peshlakai, R-Dist. 7; et al.

Not heard in House committees.

HCM 2005-Native American veterans highway

A concurrent resolution urging the Arizona Department of Transportation to designate the portion of US Route 89 located between Utah and Flagstaff as the “Native American Veterans Highway”.

Original Sponsor:
Rep. Jamescita Peshlakai, R-Dist. 7; et al.

Not heard in House committees.

HCR 2010- state militia; age requirement

Proposing an amendment to Article XVI, Section 1, Arizona Constitution to eliminate the upper age limit for membership in the Arizona State militia. Currently, the upper age limit is 45 years old. This change would make all residents older than 18 who are “capable of bearing arms” members of the militia.

Original Sponsor: Rep. Carl Seel, R-Dist. 20

Not heard in House committees.

HCR 2023- month of the military child

Would have proclaimed April 2014 as the “Month of the Military Child” to increase awareness about the plight of military children and to show support for military children by asking all Arizonans to wear the color purple on 15 April 2014.

Original Sponsor: Rep. Kate Brophy McGee, R-Dist.28; Rep. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5; et al.

Became a House Proclamation which was signed by Speaker and read on floor.