

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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## **Veteran Legislation**

The military and veteran community is advocating for legislative changes to assist our nation's warriors once they are no longer on active duty.

The following are some specific areas we are advocating for change:

### **Homelessness**

On any given night, more than 57,000 Veterans are without shelter and lack basic healthcare.

### **Rural Veterans**

Nearly 40% of enrolled Veterans live in areas that are considered rural, where community hospices and VA palliative care programs are not readily available.

### **Substance Abuse Disorder**

Veterans aged 18 to 25 are more likely than older Veterans to have higher rates of substance abuse disorder.

### **Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder**

The United States National Comorbidity Survey Replication (NCS-R), conducted between February 2001 and April 2003, found that the estimated lifetime prevalence of PTSD among Vietnam Veterans was 30.9% for men and 26.9% for women. Our veterans of OEF/OIF are at a higher prevalence. PTSD is the leading cause of 22 veteran suicides a day.

### **Sexual Trauma**

About 1 in 5 women and 1 in 100 men seen in VA facilities respond "yes" when screened for military sexual trauma.

### **Native American Veterans**

Native American Veterans have lower incomes, lower educational attainment, and higher unemployment than Veterans of other races.

While we primarily focus on these issues in Arizona, we do advocate on a Federal level as well.

Semper Fi.

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## MILITARY AND VETERAN LEGISLATION

### Posted Calendars and Committee Hearings

- H2096: SECURITY GUARD REGISTRATION; DISCHARGED VETERANS  
*Calendar:*[2/12 House COW Consent](#)  
*Calendar:*[2/13 House COW](#)
- H2341: SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; VETERANS; DESIGN  
*Hearing:*[House Military & Veterans Affairs](#) (Monday 02/17/20 at 2:00 PM, House Rm. 3) 🗣️
- H2342: VETERANS; SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; DESIGN  
*Hearing:*[House Military & Veterans Affairs](#) (Monday 02/17/20 at 2:00 PM, House Rm. 3) 🗣️
- H2384: VLT AND REGISTRATION FEE EXEMPTIONS  
*Hearing:*[House Military & Veterans Affairs](#) (Monday 02/17/20 at 2:00 PM, House Rm. 3) 🗣️
- H2393: APPROPRIATION; CHINLE VETERANS NURSING HOME  
*Hearing:*[House Military & Veterans Affairs](#) (Monday 02/17/20 at 2:00 PM, House Rm. 3) 🗣️
- H2820: APPROPRIATION; VETERANS; KITCHEN; MEALS; TRAINING  
*Hearing:*[House Military & Veterans Affairs](#) (Monday 02/17/20 at 2:00 PM, House Rm. 3) 🗣️
- HM2002: MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA; SERVICEMEMBERS  
*Hearing:*[House Military & Veterans Affairs](#) (Monday 02/17/20 at 2:00 PM, House Rm. 3) 🗣️
- S1022: TECH CORRECTION; VETERANS; CONSERVATORSHIP  
*Hearing:*[Senate Transportation & Public Safety](#) (Wednesday 02/19/20 at 9:30 AM, Senate Rm. 109) 🗣️
- S1237: VETERANS; INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION; INCREASE  
*Calendar:*[2/12 Senate Consent](#)
- S1238: RECORDER'S FEES; MILITARY DISCHARGE DOCUMENTS  
*Calendar:*[2/13 Senate COW](#)

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### House

	Awaits House Comms	Passed House, TO SEN	Cleared Senate Comms	Passed Senate, TO GOV	Senate Amended, TO HSE	House Concur, TO GOV	House Refused, TO CONF	Conf Bill Passed, TO GOV	Final Status
H2035									
APPROPRIATION; VETERANS; SERVICES; BENEFITS COUNSELORS									
H2086									
TUITION WAIVER; MILITARY; VETERANS; FAMILY									
H2096									
SECURITY GUARD REGISTRATION; DISCHARGED VETERANS									
H2135									
VETERAN SUICIDES; ANNUAL REPORT									
H2139									
APPROPRIATION; VETERANS' SERVICES; BENEFITS COUNSELORS									
H2216									
TECHNICAL CORRECTION; VETERANS									
H2220									
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION; VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS									
H2288									
STATE LICENSING; FEE WAIVER									
H2341									
SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; VETERANS; DESIGN									
H2342									
VETERANS; SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; DESIGN									
H2690									
STATE AGENCIES; VETERANS STATUS; INQUIRY									
H2731									
TUITION WAIVERS; ROTC PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION									
H2820									
APPROPRIATION; VETERANS; KITCHEN; MEALS; TRAINING									
HCR2009									
VETERANS; DISABILITY; PROPERTY VALUATION PROTECTION									
HM2002									
MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA; SERVICEMEMBERS									

### Senate

	Awaits Senate Comms	Passed Senate, TO HSE	Cleared House Comms	Passed House, TO GOV	House Amended, TO SEN	Senate Concur, TO GOV	Senate Refused, TO CONF	Conf Bill Passed, TO GOV	Final Status
S1022									
TECH CORRECTION; VETERANS; CONSERVATORSHIP									
S1044									
VETERANS' SERVICES; BENEFITS COUNSELORS; APPROPRIATION									



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- S1094 [REDACTED]  
VEHICLE ACCIDENTS; FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY VERIFICATION
- S1112 [REDACTED]  
VETERANS' HOME FACILITY; MOHAVE COUNTY
- S1115 [REDACTED]  
VETERANS OF OVERSEAS CONFLICTS PLATES
- S1181 [REDACTED]  
FORT DEFIANCE VETERANS CEMETERY; APPROPRIATION
- S1182 [REDACTED]  
LUKACHUKAI VETERANS' MULTIPURPOSE COMPLEX; APPROPRIATION
- S1185 [REDACTED]  
TRIBAL NATIONS; VETERANS' SERVICES; APPROPRIATION
- S1187 [REDACTED]  
NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS; TAX SETTLEMENT
- S1237 [REDACTED]  
VETERANS; INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION; INCREASE
- S1238 [REDACTED]  
RECORDER'S FEES; MILITARY DISCHARGE DOCUMENTS
- S1245 [REDACTED]  
TECH CORRECTION; MILITARY JUSTICE

**Bill Summaries**

**H2035: APPROPRIATION; VETERANS; SERVICES; BENEFITS COUNSELORS [Support]**

Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$1.2 million from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Department of Veterans' Services to hire additional benefits counselors.

First sponsor: Rep. Andrade (D - Dist 29)

Others: Rep. Bolding (D - Dist 27), Rep. Cano (D - Dist 3), Rep. DeGrazia (D - Dist 10), Rep. Engel (D - Dist 10), Rep. Epstein (D - Dist 18), Rep. Fernandez (D - Dist 4), Rep. Friese (D - Dist 9), Rep. Gabaldon (D - Dist 2), Rep. Jermaine (D - Dist 18), Rep. Longdon (D - Dist 24), Rep. Pawlik (D - Dist 17), Rep. Powers Hannley (D - Dist 9), Rep. Rodriguez (D - Dist 27), Rep. Salman (D - Dist 26), Rep. Teller (D - Dist 7), Rep. Terán (D - Dist 30)

Categories: Veterans Affairs

H2035 Daily History	Date	Action
APPROPRIATION; VETERANS; SERVICES; BENEFITS COUNSELORS	1/21	referred to House mil-vet, appro.

**H2086: TUITION WAIVER; MILITARY; VETERANS; FAMILY [Amend]**

The Arizona Board of Regents and community college districts are required to provide a tuition and fee waiver scholarship at any university under ABOR jurisdiction or community college under district jurisdiction to a member or former member of the U.S. Armed Forces who resides in Arizona, entered the service at a location in Arizona, declared Arizona as the person's home of record at the time the person entered service, and who meets other specified requirements, including for length of service or disability rating, or to that person's child or spouse. Other scholarship requirements are specified, including a cumulative limit of 150 credit hours.

First sponsor: Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6)

Categories: Veterans Affairs

**Single List Comments:**

Needs to be amended to a 30% threshold

H2086 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill within the requested time frame.		

**H2096: SECURITY GUARD REGISTRATION; DISCHARGED VETERANS [Neutral]**

Before the required background screening for a security guard registration applicant are complete, the Department of Public Safety is authorized to issue a 30-day security guard registration certificate or a 30-day armed security guard registration certificate to an applicant who is an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. military.

First sponsor: Rep. Lawrence (R - Dist 23)

Categories: Veterans Affairs



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H2096 Daily History	Date Action
SECURITY GUARD REGISTRATION; DISCHARGED VETERANS	2/13 House COW approved with sub floor amend #4231.
SECURITY GUARD REGISTRATION; DISCHARGED VETERANS	2/11 from House rules okay.
SECURITY GUARD REGISTRATION; DISCHARGED VETERANS	1/28 from House mil-vet with amend #4021.
SECURITY GUARD REGISTRATION; DISCHARGED VETERANS	1/27 House mil-vet amended; report awaited.
SECURITY GUARD REGISTRATION; DISCHARGED VETERANS	1/13 referred to House mil-vet.

### **H2135: VETERAN SUICIDES; ANNUAL REPORT [Support]**

Information that the Department of Health Services must include in the annual report on veteran suicides is expanded to include utilization and encounter data for a nonprofit veterans' services organization that provides services related to reducing suicides among Arizona's military and veteran populations.

First sponsor: Rep. Lawrence (R - Dist 23)

Categories: Veterans Affairs

H2135 Daily History	Date Action
VETERAN SUICIDES; ANNUAL REPORT	2/6 passed House 60-0; ready for Senate.
VETERAN SUICIDES; ANNUAL REPORT	2/3 from House rules okay.
VETERAN SUICIDES; ANNUAL REPORT	1/28 from House mil-vet do pass.
VETERAN SUICIDES; ANNUAL REPORT	1/27 House mil-vet do pass; report awaited.
VETERAN SUICIDES; ANNUAL REPORT	1/16 referred to House mil-vet.

### **H2139: APPROPRIATION; VETERANS' SERVICES; BENEFITS COUNSELORS [Support]**

Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$1.2 million from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Department of Veterans' Services to hire additional benefits counselors.

First sponsor: Rep. Lawrence (R - Dist 23)

Categories: Veterans Affairs

H2139 Daily History	Date Action
APPROPRIATION; VETERANS' SERVICES; BENEFITS COUNSELORS	2/13 from House appro with amend #4196.
APPROPRIATION; VETERANS' SERVICES; BENEFITS COUNSELORS	2/12 House appro amended; report awaited.
APPROPRIATION; VETERANS' SERVICES; BENEFITS COUNSELORS	2/5 House appro held.
APPROPRIATION; VETERANS' SERVICES; BENEFITS COUNSELORS	1/28 from House mil-vet do pass.
APPROPRIATION; VETERANS' SERVICES; BENEFITS COUNSELORS	1/27 House mil-vet do pass; report awaited.
APPROPRIATION; VETERANS' SERVICES; BENEFITS COUNSELORS	1/21 referred to House mil-vet, appro.

### **H2216: TECHNICAL CORRECTION; VETERANS [Monitor]**

Minor change in Title 41 (State Government) related to the Department of Veterans' Services. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: Rep. Finchem (R - Dist 11)

Categories: Veterans Affairs

H2216 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill within the requested time frame.		

### **H2220: PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION; VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS [Support]**



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Property owned by a U.S. veterans' organization that qualifies as a charitable organization and that is recognized under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code is exempt from taxation if the property is used predominantly for those purposes and is not used or held for profit. Effective January 1, 2021.

First sponsor: Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14)

Categories: Veterans Affairs

H2220 Daily History	Date Action
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION; VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS 1/16 referred to ways-means.	

### **H2288: STATE LICENSING; FEE WAIVER [Support]**

The list of persons that state agencies are required to waive any initial license fee charged for, with some exceptions, is expanded to include any active duty military service member and the member's spouse and any veteran.

First sponsor: Rep. Barto (R - Dist 15)

Others: Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6), Sen. Borrelli (R - Dist 5), Rep. Carroll (R - Dist 22), Rep. Dunn (R - Dist 13), Sen. Kerr (R - Dist 13), Rep. Lawrence (R - Dist 23), Rep. Nutt (R - Dist 14)

Categories: Veterans Affairs

H2288 Daily History	Date Action
STATE LICENSING; FEE WAIVER 2/6 passed House 60-0; ready for Senate.	
STATE LICENSING; FEE WAIVER 2/3 from House rules okay.	
STATE LICENSING; FEE WAIVER 1/28 from House mil-vet do pass.	
STATE LICENSING; FEE WAIVER 1/27 House mil-vet do pass; report awaited.	
STATE LICENSING; FEE WAIVER 1/22 referred to House mil-vet.	

### **H2341: SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; VETERANS; DESIGN [Neutral]**

The Department of Transportation is required to issue veterans of overseas conflicts special license plates if a person pays \$32,000 in start-up costs by December 31, 2020. The plates are required to have a standard design with one three-inch square set aside for a logo or message and one area on the bottom of the plate for a message. Of the \$25 annual fee, \$8 is an administrative fee and \$17 is a donation to the newly established Veterans of Overseas Conflicts Special Plate Fund, to be allocated to a 501(c)(19) organization that is located in Arizona, that services veterans, the military and the community, and that meets other specified requirements.

First sponsor: Rep. Andrade (D - Dist 29)

Others: Rep. Campbell (R - Dist 1), Rep. Friese (D - Dist 9), Rep. Lawrence (R - Dist 23)

Categories: SMRO, Veterans Affairs

H2341 Daily History	Date Action
SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; VETERANS; DESIGN 2/6 referred to House mil-vet.	

### **H2342: VETERANS; SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; DESIGN [Neutral]**

The Department of Transportation is required to issue veterans of overseas conflicts auxiliary special license plates if a person pays \$32,000 in start-up costs by December 31, 2020. The plates are required to have a standard design with one three-inch square set aside for a logo or message and one area on the bottom of the plate for a message. Of the \$25 annual fee, \$8 is an administrative fee and \$17 is a donation to the newly established Veterans of Overseas Conflicts Special Plate Fund, to be allocated to a 501(c)(19) organization that is located in Arizona,





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that serves women veterans, women active duty personnel, and their families, and that meets other specified requirements.

First sponsor: Rep. Andrade (D - Dist 29)

Others: Rep. Campbell (R - Dist 1), Rep. Friese (D - Dist 9), Rep. Lawrence (R - Dist 23)

Categories: SMRO, Veterans Affairs

H2342 Daily History	DateAction
VETERANS; SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; DESIGN 2/6 referred to House mil-vet.	

### **H2690: STATE AGENCIES; VETERANS STATUS; INQUIRY [Monitor]**

All state agencies, boards, commissions or other administrative units of the state are required to ask every individual at the initial point of service with that individual and to print on each application form the question "Have you or a family member ever served in the military?" Effective January 1, 2021.

First sponsor: Rep. Andrade (D - Dist 29)

Others: Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist 5), Rep. Blanc (D - Dist 26), Rep. Bowers (R - Dist 25), Rep. Butler (D - Dist 28), Rep. Campbell (R - Dist 1), Rep. Cano (D - Dist 3), Rep. Carroll (R - Dist 22), Rep. Chavez (D - Dist 29), Rep. Cobb (R - Dist 5), Rep. DeGrazia (D - Dist 10), Rep. Dunn (R - Dist 13), Rep. Engel (D - Dist 10), Rep. Grantham (R - Dist 12), Rep. A. Hernandez (D - Dist 3), Rep. D. Hernandez (D - Dist 2), Rep. Jermaine (D - Dist 18), Rep. Lawrence (R - Dist 23), Rep. Lieberman (D - Dist 28), Rep. Meza (D - Dist 30), Rep. Nutt (R - Dist 14), Rep. Pawlik (D - Dist 17), Rep. Powers Hannley (D - Dist 9), Rep. Rivero (R - Dist 21), Rep. Salman (D - Dist 26), Rep. Shah (D - Dist 24), Rep. Teller (D - Dist 7), Rep. Terán (D - Dist 30), Rep. Toma (R - Dist 22), Rep. Townsend (R - Dist 16), Rep. Weninger (R - Dist 17)

Categories: Veterans Affairs

H2690 Daily History	Date Action
STATE AGENCIES; VETERANS STATUS; INQUIRY 2/11 from House mil-vet with amend #4137.	
STATE AGENCIES; VETERANS STATUS; INQUIRY 2/10 House mil-vet amended; report awaited.	
STATE AGENCIES; VETERANS STATUS; INQUIRY 2/3 referred to House mil-vet.	

### **H2731: TUITION WAIVERS; ROTC PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION [Monitor]**

The Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) is required to provide a tuition waiver scholarship at any university under ABOR jurisdiction to any person who participates in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program at that university and who demonstrates financial need. If ABOR determines in any year that there are insufficient monies available to offer a full tuition waiver scholarship to each person who receives a tuition waiver scholarship under this section, ABOR is required to distribute the available tuition waiver scholarship monies on a prorated basis. Appropriates \$5 million from the general fund in FY2020-21 to ABOR to provide the scholarships.

First sponsor: Rep. Espinoza (D - Dist 19)

Categories: Veterans Affairs

H2731 Daily History	DateAction
TUITION WAIVERS; ROTC PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION 2/4 referred to House educ, appro.	

### **H2820: APPROPRIATION; VETERANS; KITCHEN; MEALS; TRAINING [Support]**



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Appropriates \$300,000 from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Department of Veterans' Services to award a grant to a nonprofit organization that provides housing, nutrition and other services to military veterans and their families in Arizona to purchase a factory-built kitchen, provide healthy meals of the appropriate portion size to military veterans, and develop a culinary training and placement program for military veterans.

First sponsor: Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14)

Categories: Veterans Affairs

H2820 Daily History	Date Action
APPROPRIATION; VETERANS; KITCHEN; MEALS; TRAINING 2/12 referred to House mil-vet, appro.	

### **HCR2009: VETERANS; DISABILITY; PROPERTY VALUATION PROTECTION [Support]**

The 2020 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to allow an Arizona resident who is a "veteran" (defined) with a service-connected disability of 50 percent or greater or who qualifies for individual employability by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to apply to the county assessor for a veteran property valuation protection option on the person's primary residence, beginning with tax year 2021. Other qualification requirements, including maximum income amounts, and application procedures for the protection are specified.

First sponsor: Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist 5)

Categories: Veterans Affairs

HCR2009 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill within the requested time frame.		

### **HM2002: MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA; SERVICEMEMBERS [Support]**

The Legislature urges the U.S. Congress to support the survivors of military sexual assault through funding and gender-specific health transition training, and to provide funding to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for extensive outreach to those servicemembers separating from the Armed Forces and provide continued funding for modernization of Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense health records.

First sponsor: Rep. Andrade (D - Dist 29)

Others: Rep. J. Allen (R - Dist 15), Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist 5), Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6), Rep. Blanc (D - Dist 26), Rep. Bolding (D - Dist 27), Rep. Bolick (R - Dist 20), Rep. Bowers (R - Dist 25), Rep. Butler (D - Dist 28), Rep. Campbell (R - Dist 1), Rep. Cano (D - Dist 3), Rep. Carroll (R - Dist 22), Rep. Chavez (D - Dist 29), Rep. Cobb (R - Dist 5), Rep. DeGrazia (D - Dist 10), Rep. Dunn (R - Dist 13), Rep. Engel (D - Dist 10), Rep. Epstein (D - Dist 18), Rep. Espinoza (D - Dist 19), Rep. Fernandez (D - Dist 4), Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16), Rep. Friese (D - Dist 9), Rep. Gabaldon (D - Dist 2), Rep. Grantham (R - Dist 12), Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14), Rep. A. Hernandez (D - Dist 3), Rep. D. Hernandez (D - Dist 2), Rep. Jermaine (D - Dist 18), Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23), Rep. Kern (R - Dist 20), Rep. Lawrence (R - Dist 23), Rep. Lieberman (D - Dist 28), Rep. Longdon (D - Dist 24), Rep. Meza (D - Dist 30), Rep. Nutt (R - Dist 14), Rep. Osborne (R - Dist 13), Rep. Pawlik (D - Dist 17), Rep. Peten (D - Dist 4), Rep. Powers Hannley (D - Dist 9), Rep. Rivero (R - Dist 21), Rep. Roberts (R - Dist 11), Rep. Rodriguez (D - Dist 27), Rep. Salman (D - Dist 26), Rep. Shah (D - Dist 24), Rep. Shope (R - Dist 8), Rep. Sierra (D - Dist 19), Rep. Teller (D - Dist 7), Rep. Thorpe (R - Dist 6), Rep. Toma (R - Dist 22), Rep. Townsend (R - Dist 16), Rep. Tsosie (D - Dist 7), Rep. Udall (R - Dist 25)

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HM2002 Daily History	Date Action
MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA; SERVICEMEMBERS 2/6	referred to House mil-vet.

### **S1022: TECH CORRECTION; VETERANS; CONSERVATORSHIP [Monitor]**

Minor change in Title 41 (State Government) related to the Department of Veterans' Services. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: Sen. Brophy McGee (R - Dist 28)

Categories: Veterans Affairs

S1022 Daily History	Date Action
TECH CORRECTION; VETERANS; CONSERVATORSHIP 2/11	further referred to Senate trans-pub safety.
TECH CORRECTION; VETERANS; CONSERVATORSHIP 1/13	referred to Senate rules.

### **S1044: VETERANS' SERVICES; BENEFITS COUNSELORS; APPROPRIATION [Support]**

Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$474,200 from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Department of Veterans' Services to hire six additional benefits counselors. At least two of the additional benefits counselors must be located in Apache, Coconino or Navajo county. AS PASSED SENATE.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

Categories: Veterans Affairs

S1044 Daily History	Date Action
VETERANS' SERVICES; BENEFITS COUNSELORS; APPROPRIATION 2/4	passed Senate <u>30-0</u> ; ready for House.
VETERANS' SERVICES; BENEFITS COUNSELORS; APPROPRIATION 2/3	Senate COW approved with amend <u>#4002</u> .
VETERANS' SERVICES; BENEFITS COUNSELORS; APPROPRIATION 1/22	from Senate appro with amend <u>#4006</u> .
VETERANS' SERVICES; BENEFITS COUNSELORS; APPROPRIATION 1/21	Senate appro amended; report awaited.
VETERANS' SERVICES; BENEFITS COUNSELORS; APPROPRIATION 1/15	from Senate trans-pub safety with amend <u>#4002</u> .
VETERANS' SERVICES; BENEFITS COUNSELORS; APPROPRIATION 1/15	Senate trans-pub safety amended; report awaited.
VETERANS' SERVICES; BENEFITS COUNSELORS; APPROPRIATION 1/13	referred to Senate appro, trans-pub safety.

### **S1112: VETERANS' HOME FACILITY; MOHAVE COUNTY [Support]**

Appropriates \$25 million from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Department of Veterans' Services to construct and establish a veterans' home facility in Mohave county. Emergency clause.

First sponsor: Sen. Borrelli (R - Dist 5)

Others: Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist 5), Rep. Cobb (R - Dist 5), Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8), Sen. Fann (R - Dist 1), Rep. Finchem (R - Dist 11), Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14), Sen. Kerr (R - Dist 13), Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

Categories: Veterans Affairs

S1112 Daily History	Date Action
VETERANS' HOME FACILITY; MOHAVE COUNTY 2/3	passed Senate <u>27-2</u> ; ready for House.
VETERANS' HOME FACILITY; MOHAVE COUNTY 1/30	Senate COW approved with amend <u>#4005</u> .
VETERANS' HOME FACILITY; MOHAVE COUNTY 1/22	from Senate appro with amend <u>#4005</u> .
VETERANS' HOME FACILITY; MOHAVE COUNTY 1/21	Senate appro amended; report awaited.
VETERANS' HOME FACILITY; MOHAVE COUNTY 1/13	referred to Senate appro.



**S1115: VETERANS OF OVERSEAS CONFLICTS PLATES [Neutral]**

The Department of Transportation is required to issue veterans of overseas conflicts special license plates if a person pays \$32,000 in start-up costs by December 31, 2020. Of the \$25 annual fee, \$8 is an administrative fee and \$17 is a donation to the newly established Veterans of Overseas Conflicts Special Plate Fund, to be allocated to a 501(c)(19) organization that is located in Arizona, that services veterans, the military and the community, and that meets other specified requirements.

First sponsor: Sen. Borrelli (R - Dist 5)

Others: Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14)

Categories: SMRO, Veterans Affairs

S1115 Daily History	Date Action
VETERANS OF OVERSEAS CONFLICTS PLATES 2/6	passed Senate 28-1; ready for House.
VETERANS OF OVERSEAS CONFLICTS PLATES 2/4	from Senate rules okay.
VETERANS OF OVERSEAS CONFLICTS PLATES 1/30	from Senate trans-pub safety do pass.
VETERANS OF OVERSEAS CONFLICTS PLATES 1/29	Senate trans-pub safety do pass; report awaited.
VETERANS OF OVERSEAS CONFLICTS PLATES 1/13	referred to Senate trans-pub safety.

**S1181: FORT DEFIANCE VETERANS CEMETERY; APPROPRIATION [Neutral]**

Appropriates \$30,000 from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Department of Veterans' Services to distribute to the Navajo Nation for costs associated with improvements to the Fort Defiance veterans memorial cemetery.

First sponsor: Sen. Peshlakai (D - Dist 7)

Others: Sen. Alston (D - Dist 24), Rep. Andrade (D - Dist 29), Sen. Bowie (D - Dist 18), Sen. Bradley (D - Dist 10), Sen. Contreras (D - Dist 19), Sen. Gonzales (D - Dist 3), Rep. A. Hernandez (D - Dist 3), Rep. Jermaine (D - Dist 18), Rep. Longdon (D - Dist 24), Sen. Navarrete (D - Dist 30), Sen. Rios (D - Dist 27), Sen. Steele (D - Dist 9), Rep. Teller (D - Dist 7)

Categories: Veterans Affairs

S1181 Daily History	Date Action
FORT DEFIANCE VETERANS CEMETERY; APPROPRIATION 1/22	referred to Senate appro.

**S1182: LUKACHUKAI VETERANS' MULTIPURPOSE COMPLEX; APPROPRIATION [Neutral]**

Appropriates \$500,000 from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Department of Veterans' Services to distribute to the Navajo Nation for costs associated with planning, designing and constructing the Lukachukai veterans' multipurpose complex.

First sponsor: Sen. Peshlakai (D - Dist 7)

Others: Sen. Alston (D - Dist 24), Rep. Andrade (D - Dist 29), Sen. Bowie (D - Dist 18), Sen. Bradley (D - Dist 10), Sen. Contreras (D - Dist 19), Rep. A. Hernandez (D - Dist 3), Rep. Jermaine (D - Dist 18), Rep. Longdon (D - Dist 24), Sen. Navarrete (D - Dist 30), Sen. Rios (D - Dist 27), Sen. Steele (D - Dist 9), Rep. Teller (D - Dist 7)

Categories: Veterans Affairs

S1182 Daily History	Date Action
LUKACHUKAI VETERANS' MULTIPURPOSE COMPLEX; APPROPRIATION 1/22	referred to Senate appro.



**S1185: TRIBAL NATIONS; VETERANS' SERVICES; APPROPRIATION [Support]**

Appropriates \$2.2 million and 20 FTE positions from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Department of Veterans' Services to hire veteran service officers to provide services in rural tribal nations in Arizona that have communities that are located 100 miles or more from the nearest U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs service center.

First sponsor: Sen. Peshlakai (D - Dist 7)

Others: Sen. Alston (D - Dist 24), Rep. Andrade (D - Dist 29), Sen. Bowie (D - Dist 18), Sen. Bradley (D - Dist 10), Sen. Contreras (D - Dist 19), Sen. Gonzales (D - Dist 3), Rep. A. Hernandez (D - Dist 3), Rep. Jermaine (D - Dist 18), Sen. Navarrete (D - Dist 30), Sen. Rios (D - Dist 27), Rep. Salman (D - Dist 26), Sen. Steele (D - Dist 9), Rep. Teller (D - Dist 7)

Categories: Veterans Affairs

S1185 Daily History	Date Action
TRIBAL NATIONS; VETERANS' SERVICES; APPROPRIATION 1/22 referred to Senate appro, fin.	

**S1187: NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS; TAX SETTLEMENT [Neutral]**

Unexpended and unencumbered monies remaining in the Veterans' Income Tax Settlement Fund (which was established as part of the FY2016-17 budget) revert to the general fund on June 30, 2023, instead of June 30, 2021. The Department of Veterans' Services is permitted to accept claims for settlement payment from the Fund through December 31, 2021, instead of December 31, 2019. Retroactive to January 1, 2020.

First sponsor: Sen. Peshlakai (D - Dist 7)

Others: Sen. Alston (D - Dist 24), Rep. Andrade (D - Dist 29), Sen. Bradley (D - Dist 10), Sen. Gonzales (D - Dist 3), Rep. A. Hernandez (D - Dist 3), Rep. Jermaine (D - Dist 18), Sen. Navarrete (D - Dist 30), Sen. Rios (D - Dist 27), Sen. Steele (D - Dist 9), Rep. Teller (D - Dist 7)

Categories: Veterans Affairs

S1187 Daily History	Date Action
NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS; TAX SETTLEMENT 1/22 referred to Senate fin.	

**S1237: VETERANS; INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION; INCREASE [Neutral]**

The maximum amount of benefits, annuities and pensions received during the tax year as retired or retainer pay of the uniformed services of the U.S. that may be subtracted from Arizona gross income for the purposes of individual income taxes is increased to the full amount received for tax years beginning with 2020, from \$3,500 in tax year 2019. Retroactive to tax years beginning January 1, 2020.

First sponsor: Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14)

Others: Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14)

Categories: Veterans Affairs

S1237 Daily History	Date Action
VETERANS; INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION; INCREASE 2/11 from Senate rules okay.	
VETERANS; INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION; INCREASE 2/5 from Senate appro do pass.	
VETERANS; INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION; INCREASE 2/4 Senate appro do pass; report awaited.	
VETERANS; INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION; INCREASE 1/23 referred to Senate appro.	



**S1238: RECORDER'S FEES; MILITARY DISCHARGE DOCUMENTS [Support]**

The list of discharge papers that county recorders are required to record without fee is expanded to include discharge papers of officers and enlisted personnel of the National Guard.

First sponsor: Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14)  
Others: Sen. Borrelli (R - Dist 5)

Categories: Veterans Affairs

S1238 Daily History	Date Action
RECORDER'S FEES; MILITARY DISCHARGE DOCUMENTS	2/13 Senate COW approved with amend #4059; passed Senate 30-0; ready for House.
RECORDER'S FEES; MILITARY DISCHARGE DOCUMENTS	2/11 from Senate rules okay.
RECORDER'S FEES; MILITARY DISCHARGE DOCUMENTS	2/4 from Senate gov with amend #4059.
RECORDER'S FEES; MILITARY DISCHARGE DOCUMENTS	2/3 Senate gov do pass; report awaited.
RECORDER'S FEES; MILITARY DISCHARGE DOCUMENTS	1/23 referred to Senate gov.

**S1245: TECH CORRECTION; MILITARY JUSTICE [Monitor]**

Minor change in Title 26 (Military Affairs) related to military justice. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14)

Categories: Veterans Affairs

S1245 Daily History	Date Action
TECH CORRECTION; MILITARY JUSTICE	1/23 referred to Senate rules.